



St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where All are Welcome

2nd December 2018

Advent Sunday

Welcome



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

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun 2nd

8.30am: Holy Communion

10am: Holy Communion with
Hymns: Sheet, WNS, 140, 280, 615,
352

Mon 3rd

9.30am Cleaning and Maintenance

Wed 5th

10.30am Oakfield School
Class led Worship

Thurs 6th

10.30am Holy Communion

Fri 7th

5.45pm Carols at Waxham House
6.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday 9th

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service

For further information visit:
stjohnsryde.org.uk

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.



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.



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!

Christmas Bazaar: Well done! We made £640 for church funds.

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

Christmas Parish Lunch: December 11th at Appley Manor, 12.30 for 1pm, if you have signed up.

CTRA Advent Bible Study. Looking at Isaiah, Abraham and the Virgin Mary, to help our thinking about the future of CTRA. The meetings will be held on Tuesdays 4th, 11th and 18th of December, at 17 Mayfield Road, Ryde starting at 7pm. Please let Annis know if you would like to attend.

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 Bevaly or Val. You will be given the same number if you already have them but please continue to use this year's until January.

Dementia Conversations: Friday 14th December, 2-4pm in the Hall. An opportunity for carers, relatives and friends of people living with dementia, to share experiences, gain knowledge and explore issues that challenge our beliefs and attitudes.

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.

Carols at Waxham House: Friday 7th Dec at 5.45pm. Joyful voices welcome to meet us there.

Christmas Services

Sunday 9th Dec
10am Family Service

Thursday 13th Dec.
2pm Dementia Friendly Carol Service
(All welcome)

Sunday 16th Dec
6pm Candlelit Carol Service

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

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Thessalonians 3.9–13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25–36

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵ ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, ³⁵ and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Post Communion: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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Take Time to be Aware

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present."

Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*,

Please pray for: Aspire, Open Arms and all who seek to help others in our community. For all those persecuted for their faith. Our ministry team as they prepare for Advent and Christmas services.

RIP: Jean Pocock, Norman Holland.

RIP Anniversaries: Catherine Crang, Ken Mc Swan (Mon), Margaret Banister (Fri), Gordon Hearne (Sat)

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Wednesday 9am-11am,
Thursday 11am-1pm,
Friday 2pm- 4pm.

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