

The Third Sunday of Advent
14 December 2025



St John the Evangelist Church, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN

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Hello

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This Sunday

10am – Parish Communion

Presiding: Revd Canon James Shakespeare. Preaching: Revd Ceri Payne

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10 (p603 or p711), James 5.7-10 (p214 or p253)

Matthew 11.2-11 (p10 and p14)

Anthem: Mendelssohn *How lovely are*

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4pm – Christingle Service

Officiating: Sian Binley

Readings: Luke 1.26-38 (p52 or p63)

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you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
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Noticeboard

Children's Church and Choir trebles - Christmas tree decorating, today

The children are invited to help decorate the church Christmas tree, at around 11.15am.

Christmas Day Choir rehearsal, 12-12.45pm today

Be part of our pop-up Christmas Day Choir who will sing at the 10am Christmas Day Communion service. There's one more rehearsal on 21 December, at the same time.

This afternoon - Christingle Service at 4pm

Do come along for a family-friendly service with carols, readings and traditional Christingle oranges to make. There will be a collection for the Children's Society.

Christmas card noticeboard at the back of church

Rather than sending individual cards, you are welcome to add a card to the board at the back of church, sending greetings to the congregation as a whole.

Christmas Carol Service, Sunday 21 December at 6pm

A wonderful Christmas service with carols and music from the St John's Church Choir.

Let's Play the Piano Christmas Special, Sat. 20 December, 10.30am-12.30pm

A Christmas feast for pianists and audience alike! Tickets £10 (U16 free) on the door.

A Not So Silent Night, Saturday 20 December at 7.30pm

Out of the Shadows Choir presents a wide range of festive highlights. Ticket details online.

Ask about other regular activities eg weekly toddler group, Bible study groups etc.

To subscribe to our weekly E-news, please give your details to one of the clergy.

This week

Monday & Wednesday 9am – Morning Prayer in Church

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Wednesday 10am – Holy Communion (BCP) in Church

Wednesday & Friday 9pm – Compline via Zoom * please ask for the link

Get in touch

If you need support or prayer from our Ministry Team, or wish to get in touch for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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