



St John the Evangelist, Hedge End

www.stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk

Sunday 16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

Rev'd Phil Aindow

9.30am All Age Service of the Word

Readings: James 2: 14-26 and Luke 12: 6-9

6.30pm Evening Communion 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: for Christians everywhere who know You, that their faith will remain strong. We pray for those who do not yet know You, that they will find Your love for all people.

PRAY FOR: children everywhere and ask Your guidance for them in this uncertain world. We pray for children living in unsafe homes.

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

ANGLICAN COMMUNION CYCLE: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria - Samy Fawzy (Archbishop)

DIOCESAN LIFE: Our Bishops Philip, Rhiannon, and Kelly, their lead in mission and their oversight, and giving thanks for their office support.

NEIGHBOURS: Bursledon Road and Ruston Close.

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.

Music for Sunday

1st: You Restore my Soul

2nd: Safeguarding Hymn

HC: Lord of all Hopefulness

Final: My Lighthouse

Next Sunday 23rd November

9.30 am: Communion Service

Readings: Colossians 9: 9-20
Luke 23: 33-43

6:30pm: Evening Communion Service

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

office@stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk 01489 790048



DIARY FOR THE WEEK
W/B 15th November 2025

Sunday

Monday

9.45am Jiggy Wrigglers
1.00pm DPP (Luke)
6.30pm Yoga with Steve (Luke)

Tuesday

9.30am Table Tennis (All upstairs)
9.30am Social Committee (Mtg area)
12.45pm GEMS (Mtg Area)
3.30pm Perform (Upstairs)
7.00pm WI (Luke)
7.30pm Yoga (Upstairs M&M)

Wednesday

9.30am Art Group (Matthew & Mark)
9.30am Men's Shed (Downstairs)
6.30pm Pilates (Matthew & Mark)
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)
7.00pm Bible Study group (Downstairs)

Friday

10.00am Southern Health (Luke)
1.00pm DPP (Matthew)
1.45pm Breathe Easy (Downstairs)

Saturday

All day Hopeweavers Day
(Whole building)

Mission to Seafarers Christmas gifts

We would be very grateful for donations of small items such as sweets, chocolate, toiletries etc. as Christmas gifts for seafarers.

Please put items in the box on the bench between church and Underhill Centre.

Last day for donations is Thurs 20th Nov.
Many thanks Sally & David L

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.

We are once again asking for donations for the raffle and cake stalls.

A list of suggested items for the raffle will be put in the Underhill Centre.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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:
hwebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com

The Children's Society Big Christmas Card.

As in previous years we will have one big Christmas Card in Church this year.

If you would like to send greetings to your friends and have your names on the card, Fill in your details on the form provided, together with the gift aid form, hand it back to Jackie or leave it in the office together with your donation by 7th Dec.

Cheques made payable to The Children's Society. All money will be donated to The Children's Society.

Jackie

A message from Mary

Many thanks to all our friends at St Johns for all their kind wishes, messages, cards and prayers while I have been unwell.
God bless you all and looking forward to seeing you all soon,
With love, Mary

Yvonne's Funeral

Yvonne's funeral will take place at **Wessex Vale Crematorium**, Bubb Lane, West End, Southampton SO30 2HL at **11am on Friday 28th November 2025**.

This will be followed by a celebration of her life at **St. John the Evangelist Church**, at approximately **12.30**.

Please wear bright clothes and a flower in your lapel, if you wish.

This will be followed by refreshments in the Underhill Centre.

If you have a special memory of Yvonne which you are willing to share please send an email to me at m.thornton26@yahoo.co.uk or the St Johns Church office office@stjohns-hedgeend.org.uk.

If computers are not your thing, please drop a handwritten note to me at home or the church office.

For those unable to attend we intend to stream both services. More details of these to follow.

Malcolm

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.

Tickets are free, but to help with numbers please complete a card (outside the parish office) and leave with the office (or slide under the door if closed) or book directly through iKnow. Many thanks.

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/OTMzLTE3/t>

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.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in making and displaying the poppies that are now on display from the spire. They look wonderful and are a poignant tribute for Remembrance Day.

Please see write up from the Winchester Diocesan Newsletter.

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 including how to order and the cost will follow.

From the Diocesan's Weekly Newsletter.

St John's, Hedge End

800 poppies made a poignant display at St John's in Hedge End. The church craft group started the creations and soon other people began to join in, by knitting, crocheting, sticking felt and painting card.

Revd Phil Aindow, Vicar of St John's Hedge End, said, "The poppies just kept coming! It has become an outward symbol of the cost of peace and the price of war as we await the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God. It's had a great response from the community of Hedge End. Lots of people have stopped to admire it and take a photo. It's really wonderful when an idea picks up momentum and becomes a reality and it formed a great backdrop on Remembrance Sunday as the community came out to remember."

