



Runnymede Deanery

Diocese of Guildford

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DEANERY EVENTS DIARY December 2021/January 2022

Runnymede Deanery wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
We hope you will find some of our listed events to be of interest.

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Do feel free to share your ideas with us at

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– what you would like to see more of, less of or in addition to
so that we can better serve you in the future.

Dates for your Diaries: 2022 Open Synod Meetings

ONSITE at locations below

also on ZOOM: Look for Zoom details [on our website](#) nearer the dates!

Thursday, 24 March – St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Tuesday, 21 June – Christ Church, Virginia Water

Wednesday, 5 October – St Peter's Church, Chertsey

all 7:15 for 7:30pm start

Each meeting with a speaker on a different, up-to-date topic.

These meetings are open to all – guests welcome.

WORSHIP/PRAYER EVENTS

Forest Church

Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB

Sunday, 28 November, 3pm

A fresh expression of worship, feel free to come along and experience it. Forest Church is held outside so please come dressed appropriately for the weather.

Any questions please email monicahallcc@gmail.com

Advent Carol Service

Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford GU2 7UP

Sunday, 28 November, 6pm

For Advent and Christmas 2021 the Cathedral will be full of art and music. The art is by children from local schools and represents the idea of everyone being welcome to the stable at the birth of Jesus. There is also a large scale Advent Calendar to discover throughout the Cathedral.

Find out more on their website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/diary>

Advent Compline by Candlelight

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ

Sunday, 28 November, 6pm

A short, traditional service of night prayer, with hymn and Blessing of the Sacrament, celebrated by candlelight in the Chancel.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham TW20 9HR

Saturday, 4 December, 8:30 – 10:15am

Blue Christmas Memorial Service

St John's Church, High Street, Egham TW20 9HL

Sunday, 5 December, 2:30pm

For more details contact the Church Office on office@stjohnsegham.com

Carol Service

Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB

Sunday, 19 December, 4pm

Carols by Candlelight

St Paul's Church, Thorpe Road, Egham-Hythe TW18 3HJ

Sunday, 19 December, 6pm

Come and sing some of your favourite carols and listen again to the Christmas story, before enjoying mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

Traditional Lessons & Carols

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ

Sunday, 19 December, 6pm

A big joint choir of St Mary's and The Hythe Singers will be supporting this traditional carol service. Service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Epiphany Sung Festival Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ
Thursday, 6 January, 7:30pm

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham TW20 9HR
Saturday, 15 January, 8:30 – 10:15am

EXPLORING FAITH EVENTS

Emmaus Course

Rutherwycke Room, St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ
Currently running, Tuesdays until 14 December, 7:30 – 9pm

Ask questions and find out more about faith at St Mary's Church where there's a warm welcome for all. Would you like to know about Christianity? Do you have questions about faith? Do you have questions about life, bereavement, forgiveness, heaven and much more? If the answer is "yes" to any of these or similar questions, feel free to join into any or all remaining sessions.

More information and session details [here](#).

This group is free – just come along! All are welcome to join in the debate.

Car parking at the Vicarage in Church Approach (next to the church).

Alpha Course

St John's Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HR
Thursdays from 30 September, 7:30pm (onsite and online)

The last 18 months have been challenging; questions may be raised for us about life, hope, faith and meaning. Alpha is a series of ten sessions which may help in answering those questions. Exploring the basics of Christian faith, Alpha is for anyone who's curious or would like to explore things in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question out of bounds! You are free to discuss as much or little as you wish!

For more details and to book a place for either the in-person or online Zoom course go to

[Eventbrite](#).

If you would like any further information, please contact the Church Office at

office@stjohnsegham.com or 01784 605400.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Kings Chamber Orchestra Concerts

St John's Church, High Street, Egham TW20 9HL
Sunday, 28 November

3pm Teddy Concert and 7:30pm Evening Concert

For more details please contact the Church Office on 01784 605400 or office@stjohnsegham.com

Winter Concert: Handel's "Messiah"

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ
Saturday, 4 December, 7:30pm

The Hythe Singers in concert under the conductorship of Musical Director Richard Harker.

The Hythe Singers are currently recruiting, especially lower parts – please contact them via their website thehythesingers.com for more information.

The Egham Band Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ

Wednesday, 15 December, 8pm

Carols & contemporary music followed by mulled wine & mince pies.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Christmas Walking Quiz

Start/End at Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB

Wednesday, 1 December to Wednesday, 15 December – in your own time

This walk starts and ends at Christ Church and takes approximately 1 hour. Walk details will be available, from 1 December, to download from the church website www.ottershawchurch.com or you can pick up a copy under the church lych gate.

Complete the walk and quiz and post your answer by 15 December to be entered in a free prize draw.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Paul's Church, Thorpe Road, Egham-Hythe TW18 3HJ

Thursday – Sunday, 2 – 5 December, times vary – see below

Come and see an amazing display of over 50 Christmas trees, each decorated by local people, organisations and groups.

Delicious homemade soup and bread lunches are served 12-2pm.

And the Angel Tree is back! Donate a Gift Card to a value of your choosing which will be passed on to Your Sanctuary to support survivors of domestic abuse. (www.yoursanctuary.org.uk)

Festival Opening Thursday, 2 December, 10am

The Mayor of Runnymede and the Magna Carta School Band welcome in this year's Festival and sing well loved carols.

Tea Party Thursday, 2 December, 2 – 4pm

The Magna Carta School Choir will sing seasonal carols as we tuck into afternoon tea.

Booking necessary! Email office@speh.org.uk to book a space.

Trees, Crafts & Refreshments Friday, 3 December, 10am – 5pm

Spend time looking at the trees, enjoying a hot drink or some mulled wine and mince pies!

Lots of Christmas Craft activities available for young and old!

So Is This Christmas? Friday, 3 December, 7pm

Join us among the trees for music, panto and fun! Beware anything could happen (and quite probably will). Sense of humour required.

Trees, Crafts & Refreshments Saturday, 4 December, 11:30am – 5pm

Spend time looking at the trees, enjoying a hot drink or some mulled wine and mince pies!

Lots of Christmas Craft activities available for young and old!

For more details on everything see www.speh.org.uk

Come a-Wassailing

St Peter's Church, Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT

Saturday, 4 December, 5 – 7pm

An evening of Christmas verse and prose, whilst sipping mulled wine and enjoying mince pies as we sing traditional Carols together in a candle lit room. Donations welcome.

Please let Annie know if you are able to join her at burnhamannie@hotmail.com or 07752 318837.

Thorpe Community Christmas Lunch

Rutherwyke Room, St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ
Wednesday, 8 December from 12nn
Please bring puddings or cheese to share or £5 donation. All welcome to the party.

Egham Christmas Fair

Egham High Street and St John's Church, High Street, Egham TW20 9HL
Saturday, 11 December, 11am – 4pm
With crafts and Santa's Grotto in the church!
For more details contact the Church Office on office@stjohnsegham.com

Christmas Wreath Craft Evening

St Peter's Church, Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
Saturday, 11 December, 5 - 7pm
Join us to make a Christmas wreath for your front door. Please bring greenery from your garden (holly, laurel, bay leaves etc.), everything else will be provided. Mulled wine & mince pies will be served.
Booking necessary! Contact Annie (07752 318837) or Kate Schuil (07823 419066).

Carol Singing at the Pub

The Red Lion Pub, Village Road, Thorpe TW20 8UE
Monday, 13 December, evening
With the Hythe Singers and St Mary's Choir – come and join in the fun!
Check website for further details: thehythesingers.com

Christmas Lunch for those who would else be on their own

St John's Church, High Street, Egham TW20 9HL
Christmas Day, Saturday, 25 December, 12:30 – 2;.30pm
To book a place please contact the Church Office on office@stjohnsegham.com or 01784 605 400
by no later than Sunday, 19 December.

Addlestone Salvation Army Christmas Celebration

Addlestone Community Centre, Garfield Road, Addlestone KT15 2NJ
Christmas Day, Saturday, 25 December
Addlestone Salvation Army are hosting a Christmas Celebration and invite anyone who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day to join them.
You do need to book – 01932 829678 / 07586 570467.

FAMILY/YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENTS

Winter Wonderland Fair with Switch-on of Tower Lights

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ
Saturday, 27 November, 12:30 – 5pm
Back by popular demand, our winter fair will be held in and around the church and churchyard, with stalls and entertainment, BBQ and mulled wine, Grand Prize Draw and so much more to delight and entertain.
Switching-on of Thorpe Church Tower Christmas Lights at 4pm by the Mayor of Runnymede.
Come and bring your friends!

Trees, Crafts & Refreshments

Friday, 3 December, 10am – 5pm

Saturday, 4 December, 11:30am – 5pm

Part of the Christmas Tree Festival! Spend time looking at the trees, enjoying a hot drink or some mulled wine and mince pies!

Lots of Christmas Craft activities available for young and old!

See “Social & Fundraising” for more details on the Christmas Tree Festival and the Angel Tree!

For more details on the Christmas Tree Festival see www.speh.org.uk

Christingle Service

St Paul's Church, Thorpe Road, Egham-Hythe TW18 3HJ

Sunday, 5 December, 3pm

We say farewell to the Christmas Tree Festival and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas with this special service.

Christingle Service

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ

Sunday, 5 December, 4pm

Supporting The Children's Society.

Christmas Messy Church

Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB

Sunday, 12 December, 4pm

Egham Churches Together Open Air Nativity

From St John's Church (TW20 9HL) to the United Church, High Street, Egham

Saturday, 18 December, 4pm

Follow the Christmas Story around Egham High Street.

Messy Christmas

Virginia Water Community Centre, Beechmont Avenue, GU25 4EY

Monday, 20 December, 10 – 11:30am

An interactive Christmas event for children – particularly suitable for those aged 11 and under.

Children need to be accompanied by a parent/carer. For more details contact the Christ Church Virginia Water Office on 01344 844946 or office@cc-vw.org

Crib Service

St Mary's Church, Church Approach, Thorpe TW20 8TQ

Friday, 24 December, 3pm

Crib Services

St Paul's Church, Thorpe Road, Egham-Hythe TW18 3HJ

Friday, 24 December, 3pm AND 4pm

Share in the magic of Christmas through carols and the story of the Nativity.

(NB: Two services this year so we can safely maintain distancing.)

Crib Service

Christ Church, Guildford Road, Ottershaw KT16 0PB

Friday, 24 December, 4pm

Your contributions to this publication are always very welcome via

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– no later than the 10th of each month please.

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Best wishes, The Runnymede Deanery Team



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