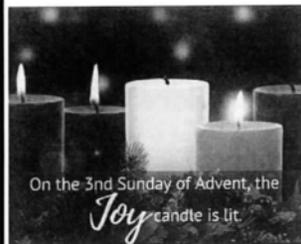


# St John the Evangelist



Welcome to our  
 Service of Holy Communion  
 Sunday 14 December 2025  
 3rd Sunday of Advent

## This Week

Date	Time	Event
Today	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Mon 15 Dec	9.00 am	Collective Worship at St. John's Primary
	9.30 am	Team Cleaning
	2.00 pm	Funeral in Church and Burial in Church Yard— Joan Lent
Tues 16 Dec	2.00 pm	Magazine Printing in office
Wed 17 Dec	12.00 pm	Parish Magazine Team
	2.45 pm	Church Service at Essington Manor
	7.00 pm	Advent Reflections on Zoom
Thur 18 Dec	10.00 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 11.30 am
	10.30 am	Community Drop-In until 12 noon
	11.00 am	Church Service at The Lakes
	1.30 pm	St. John's Primary Y4 in Church
Sat 20 Dec	10.30 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 11.30 am
	10.30 am	WEB Open for Tea/Coffee until 11.30 am
Sun 21 Dec	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	6.00 pm	Carol Service

**Welcome** to St. John's Church and to today's service. We are delighted to have you with us for our worship. Tea and coffee will be served in the WEB afterwards - everyone is welcome to join us. No collection is taken during the service itself but if you are able to contribute to the ongoing life and work of this church - a plate is provided on the table at the back, where you can place your gift.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to organize and who supported the NHS Choir Concert—special thanks to the Social Committee.

**MEMORY TREE** — The Christmas Tree at the front of Church is our Memory Tree for our loved ones. Please write the name of your Loved One on a tag, place it on the tree and make a donation. All donations to Compton Hospice.

**CHURCH CHARITY FOR 2026:** At its last meeting, the PCC voted for 'PROMISE DREAMS' to be our Church charity for next year. Promise Dreams is a national charity dedicated to making dreams come true for seriously ill and terminally ill children and their families. One of their offices is based down the road in Wednesfield! Our first fundraising event for them will be a **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY, 10.00 am**. Further details to follow in the new year.

**FOODBANK FOR CHRISTMAS:** During the weeks leading up to Christmas, we would be grateful in particular for donations of Christmas sweets and biscuits for children and their families which we can pass on to the Food Bank. Thank You.

### **Stewardship : Polite Reminder**

If you contribute via Standing Order, can you please alter your payments to our Co-Op Bank account by end of November as we are going to close our existing Lloyds account in December. (Those affected have had letters). Many thanks. Sue Davenport

Please remember these people especially in your prayers this week. *Why not give them a call or a visit?*

Florence Alcock	The Degge Family	Peter Smith
Christine Burrows	Mary Edge	Alan Weaver
Gwen Chilton	Connor Jones	Jim White
Emma Cooper	Isaac	Eric Whitmore
Janet Cooper	Dot Simmons	Seth Wilson

**PRAYER LIST:** *Please give any names to Julie Annis in the office should you wish to include anyone on the list.*

## We also pray for those You have recently received

In particular the family and friends of:

Joan Lent

Rev. Norma Bellamy

Bryan Grantham



## CHURCH MAGAZINE

Following our recent requests for volunteers to join our production team we thought we had found a way forward.

Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

We are now in urgent need of volunteer(s) specifically to look after our team of distributors and to be responsible for the monthly distribution of the magazine. **Without this additional support we will have to stop producing and distributing the printed form of The Essington Connection at some point early in the New Year.** There would be plenty of training and support from the existing team to help with this important role.

If you think you might be able to assist in this way, please contact Bea Hammond: Tel: 01922-478753 or email: [beatrice@bhammond.co.uk](mailto:beatrice@bhammond.co.uk) as soon as possible and no later than Monday 12 January 2026.

Thank You

The Magazine Team

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSINGTON

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 6.00 pm  
*CAROL SERVICE*

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 4.00 pm  
*CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE*

*To celebrate Jesus' birthday, please bring a gift for a child wrapped in birthday paper - to be donated to The Pathway Project.  
Please indicate which age the gift is suitable for.*

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 10.00 pm  
*CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION*

*There will be NO Christmas Day Service at St. John's.  
You are welcome to join us instead at St. Mary & St. Luke's  
Church, Shareshill, at 10.00 am for Holy Communion.*

**Everyone  
welcome!**



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