

Notices

Advent Activities

Advent Compline - Zoom Service

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2nd December

Compline is a relatively short traditional evening prayer, where we hand off the day to God and pray for a restful night.

The 'busy-ness' of the Christmas season can sometimes lose the stillness of 'waiting' through Advent. Join us for 10 mins of prayer and re-set. Everyone welcome.

Zoom links are very long and complex.

To make it easier to connect please see

Facebook or email

pewsheetsjohn@gmail.com

and the link and passwords will be sent out.

Sunday 14th December

2.30pm - Carol Service with 9 lessons and carols followed by mince pies and sherry.

Wednesday 24th December

6pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Combined Parish Midnight Mass at St John's

Thursday 25th December

Combined Christmas Day Service at St Agnes

Christmas Remembrance Poinsettia

As usual we will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you would like to remember someone special with a poinsettia please take a leaflet from the back of church and return it with the name(s) and a donation of your choice, and return it by Wednesday 17th December. The remembrance list will be on the pew sheet and added to our prayers.

Church Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who made the event possible and all those who attended, especially the children of the choir from Hey with Zion school.

We raised an amazing £1994

Christmas Fair Prize Draw winners

1st prize £100 – 0507

2nd prize beauty hamper – 0783

3rd prize £25 Roebuck voucher – 0142

5 other prizes – 0749/0458/0806/0776/0289

*Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee/tea
and biscuits after the 9.15am service
in the Church Hall.*

St John the
Baptist
Hey



***Receiving & Sharing the Love of God
Everyday***

Sunday 14th December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.15 am - Holy Communion

2.00 pm Carol Service

followed by sherry and mince pies

Readings & Hymns

Processional	798	We have a Gospel to proclaim
First Reading		Isaiah 35.1–10
Second Reading		James 5.7–10
Gradual	516	My God how wonderful you are
Gospel Reading		Matthew 11.2–11
Intercession		<i>O Lord hear my prayer</i>
Offertory	447	Little Donkey
Communion	774	Thy kingdom come, O God
Communion	398	Jesus Remember me
Final	692	Tell Out, my soul

Advent Candle 3

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory, '
Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and Sadness,
changed for gladness on that Day.

John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored.
Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John
the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for
justice, and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Wednesday 17th December
10.00 am Holy Communion



Our Prayers are asked for:

The World

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice & truth. We pray for peace & the laying down of weapons in Ukraine. We pray for restraint on all sides in the violence in Israel, Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Yemen & the Middle East and that the ceasefire holds.

The Church

The new Arch Bishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Sarah Mullally. Our Bishops David, Mark & Matthew. Archdeacon Karen, Area Dean Daniel and visiting clergy. All those who work in the background to provide a welcoming Church here at St John's.

The Community of the Parish

Staff & Pupils at Hey with Zion Primary School, Springhead Primary & Junior School. The staff and pupils at Laugh'n'Learn Nursery here at St John's. The staff & residents of Oakdene Care Home, Millfield Care Home.

The street of our Parish – the residents of St John Street and Bradley Fold

Anniversary of Death

Sara Jones, Doris Lord,
Margaret Reid and Bill Tunicliffe

The Sick

Hilary, Grace Stansfield, Terence Davies,
Geoff & Hazel Gee and
anyone close to our own hearts.

Please forward any items to be included in the pew sheets by the end of Wednesday each week to
Barbara Ballantyne
pewsheetstjohn@gmail.com
07855 502697

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has
looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2 From this day all generations will call me
blessed; the Almighty has done great things for
me and holy is his name.
3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from
generation to generation.
4 He has shown strength with his arm and has
scattered the proud in their conceit,
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
6 He has filled the hungry with good things and
sent the rich away empty.
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to
remember his promise of mercy,
8 The promise made to our ancestors, to
Abraham and his children for ever.

What do I do at Communion?

If you receive Holy Communion at any Christian Church, you are welcome to receive it here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed. If you are unable to come forward, please speak to a warden to arrange for

*"If they obey and serve him,
They will spend the rest of their days in prosperity, and
their years in contentment."
Job 36:11*

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