



Welcome

to the Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Farncombe

**Sunday 11th January 2026 – First Sunday of Epiphany/
Baptism of Christ**

8.00am	Holy Eucharist
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Readings	Isaiah 42.1-9 Matthew 3.13-end
Hymns	Sheet 371 629 701 85
7.30pm	Compline Online

Introit: You have loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.
(from Psalm 45)

Collect (Prayer for the Day): Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday 18th January 2026 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Eucharist
Readings	
6.00pm	Sanctus

Next:

**Coffee Morning: Saturday 24th January, 10am
Forest Church: Sunday 25th January, 3pm
Messy Church: Saturday 14th March, 3pm
Sunday Space: Sunday 1st February, 10am
Compline: Sunday 8th February, 7.30pm**

Prayer Suggestions

The World:	The wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen, & Congo; the Gaza ceasefire; recovery after the Jamaican hurricane; elections in Uganda
The Global Church:	The Church of Central America and its Archbishop Juan David Alvarado
The Diocese:	Our bishops, Andrew and Paul
The Deanery:	Haslemere Parish – the incumbent and Area Dean Chris Bessant, and Fiona Gwyn at Grayswood church
The Parish:	Employers, and those out of work

Those who are sick or in need of prayer

Peter Wilson Irene Malden

Those who have recently died

Elizabeth Wilson Bruce Oakleaf Dot Richardson

Anniversaries of death

Herbert Harding Peter Freeston Audrey Hargreaves
Neri Thomas

Within the Parish

Sunday	Downer Meadow
Monday	Elizabeth Road
Tuesday	Elizabeth Court
Wednesday	Elm Road
Thursday	Farncombe Hill
Friday	Farncombe Street
Saturday	Fern Road

Church Calendar this week

S 11 BAPTISM OF CHRIST; Octave of Epiphany day 6; Bd Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915

M 12 Octave of Epiphany day 7

T 13 Octave of Epiphany day 8; St Hilary, Bishop, 367; St Kentigern, bishop, 603; Bd George Fox, evangelist, 1691

W 14 Feria

T 15 Feria

F 16 St Henry the Hermit, 1127

S 17 St Antony, hermit, abbot, 356; Bd Charles Gore, bishop & monk, 1932

S 18 EPIPHANY 2; Chair of St Peter; start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This Week

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Monday 12th	Organ practice	8.15am	Church	
	St Edmunds Toddler Group	10.30am	Church Room	
Tuesday 13th	Prayer for the church	8.30am	Lady Chapel	
	Slimming World	9.30am, 5.30 & 7pm	Church Room	
Wednesday 14th	Midweek Eucharist	10.30am	Lady Chapel	
	Organ practice	8.15am	Church	
Wednesday 14th	Townswomens Guild	10.00am	Church Room	
	Pilates	10.00am	Church	
Wednesday 14th	Balance Class	11.15am	Church	
	Church Club	3.15pm	Infants School	
Wednesday 14th	Pilates	6.30pm	Church Room	
	Dance Class	7.30pm	Church Room	
Friday 16 th	Worship Team	7.30pm	Little Barsden	
	St John's Toddler Group	10.30am	Church Room	
Saturday 17th	Organ practice	9.15am	Church	
	Private booking	9.30am	Church Room	

Hymn **Here in this place new light is streaming**
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty

Gather us in, the proud and the strong

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly

Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water

Here we will take the bread of new birth

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters

Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion

Give us to eat the bread that is you

Nourish us well and teach us to fashion

Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining

Not in some heaven light years away

But here in this place the new light is shining

Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever

Gather us in and make us your own

Gather us in, all peoples together

Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Mothers Union meets in the Octagon Godalming (entrance via the church) on Tuesday 13th January at 2pm. We will look back on New Years in our childhood and discuss plans to celebrate 150 years of MU worldwide and 135 years in Farncombe.

NOTICEBOARD—DATES & INFORMATION

- Don't forget the **board-games afternoon** for 'families and others' with tea and cake and a spiritual element. The first outing will be at 4pm on January 18th. Speak to Gertrud Sollars if you want to find out more.
- Also beginning on January 19th is the **Enquirers Course** 'Treasure in the Field' – the format is a meal, short video, and discussion. We have a couple of takers but more would be good. Do tell anyone who might be interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. If that's you, speak to James!
- The **Churches Together United Service** this year is Sunday 18th – as usual there will be no 10am service here at St John's, and instead everyone is invited to Godalming United Church for the service there at 10.30am.
- The next **concert by Charterhouse students** we're hosting is at 1.15pm on Thursday 22nd January. Entry is free as usual, donations welcome.
- We were sorry to hear of the death of former congregation member **Dot Richardson**, who spent her last years at Eastlake. Her funeral is 1.30pm on Friday 30th at the crematorium.

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The Parish Office is being staffed on Mondays at the moment but calls and emails are always monitored and will be replied to as soon as possible: 01483 426353

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