

Welcome



24th December to 7th January

Welcome to St John's

Thank you for being with us here at St John's.

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time today or have been worshipping for many years, we pray that you will feel the love of God in our midst.

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you wish, all are welcome.

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This Week's Service

Holy Communion (4th Sunday of Advent)

Presiding Reverend Colin Simpson

Readings 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Organist John Young

Hymns (565) Rejoice, the Lord is King
(513) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
(205) God is working his purpose out

Intercessions Andrew Maddocks

Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)

Holy Communion (Christmas Day)

Holy Communion (1st Sunday of Christmas)

Holy Communion (2nd Sunday of Christmas)

Prayer



Please pray for

Richard Elloway

Betty Bennett

David Mills

Lucy Norris

Polly Baker

Pat Short

Jeanette Tucker

Rest in peace

Pamela Elloway

Peter Croudace

What's on this week

Daily

Morning Prayer on Zoom. Contact Rev'd Ian Brierley to join – 01823 666101.

Monday

Health Visitors in the hall 9.00 to 1.00 p.m.

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Talking Cafe 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Advice on any topic.

St John's Candlelit Carol Service at 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday

Babies & Toddlers 9.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. & 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Health Visitors by invitation in the hall 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Health Visitors' child clinic in the hall 12.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Camelot Care Home a service of lessons and carols will be taken there at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday

BCP Communion 10.00 a.m. with the Reverend Ian Brierley.

Friday

Church is being decorated for Christmas all morning

Warm Spaces is not on today (22nd December) but will return 29th December

Saturday

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Popham Voices at 6.30 p.m.

Coming Up

Sunday 24th December

Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Come to the Manger at 4.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m.

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day Communion at 9.30 a.m.

Women's Refuge

The Women's Refuge is always very grateful for donations but they don't have the facility to store lots of things. At this time of year, they would like the following donations please – Christmas foods, gifts for women and children, Christmas crackers, Sellotape and gift tags but NO wrapping paper. Thank you.

St John's Christmas card and flowers

The large Christmas card will be available for signing in church from this weekend. There will also be a basket available to give donations for the Christmas flowers.

St John's Candlelit Carol Service Tuesday 19th December 6 p.m.

St John's own Carol Service returns after an absence of two years. It is an opportunity for church members and anyone from the Wellington area community to come together for a sequence of carols-for-all to sing and Biblical passages read by members of the St John's church family. Following the service refreshments will be on offer. Carols will



include 'Silent Night', 'God rest you merry, gentlemen', 'It came upon a midnight clear', and other well-known carols. Candles will be much in evidence. Please note the early start, 6 p.m. This will enable younger children to be present more easily and allow older people to return home sooner. Simon Forrester will be our organist. Please do come and bring friends and family - and strangers - with you. St John's has a fine tradition of good voices, let's share our expertise with others.

Stewards Needed

For the Candlelit Service we will need four volunteer stewards – can you help please? If so, speak to Andrew or Jo (Churchwardens). Thank you.

Come to the Manger Christmas Eve 4 p.m.

St John's Church invites you to an interactive sharing of the Christmas story for all ages on Christmas Eve. Come as a nativity character or bring your tinsel or tea towel! We look forward to seeing you.



Churches Together

Christmas Day Don't be alone on Christmas Day. There will be a meal at the United Reform Church in Mantle Street, arrive at 12.30 p.m. for a meal at 1.00 p.m. There are limited places so early booking is advised, there is a suggested donation of £5. For a place, contact John and Chris Salter on email salters@talktalk.net or by phone on 01823 669043. Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.