

## Newsheet 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (Advent 2)

**Advent response:** Come Lord Jesus. **All: And bring hope.**  
Come Lord Jesus. **All: And bring peace.**



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**Hymns:** 282 Hills of the north rejoice, 949 Wait for the Lord, 197 From the sun's rising, 527 On Jordan's bank, 666 The Spirit lives to set us free.

**Collect:** Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**Post Communion:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Romans 15: 4-13

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup>and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

## For prayer

- For those living in Hythe Road, Knights Close, Lacy Close, Langton Way.
- For the Christingle Service and other Christmas events.
- For those who are unwell or have asked for prayer including: Alma, Beth, Richard, Ken, Taylor, Jill, Jon, Heather, Judith, Sophia, Jeffrey, Dawn and Gill.
- We pray for all who mourn, and at their year's mind Leslie Butterfield, Ann Cole, Lawrence Nelson, Roger Richens, Elsie Reynolds.

## What's on this week

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am 3pm</b>	<b>Communion service.</b> <i>Steamed to our YouTube channel and zoom room</i> <b>Christingle Service – all welcome</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Tree Festival clear up day</b>
Tuesday 9.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Foodbank in church
Wednesday 7pm	Music rehearsal in church
Thursday 9.30-11am 1.00pm 2.00pm	Stepping Stones (last meeting before Christmas) Tea and Chat (last meeting before Christmas) Communion
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am 12.30</b>	<b>Communion service.</b> <i>Steamed to our YouTube channel and zoom room</i> <b>Community Christmas Lunch in Church – all welcome – see below</b>

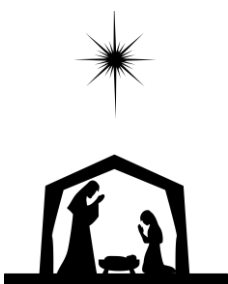
Contact [office@speh.org.uk](mailto:office@speh.org.uk) for zoom joining codes or to sign up for email updates (approx. monthly)

**Christmas Raffle and sale of Christmas Puddings** – at the back of church after services, with the money raised contributing towards the costs incurred with the Asbestos removal.

**Community Lunch next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Councillor Rob King is organising a community Christmas lunch which we are hosting here in church next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 – £2 each. Why not come along to our 10am service and stay on afterwards? Open to all the community – please share the link and book at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/eghamcountycouncillor/1974719>

## Offering a financial gift towards the work of St Paul's:

To make a donation to the ministry of this church today please use the card reader or offering plates at the back of church, or you can scan the QR code on this sheet.



## Christmas Services

**Christingle:** This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3pm

**Carols by Candlelight:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6pm

**Crib Services:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3pm and 4pm

**Midnight Communion:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Celebration:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am

**Be an angel:** it's not too late to donate to Your Sanctuary at Woking. Please bring vouchers from major supermarkets and stores and join in with our Angel Tree campaign. See [www.yoursanctuary.org.uk](http://www.yoursanctuary.org.uk) for more information about their work.

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