

READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 (p720 LP p1244)

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: James 5:7-10 (p1216 LP p2101)

This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 (p976, LP p1704)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After the reading) This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

COLLECTS

The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Additional Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GET IN TOUCH

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*If you have something that you would like to see in the **The Fold on a Sunday**, please e-mail it to office@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk by the Wednesday before.*

THE FOLD

St John's Church, Waterbeach & All Saints' Church, Landbeach

Sunday 15th December 2019

The Third Sunday of Advent

You are especially welcome if you're here for the first time or visiting. Please do stay for refreshments after the morning service. Should you need assistance, have a question or just want to say hello, come see whoever was leading the service or greeted you at the door. *We would love to meet you!*

THIS SUNDAY

All Saints' Church, Landbeach



10am

Morning Praise

St John's Church, Waterbeach

9am

10.15am

Holy Communion

Crib Service with

Daisy the Donkey



THIS WEEK & BEYOND

Wednesday 18th December 7.45am
Thursday 19th December 7.45am
Sunday 22nd December 10am
10.15am

3pm
6pm

Morning Prayer (WB)
Morning Prayer (WB)
Holy Communion (LB)
Parish Communion with
KidsChurch (WB)
Carol Service (WB)
United Village Carol
Service (LB)

CHRISTMAS DATES

Tuesday 17th December	4pm	Carol singing at Hatley Court	Hatley Court
	8pm	Beer and Carols	Landbeach Social Club
Thursday 19th December	10.30am	Carol singing at Waterbeach Lodge	Waterbeach Lodge
	8pm	Beer and Carols	Beach Club
Sunday 22nd December	3pm	Carol Service	St John's Church
	6pm	United Village Carol Service	All Saints'
Christmas Eve	4pm	Christingle Service	All Saints'
	6.30pm	Carols on the Green	Waterbeach Village Green
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass	St John's Church
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	All Age Christmas Morning Service	St John's Church
Friday 27th December	10.15am	Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day	St John's Church
New Year's Eve	11.45 pm	Prayers, followed by Bell Ringing at Midnight	All Saints'

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

All Saints' Food Bank

From 1st December, All Saints' will be launching an all-hours food bank! It will be held in the porch. If you would like to contribute items to the food bank, fresh vegetables or tinned or packaged items would be gratefully received. (Please no home made food.) For more information, speak to Jane Oakes on 07740282387.

Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day

There will be a Patronal Festival Eucharist for St John's Day on December 27th at 10.15am. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Job Vacancy

I have been Treasurer of the PCC for over 20 years and I think it is time to stop! I've put the word out but, as yet, no response from anyone who might like to take over. The job is not huge but could be shared, particularly because we use online accounting software which allows more than one person to do the work. If you are at all interested and would like to find out more, please contact me. There is lots of help available, including local training courses for new Treasurers. Michael Williamson michael@michaelandjane.org.uk 01223 860899

Christmas Cards

During this Christmas season, don't forget to check pigeonholes in the Church Room lobby at St John's for Christmas cards!

Carol Singing at Care Homes

We will be holding carol services at our two care homes in the village, you are welcome to join us in the singing, and children are warmly invited. We will be at Hatley Court on the 17th December at 4pm, and Waterbeach Lodge on the 19th December at 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Malcolm and Angela Brown send Christmas Greetings to everyone in our churches here. Instead of Christmas cards which have an environmental impact, we'll donate to MSF. Thank you again for support of their work: we have raised over £1,000 for them.

Jane and Michael Williamson wish everyone at St John's and All Saints' a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New year. They have bought a donkey, a vegetable garden, and a lamb from Send a Cow instead of sending cards

PRAYERS

- For Joanna Poole
- The sick, including: David, June and Stephanie.
- Mill Road (W), Orchard Drive (W), Hatley Court, Cock Fen Lane (L).
- God of truth, please help people working in the demanding and complex world of politics to maintain their integrity in situations where it is necessary to make compromises to achieve important ends. Give them courage and wisdom to withdraw when this is not right. Amen.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

- Ask to join Paul the vicar's **e-mail list**
- Check our Facebook page: Search for **StJohnsChurchWaterbeach**
- **Try the website** for the church calendar, further contacts and more. www.stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk
- **Pastoral Care Team:** Contact **Tiffany Langton** as above.