



The Churches of St John the Baptist and St Anne

Welcome. Especially if this is your first visit – we hope you will enjoy the service. If you need any help during the service please ask the person at the door or the person sitting next to you. We hope that you will be able to stay after the service for coffee. Please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or a member of the welcome team, who would love the chance to get to know you better.

A notice for Children only - 👁️

It's lovely to have you here with us and thank you for bringing your parents/carers with you. If your parents or carers get a bit fidgety please don't worry no one else will. If it helps please feel free to walk them round 👧👦 or if they are embarrassing you 😬 you're welcome to go to the Jordan Room and join the Sunday Club activities 🎨 🎉 🍷 they will be quite safe in church. If you're concerned about leaving them in church you can take them with you to the Jordan Room. We hope you have a really enjoyable time, that you will stay at the end for a drink 🍷 and a biscuit 🍪 and that you will bring your parents/carers to 👪 church with you again soon.

To find out more about the life at St John's and St Anne's, please visit:
www.stjohnshythe.org

Services for today, 1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

St Anne's	08:30	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
St John's	10:30	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
St John's	17:00	Advent Carols	Rev Jo Elvidge

Readings:	1 Isaiah 2.1 - 5	Carol Moody
	2 Romans 13.11 - end	Wendy Lee
	G Matthew 24.36 - 44	

Intercessions: Marian Wride

Hymns:
10:30 140, 774, 327, 352
17:00 Advent Carols



Prayers and Gospel Reading for Today

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.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

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.
Amen

Invitation to Communion: Everyone is welcome at the altar rail at the time of communion. If you normally take the bread and wine in your own church you are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you as a sign for the servers.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36 - 44

Hear the Gospel of the Lord

Glory to you, O Lord

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be

broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Events Calendar This Week

Tue 3 December	Holy Communion – St John’s	09:00	Rev Edgar Ruddock
	Pause for Thought	10:45	John Madgwick
Fri 6 December	Holy Communion – St John’s	10:00	Rev Peter Murphy
Sun 8 December	Holy Communion - St John's	08:30	Rev Jo Elvidge
	Open House - St Anne's	10:30	Rev Jo Elvidge/ Chris McMahon
	Christingle - St John's	16:00	Rev Jo Elvidge
	Evensong - St John's	18:00	Sue Blomley

Prayers – You are invited to join in saying prayers every Monday to Friday in St John’s: Morning Prayers at 08:30 and Evening Prayers at 17:30.

If you organise an event, meeting or group activity – Please check with the Parish Office to ensure there isn’t a clash with your event and, if you want it to appear in the Pew Sheet, send the details to Bob Joughin, preferably by email, to r.joughin@btinternet.com or by phone: 023 8087 9992 as early as possible. He will be away during the period 17 November - 22 December, so during this time please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@stjohnshythe.org. Tel: 023 8084 4336.

To arrange a baptism or marriage – Please contact the Parish Office. The telephone number for the office is 023 8084 4336.



Notices

Christmas Lunch. David and Sue are going to be cooking Christmas lunch in the hall, as we did last year. It will be served at about 1pm but sherry and drinks will be served from 12.30 and everyone is welcome to join us. However, we do need to know if you are coming, because of the need to organise the catering, so either see one of us or give us a ring on 02380 849482 - Sue Blomley.

Weekly Coffee Mornings. You are invited to coffee mornings in the hall at St John's on Tuesdays 1000 - 1130 and Saturdays 1000 - 1200.

Volunteers needed for the lunch club on Wednesdays. Jobs include serving, waiting tables and washing up. If you can help, would you please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of St John's church.

Christingle in aid of the Children's Society, Sunday at 4pm.



Prayer Diary

Monday – For the activities going in our church this week, the Christmas Tree Festival and closing concert on Saturday, Easy Singers Concert on Wednesday, and Christingle.

Tuesday – For those living in our Parish, particularly in Lytton Road and Bluebell Gardens.

Wednesday – For those who are unwell, and for those that have lost loved ones.

Thursday – For the charities that we support, particularly Naomi House, the Crossings, Food Bank and Street Pastors.

Friday – For peace in Sudan, democracy in Hong Kong, and for unity in our nation and for the election campaign to be honest and open, and wisdom for the electorate.

Saturday – For all our services on Sunday, Open House at St Anne's and Christingle at 4pm at St John's.