

# The Churches of St John the Baptist & St Anne



**The Parish of Hythe**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## *Second Sunday of 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)

***Mark 1.1 - 8 "I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."***



## Services for today, December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent

St Anne's	09:00	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
St John's	08:00	Communion	Rev Jo Elvidge
	10:30	Open House	Rev Jo Elvidge/Chris Stubbington
	16:00	Children's Society-Christingle	Rev Jo Elvidge/Chris Stubbington
	18:30	Evensong	Rev Jo Elvidge
Readings:			
1 Isaiah 40.1 - 11		Phil Bevan	
2 2 Peter 3.8-15a			G Mark 1.1 - 8
4 1 Kings 22.1 - 28		Pamela Gilson	
5 Romans 15.4 - 13			
Intercessions		Marian Wride	
Hymns	10:30	Open House	
	18:30	148, Psalm 85, 411, 399	

## Events Calendar - this week - Monday 11th December to Sunday 17th

Tue 12 Dec	Holy Communion - St John's	09:00	Rev Jo Elvidge
	Shoppers Pause for Thought	10:45	Des Broomfield
Wed 13 Dec	Sue's Bible Study Group - 28 Atheling Road	19:30	
Fri 15 Dec	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

**Wed 13 Dec 19:30 Men's Group - St John's church.** 'The Gift Behind the Tinsel' - a fun evening with a seasonal flavor. Come along - there will be a warm welcome for all men.

I should like to make a plea for rectangular empty tissue boxes for craft use at our crib services. Many thanks - Chris Stubbington

If anyone has a suggestion for a name for our new Multi-Purpose Room in the church then we would love to hear it. Write your suggestion down and hand it in at the Parish Office or email [churchoffice@stjohnshythe.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnshythe.org)

## Services for next week, December 17th – Third Sunday of 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 Edgar Ruddock
	17:00	Nine Lessons & Carols	Rev Jo Elvidge

### Readings:

1	Isaiah 61.1 - 4, 8 - end	Carol Moody	
2	1 Thessalonians 5.16 - 24	Roy German	G John 1.6 - 8, 19 - 28
	Nine Lessons & Carols		

Intercessions	Ray Riciardi
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Hymns	10:30	66,589,699,327
	17:00	Nine Lessons & Carols

## Prayers and Gospel reading for today

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Amen*

### Post Communion Prayer:

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.

*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: Mark 1. 1 - 8***

*Hear the Gospel of the Lord*

***Glory be to thee, O Lord***

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

***Praise be to thee, O Christ***