

# The Churches of St John the Baptist & St Anne



**The Parish of Hythe**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent*

### *Welcome*

Especially if this is your first visit - we hope you will enjoy the service. If you need any help during the service please ask the person at the door or the person sitting next to you. We hope that you will be able to stay after the service for coffee. Please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or a member of the welcome team, who would love the chance to get to know you better.

To find out more about the life at St. John's & St. Anne's please visit:

[www.stjohnshythe.org](http://www.stjohnshythe.org)

***Matthew 25.14 – 30 .....***

### ***The Parable of the Talents***



## Services for today, November 19th – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

St Anne's	15:30	Open House	Rev Jo Elvidge / Chris Stubbington
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St John's	08:00	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	10:30	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	18:30	Evensong	Rev Jo Elvidge

### Readings:

1 1 Zephaniah 1.7, 12 - 18	Diana Gribble	G Matthew 25.14 - 30
2 1Thessalonians 5.1 - 11	Betty Croysdale	
4 1 Kings 1.1 - 40	David Blomley	
5 Revelation 1.4 - 18		

Intercessions	Ann Heslop
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Hymns	10:30	422, 205, 687, 574
	18:30	582, Psalm 89 vv19-29, 200, 798

Mon 20 Nov	Julian Meeting - 28 Atheling Road	19:30
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## Events Calendar - this week - Monday 20th Nov to Sunday 26th Nov

Tue 21 Nov	Holy Communion - St John's	09:00	Rev Jo Elvidge
	Shoppers Pause for Thought	10:45	Ann Heslop
Wed 22 Nov	Parish Visitors' Meeting - Vicarage	11:00	(NB - note time change)
Fri 24 Nov	Holy Communion - St John's	10:00	Rev Jo Elvidge

**Prayers.** You are invited to join in saying prayers every Monday to Friday in St John's: Morning Prayers at 08:30 & Evening Prayers at 17:30.

**If you organise an event, meeting or group activity:** Please check with the Parish Office to ensure there isn't a clash with your event and, if you want it to appear in the Pew Sheet, send the details to Bob Joughin, preferably by Email, to [r.joughin@btinternet.com](mailto:r.joughin@btinternet.com) or by phone: 023 8087 9992 as early as possible. In addition, please contact the Parish office to arrange a baptism or marriage. The telephone number for the Office is: 023 8084 4336

**Angel Gathering.** Every Friday - 10:30am at St John's. Help us to make angels - or just watch.

**Sat 25 Nov Christmas Fair**

Have you checked your book shelves recently? Any spare or unwanted books will be welcomed on the book stall.

**Sun 10 Dec Christingle Service 4pm** at St John's in aid of The Children's Society. Everyone is welcome, whether or not accompanied by a child!

## Services for next week, November 26th – Christ the King

St Anne's	09:00	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
St John's	08:00	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	10:30	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	18:30	Evensong	Sue Blomley

### Readings:

1 Ezekiel 34.11 - 16, 20 - 24	Ann Heslop	
2 Ephesians 1.15 - end	June Smith	G Matthew 25.31 - end
4 2 Samuel 23.1 - 7	Ray Heslop	
5 Matthew 28.16 - end		

Intercessions      Jan Evans

Hymns	10:30	523, 819, 507, 582
	18:30	500, Psalm 93, 15, 399

## Prayers and Gospel reading for today

### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
 whose blessed Son was revealed  
 to destroy the works of the devil  
 and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
 grant that we, having this hope,  
 may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
 that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
 we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
 where he is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Amen*

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Gracious Lord,  
 in this holy sacrament  
 you give substance to our hope:  
 bring us at the last  
 to that fullness of life for which we long;  
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour

*Amen*

**Invitation to Communion:** Everyone is welcome at the altar rail at the time of communion. If you normally take the bread and wine in your own church you are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you as a sign for the servers.

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14 - 30****Hear the Gospel of the Lord****Glory be to thee, O Lord***

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord****Praise be to thee, O Christ***