



St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where All are Welcome

16th December 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome: Please join us for tea/coffee in the hall after the 10am service.



There is a play area at the back of the church. Please feel free to use it with your children or bring the toys/books into the pews.

Alternatively, there is a group for pre-school and primary age children in the church hall during Communion Services, with fun Bible based stories and activities.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun 16th

8.30am: Holy Communion

10am: Holy Communion with Hymns: 286, 589, 114, 631, 60

6pm: Candlelit Carol Service

Mon 17th

9.30am: Cleaning and Maintenance

Tue 18th

10.30am and 1.30pm Oakfield School Nativity

Wed 19th

9am Oakfield Pre-school Nativity
3.45pm Little Squirrels Nativity

Thurs 20th

10.30am: Holy Communion

Fri 21st

Sunday 23rd

8.30am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion with hymns

For further information visit:
stjohnsryde.org.uk



Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the church hall (through the panel door in the wooden war memorial)



Gluten free

If you require gluten free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please ask the people who greeted you at the door.



The hearing loop system is situated in the front section of pews, to the left of the central aisle facing the Altar.



Fire alarm

If the fire alarm sounds please leave the church and gather in the driveway of the care home behind the church. Children in the Hall will be evacuated by the leaders.

For a large print version of this leaflet please ask the person who greeted you.

St John's News

Our 175th Anniversary Celebrations

continue next year with a History Exhibition and talk – watch this space!

Prayer Lists: Please add the names of those you would like us to pray for today to the list by the South Door.

Christmas cards for prisoners if you would like to send a card please only write a simple message such as 'Happy Christmas' and sign with your first name only. Put in an unsealed envelope and hand in to the church office. We will forward them to the prison chaplain.

Giving envelopes for 2019: If you would like envelopes for regular giving please see Val. You will be given the same number if you already have them but please continue to use this year's until January.

Oakfield School Nativity: Tuesday 18th December at 10.30am and again at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Oakfield Pre-School Nativity:

Wednesday 19th December, at 9am.

Little Squirrels pre-school Nativity,

Wednesday 19th at 3.45pm.

Carol Service: Please join us for our candlelit Carol Service this evening at 6pm. The choir are ready and the mood is very festive!

Money in lieu of Christmas cards.

There is a pot on the welcome table if you would like to give one card rather than many. Just pin it to the welcome board. The money will be given to Becca.

Noel Toogood's **funeral** will be held here at St John's at Midday on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Advent Candle Song

Advent 1

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.



Advent 2

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message –
challenged, shaken –
hearts awaken: God is near!

Advent 3

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Philippians 4.4–7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7–18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’ ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up

children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ ¹⁰ And the crowds asked ¹¹ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.

Christmas Services

Monday 24th - Christmas Eve

3pm Christingle -

for children of all ages

11.30pm Midnight Mass with Carols

Tuesday 25th - Christmas Day

10am Sung Holy Communion

A Letter from Jesus,

If you look for me this Christmas

You won't need a special star –

I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,

I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of me

Amid the celebrations –

You'll have to look beyond the stores

And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment

From your list of things to do

And listen to your heart, you'll find

I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with.

You're the reason that I came,

And you'll find me in the stillness

As I'm whispering your name

Love Jesus XXX

Please pray for: All those travelling this week. For all schools and pre-schools preparing for the end of term, sharing the Nativity story. For those spending Christmas in prison and their families and prison workers.

RIP: Jean Pocock, Norman Holland, Jane Smith, Carol Bello-Baanonde, and Noel Toogood

RIP Anniversaries: Audrey Cartwright (Tue), Charles Calder, Barbara Hill (Thu)

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Tuesday 9am -10am

Wednesday 9am-11am,

Thursday 11am-1pm,

Friday 2pm- 4pm.

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