

# St John the Evangelist, Hedge End

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## 1st December 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Rev'd Phil Aindow

### Readings:

1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 8-13

2nd Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

### Services:

**Sunday:** 9.30 am Family Communion  
2.00 - 4.00 pm A very crafty Christmas



### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

We pray that we will not be so caught up in preparations for Christmas that we forget the true meaning: the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We pray for Christians everywhere, especially those in troubled lands where they must wait for Christmas in secret.

**PRAY FOR:** We pray for children who do not know the true meaning of Christmas and only look forward to receiving gifts. We pray for children who will receive nothing at all.

**Pray for the situations in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan.**

**ANGLICAN COMMUNION CYCLE:** The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**DIOCESAN LIFE:** Our Vocations Team and all in our diocese involved in encouraging, nurturing and discerning vocations to both lay and ordained ministry.

**NEIGHBOURS:** West Road and Upper Northam Road

**FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING:** Marguerite Ackroyd, John Martin, Susan Phippard, Mike Collins, Christopher, John Reynolds, Dave Taylor baby Ember and Diana Fouch, Linda

**DEPARTED:** Dennis Collins, James Sambrook and Ian Butt.



### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

We love meeting new people. If you are new to our congregation or visiting, it would be great to say hello. If you can, please stay for tea & coffee after the morning service.

As a church family there are many ways you can become involved. You can make a commitment to worship with us regularly, join us in our weekly activities and financially contribute to our work.

To make a donation to enable the church there is the basket at the back of church, a card machine next to it or there is the online giving page at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18453/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18453/). If you would like to make a regular contribution please enquire about the PGS scheme, you can find a leaflet at the entrance to the UHC.

### MUSIC FOR TODAY

- 1st:** The Lion And the Lamb  
**2nd:** The Kingdom of Jesus  
**3rd:** Advent 1  
**4th:** You Alone Can Rescue  
**5th:** You're Still God  
**6th:** Living Hope  
**Final:** Lo, he comes with clouds descending

This week the office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00 - 1.00 pm. Please see the website for more information. Office | [office@stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk) | 01489 790048



**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**  
**W/B 2nd December 2024**

**Monday:**

10:30am Baby Massage (1 of 4)  
6:30pm Yoga with Mike & Steve (Upstairs)  
7:00pm HIAS Meeting (Downstairs)

**Tuesday:**

9:30am Table Tennis (Upstairs)  
1:15pm Sally Parker—Dementia Group (Downstairs)  
2:00pm Cleaner  
7:30pm Yoga with Julia (Matthew & Mark)

**Wednesday:**

9:00am Diocesan Ministry Team (Downstairs)  
9:30am Art Group (Upstairs)  
6:30pm Pilates with Zoe (Matthew & Mark)  
7:30pm West End Singers (Downstairs)

**Thursday:**

2:00pm Mothers' Union Carol Service & Tea  
2:00pm Crafty Thursdays (Luke)  
5:00pm Joanna Vowles school of Dance (Matthew & Mark)  
7:00pm Southampton Quilters (Mtg area)

**Friday**

10:00am School visit to church  
10:30am Southern Health (Luke)  
1:45pm Breathe Easy Group (Downstairs)  
7:00pm Table Tennis Quiz (Downstairs)

**Saturday:**

9:30am Private Party (Matthew & Mark)  
10:00am Bee Creative (Downstairs)  
6:30pm Blue Christmas Service (Church)

**Mission to Seafarers**

Thank you to Everyone who donated items for the Mission to Seafarers wrap-a-thon. Due to your generosity, we were able to fill 180 Christmas gift bags.

**Sally & David**

**Next Sunday: 8th December 2024**

**9.30 am: Holy Communion Service**

1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4  
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

**4.30 pm: Carol Concert (with Refreshments)**

**COFFEE ROTA**

**Next Sunday - 8th December**

Di Hawkins  
Sally Lloyds  
Lyn Goodfellow

**Mothers' Union Carol Service and Tea**

**Thursday 5th December 2.00pm**

Mothers' Union Carol Service in church followed by tea in the Underhill Centre.

**ALL WELCOME**

Please sign sheet at back of Centre.

**Mothers' Union Christmas Party**

**Wednesday 11th December 7.30pm**

Mothers' Union Christmas Party in the UHC: Buffet, quiz, Christmas carols & readings, raffle.

**ALL WELCOME**

If you can, please bring a gift for Society of St James - socks, toiletries, festive treat, etc.

Please sign sheet at back of Centre.

**Children's Society**

If you would like to add your name to the **Big Christmas Card** this year please use the slips at the back of the Church.

Fill in your details & return it, with your donation, to me or leave it in the office.

If you are a UK tax payer there are gift aid envs & by completing one the Children's Society will be able to claim an extra 20%

**Thank you. Jackie**

**Table Tennis Christmas Quiz**

Christmas Fun Quiz in the Underhill Centre

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

Tickets £5 including refreshments

Tickets available in Parish Office or ring Roger on 07901758413

**All proceeds to St. John's church**

**Charity Collection**

There will be a collection for the Amos Trust and Christian Aid this Sunday.

Also, please don't forget the St. James' Trolley in the Underhill Centre

A huge '**THANK YOU**' for all the cards, kind messages and prayers received whilst I have been in hospital.

I am now home where I hope to continue with my progress

**David & Angela**

