



St John the Evangelist, Hedge End

www.stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk

Sunday 30th November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Revd Kelvin Taylor

9.30am Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24: 36-44

6.30pm No Evening Service



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/.

If you would like to make a regular contribution please enquire about the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). You can find a leaflet at the entrance to the Underhill Centre.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

PRAY FOR: 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 Anglican Church of Australia - Geoffrey Smith (Primate)

DIOCESAN LIFE: The Diocesan Board of Finance staff, who serve the Diocese in our parishes and our diocesan structures.

NEIGHBOURS: Netley Firs Close, Netley Hill, West End Road, Peewit Hill Close, Peewit Hill, Dodwell Lane, Boundary Avenue and Ayreswood

FOR WHOLENESS & HEALING: Susan & Adie Phippard, Linda, Craig Rees, David Lynch, Marguerite Ackroyd, Christopher P, Michael Rosendale, Mary, Sue & Lee Davis, Wendy, and Roger Bailey.

DEPARTED: Yvonne Thornton

Music for Sunday

1st: In Advent hope

2nd: People look east. Lo he comes

HC: Send me, Faithful one, That we might overcome

Final: Come down o love divine

Next Sunday 7th December

9.30 am: Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

3.00pm Festive Family Carols

6:30pm: No Evening Service

This week the office will be open **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**
between 9.00 - 1.00pm

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK
W/B 30th November 2025

Sunday

3.00pm Free concert

Monday

9.45am Jiggy Wrigglers
1.00pm DPP (Luke)
6.30pm Yoga with Steve (Luke)
7.00pm HIAS meeting (Downstairs)

Tuesday

9.30am Table Tennis (All upstairs)
12.45 GEMS (Downstairs)
3.30pm Perform (Upstairs)
7.30pm Yoga Julia (Upstairs M&M)

Wednesday

9.30am Art Group (Matthew & Mark)
9.30am Men's Shed (Downstairs)
6.30pm Pilates (Matthew & Mark)
1.30pm Preschool Christmas (Church and downstairs)
7.30pm West End Singers (Downstairs)

Thursday

7.00am Slimming World (Downstairs)
2.00pm Crafty Thursdays (Downstairs)
5.00pm Jo Vowles Dance School (M&M)

Friday

10.00am Southern Health (Luke)
1.00pm Breath Easy (Downstairs)
7.30pm Table tennis Quiz

Saturday

AM Churches Together Holiday Club (Upstairs)
10.00am Bee Creative (Downstairs)

Free Christmas Concert

You, your friends and family are all invited to a free concert of Christmas Carols and Songs performed by the Hearts and Voice Gospel Choir.

Sunday 30th November
3.00pm in the Underhill Centre

Refreshments will be available and donations to the Society of St James will be gratefully received.

Please feel free to just come along.

Quiz Night

The table tennis club are running a Christmas quiz night on Friday 5th December in the Underhill Centre. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

If you would like to put together a team (maximum of 6 people) and enter, or for more information, please contact Peter at peter.hale10@ntlworld.com

Tickets are £5 per person and include tea/coffee and a mince pie. Please bring your own additional drinks and nibbles.

Christmas Holiday Club Day

Saturday 6th December 2025
10.00—12.30

The Underhill Centre, St John's Church
For children aged 4–12 £5 per child.

A morning event including a creative building challenge, edible crafts, festive games and bible stories discovering God's incredible plan!

To book please email:
hewebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com

Bee Creative

Our next craft group will be held on
Saturday 6th December 10am—12 noon

£2.00 per person (inc refreshments)

Bring your own craft along.

Please speak to Lyn C to find out more.

2026 Calendar

Tim Ferkin, a local photographer, who has taken some lovely images of St John's Church, is releasing a calendar with images of local landscapes for 2026. All proceeds go to a Christian charity called Safe Families.

More information to follow.

[Mothers' Union Christmas Party](#)

Wednesday 10th December 7.30pm,

Mothers' Union Christmas Party in the Underhill Centre.

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.

Sign up sheet at back of Centre.

[Mothers' Union Carol Service and Tea](#)

Thursday 18th December 2.00pm

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

ALL WELCOME.

Sign up sheet at back of Centre.

[Christmas Coffee Morning](#)

We shall be holding our Christmas coffee
morning on

Saturday 29th November

from 10.00 - 12.30

to raise funds for the church.

[Mission to Seafarers](#)

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the
Mission to Seafarers Wrapathon.

Due to your generosity, we were able to fill 200
Christmas gift bags.

Sally & David L.