

Prayer & Worship

23rd December 2018

ADVENT 4

Theme: Advent

Topic: The second coming

Readings:

Revelation 22: 11-13, page 258

Luke 1: 39-55 page 54



Collect: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Anthem: 'Ave Maria' by Arcadelt

Voluntary: 'Fugue in D major' by J C Kellner

Refreshments are served between the services – please do join us



11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

4.00pm Choir Carol Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Church of Abuja, Nigeria, and Archbishop Duke Akamisoko.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in William Road, Winton Close, Woodley Gardens, Woodside Avenue. Organist Martin Penrose and Choir.

Sick: All in our Hospitals, Hospice and Nursing Homes.

Departed: Maureen Bradley, Malcolm Young.

Year's Mind: Cyril Payne, Priest (2014)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Readings: Hebrews 1:1-4, page 215

John 1: 1-14, page 88

Collect: Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

5.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Anthems: 'Coventry Carol'; 'Away in a manger'

Voluntary: 'Noel' by Louis-Claude Daquin

CHRISTMAS DAY

Readings: Isaiah 9: 2-7, page 648

Luke 2: 1-14, page 55

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.



10.30am Family Christmas Communion

Anthem: 'In the bleak mid-winter' by Harold Darke

Voluntary: 'Toccata (from Symphonie V)' by Widor

12.30pm Invited guests to Christmas Lunch

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26th December

ST STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR

Thursday 27th December

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

11.00am NO Holy Communion today

Friday 28th December

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8.00am Holy Communion

NO Choir Practice this week

Saturday 29th December

9.00am Prayers for the work of the parish (all welcome) – STC

NEXT SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS 1

Theme: St. Stephen

Readings: Acts 7: 51-end, page 122

Matthew 10: 17-22 page 10

Collect: God in Trinity,

eternal unity of perfect love:

gather the nations to be one family,

and draw us into your holy life

through the birth of Emmanuel,

our Lord Jesus Christ.



8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Voluntary: 'God rest you merry gentlemen' by Wilbur Held

Refreshments are served between the services – please do join us



11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Church of Japan and Archbishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Woodside Close, Woodside Lane, Worcester Place, Wykeham Place. Worship Band (organisers Andy and Barbara Clapper).

Sick: All in our Hospitals, Hospice and Nursing Homes.

Departed: Maureen Bradley.

Year's Mind: Dennis Euinton (2017).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 31st December

Happy New Year!

Tuesday 1st January

NAMING OF JESUS

6.00pm NO Meet the Vicar

Wednesday 2nd January
PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

- 10.00am NO Poetry Corner (back 9th January)
10.15am NO Vistas Café (reopens 9th January)
11.00am Holy Communion with sermon on this week's topic

Thursday 3rd January

- 10.00am NO Stitch and Knit (back 10th January)
11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 4th January

- 8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am NO Friday Fellowship (back 11th January)
6.30pm NO Junior Choir Practice – STC
7.00pm Full Choir Practice – STC

Saturday 5th January

- 9.00am Prayers for the work of the parish (all welcome) – STC

SUNDAY 6th JANUARY
EPIPHANY

Theme: Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

Parish Office Christmas Closure: the office is closed from noon on Monday 24th December until Wednesday 2nd January.

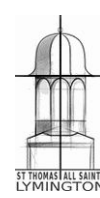
Would you like to join a house group?
Please contact the parish office
(676194)



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Carol Service: do join us in St.Thomas hall for mulled wine and mince pies after the carol service on Sunday.

Christmas Collections: the PCC has decided that the cash collections at our Christmas services will be dedicated to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The collections from the Crib Service, Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day service will be given to The Children's Society.

Lymington Parish News 2019: subscriptions for the ten issues of the magazine in 2019 are now due and remain at £6 if delivered or £12 by post. Please make the appropriate payments and arrangements with Helen Corke or you local distributor. Items for the February issue should reach the Editor by Monday 7th January please, unless agreed otherwise. Images as JPEG are preferred.

Bishop Jonathan: Bishop Jonathan is moving to York in January and everyone is invited to his farewell service on Saturday 19th January, 5.30pm in Winchester Cathedral. **We are sending a card from the parish to wish him well**, so do please add your good wishes – card at the back of St.Thomas.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 26th January, 8.30am to 11.30am, St.Saviour's Church, Brockenhurst. Speaker Mark Greene, author of bestselling Christian book *Thank God it's Monday*. Tickets £6 which includes breakfast. See www.tickettailor.com/events/grippedfuelled/217678/#

Revd Jo Mulliner: Jo's Institution as Rector of St.Saviour's Church, Bridge of Allan, will take place on Saturday 16th February at 12noon. All are very welcome although she understands that it is a long way!

Christmas Tree Festival: a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed towards the success of this year's Festival; helping to Steward, helping in the Vistas Café, cooking amazing cakes or mince pies, welcoming visitors or moving chairs during one of the music events. Happy Christmas and thank you again for your help. Daphne Johnston, Friends of St.Thomas Church.

The Children's Society: Revd Ron Swan thanks all who bought Children's Society Christmas cards and his Advent booklet which raised just under £500 for the Society's good work.

Promenade Concert: our thanks to Phil Daish-Handy, Nova Foresta Classical Players and their guests Tullagh Ensemble Junior Strings for a wonderful concert enjoyed by many and raising valuable funds for the church.

Christmas Cards: do check your tray in the narthex where Christmas cards are exchanged.

Envelope Giving: the envelopes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church for those who continue to use them.