



You are very welcome to these special events at St John's. All normal service times continue unless replaced by something else. To check for any changes – and to see more detail – please see the Christmas page on our website: stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/christmas

Sunday 28th (November), 5pm: Advent Carols and Readings, followed by festive refreshments.

Monday 29th, 8pm (then 6th, 13th & 20th December): Advent Study Group.

Thursday 2nd (December), 10.30am: Advent Book Group discussion – the first of two opportunities.

Friday 10th, 3pm: T@3; friendly companionship over a cup of tea, homemade cakes and sandwiches. In the Church Hall.

Sunday 12th, 4:30pm: Carols on the Common - Sing carols outside, meeting outside Southdown Methodists and then walking up to St John's for 5pm; bring your own torch!

~~**Wednesday 15th, 8pm: Beer and Carols**, a full evening of fun at the Engineer. Over 18s only.~~

Cancelled

Thursday 16th (December), 8pm: Advent Book Group discussion – the second of two opportunities.

Saturday 18th, 10am–3pm: Christmas Holiday Club; a day of Christmas fun for primary school aged children in the church hall, in preparation for our All Age Nativity. Free, but booking essential – parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

Sunday 19th

- **8am: Morning Prayer**; In the Lady Chapel, no Hymns; an extra service as the 9:30am expected to be busy
- **9.30am: All Age Nativity Service**, led by members of Junior Church. Ideal for Children. *Live Streamed.*
- **5pm: Nine Lessons and Carols**; our service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by free mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Eve

- **3pm: 'Walking to Bethlehem'** - Telling the Christmas story as we walk through Southdown. Meet at the Christmas tree on the green opposite the Co-op and finish at St John's. Ideal for Children.
- **11.30pm: Midnight Mass** (with incense).

Christmas Day

- **8am: Holy Communion**; In the Lady Chapel, no Hymns. A quieter service to help start the day.
- **9:30am: An All Age Parish Eucharist** for Christmas Day; ideal for children. *Live Streamed.*

Thursday 6th (January), 8pm - Sung Eucharist (with incense) for Epiphany with a Guest preacher: Charles Burch, Vicar of St Lawrence, Bovingdon & Diocesan Vocations Adviser - and previously Curate here at St Johns.

Sunday 9th, 9.30am: All Age Parish Eucharist for the Baptism of Christ; a friendly service for people of any age, celebrating the Baptism of Christ and remembering our own baptisms. Ideal for families. *Live Streamed.*

