

Prayer & Worship

29th November 2020

ADVENT SUNDAY

Following the end of lockdown on Tuesday 1st December, we will return to the format in place beforehand. The parish office will open from Wednesday 2nd December and the usual Wednesday and Sunday services will resume.

Readings:

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Collect: Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

10.00am Pennington and Lymington Joint Service

This service will be streamed from our shared YouTube channel.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRF1l-cpB5-rn1o5tUNWUw

Zoom Sunday morning coffee Topic: coffee
Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85117060907>
Or via your home landline phone on:
0203 051 2874, meeting ID: 851 1706 0907

10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral.

Diocesan Life: The Mothers' Union, encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children, promoting and supporting married life and stable families, and helping those whose family life has met with adversity.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Normandy Lane, North Close, Oaklands, Old Farm Walk. Our Good Samaritans Group (organiser David Fenton).

Sick: Maureen Harris and all who are unwell.

Departed: Susan Cropper.

Year's Mind: Edwina Wilkins (2019).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 30th November

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

9.00am COVID Prayer with Jane Nicholson
Zoom meeting details: Topic: COVID morning prayer
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>
Meeting ID: 895 2990 2640 Passcode: 2020
Dial in from a landline phone: 0131 460 1196
10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm

Tuesday 1st December

9.00am COVID Prayer with Sarah Salisbury
10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm
11.00am Take Time Meditation

Wednesday 2nd December

9.00am COVID Prayer with Jane Nicholson
10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm
11.00am Holy Communion – STC
Face coverings must be worn

Thursday 3rd December

9.00am COVID Prayer with Sarah Salisbury
10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm

Friday 4th December

10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm

Saturday 5th December

9.00am Prayer for the work of the parish
Zoom meeting details: Topic: Saturday prayers
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84577370849?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84577370849?pwd=Mzc3VFFqeWdmbnFISXBmellyM1VWZz09)
[pwd=Mzc3VFFqeWdmbnFISXBmellyM1VWZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84577370849?pwd=Mzc3VFFqeWdmbnFISXBmellyM1VWZz09)
Meeting ID: 845 7737 0849 Passcode: 676194
Dial in from a landline phone: 0203 051 2874
10.00am STC open for private prayer till 4pm

NEXT SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER ADVENT 2

Readings: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

8.00am Holy Communion – STC

10.00am Pennington and Lymington Joint Service

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11.00am Holy Communion - STC

Parish Office 01590 676194
Open 9.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday
The Parish Office will reopen on
Wednesday 2nd December
office@lymingtonchurch.org

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Christmas Day Lunch: arrangements have been made for anyone who is home alone, does not have the capacity or has difficulties in cooking, may have had a really desperate/difficult year in these challenging times or is lonely, to have a two course lunch delivered on Christmas Eve to be reheated on Christmas Day. There is no charge and vegetarian or turkey options are available. Names are needed by tomorrow, Monday 30th November, to Jacqui England (01590 689446 / 07713 880227), with details of any food allergies and preferred option.

COVID Morning Prayer: we continue to 'pray for our nation, for its leaders, its health and essential services and all those who suffer' this week at 9am on Zoom led by Jane Nicholson on Mondays and Wednesdays and Sarah Salisbury on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please do join them either by computer or phone, meeting details overleaf.



Take Time Ignatian Meditation:

led by Sarah Salisbury based on Sunday's gospel (Mark 13) on zoom on Tuesday 1st

December at 11am. Ignatian meditation provides a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God, imagining an encounter with Jesus. No religious knowledge or background is required. The meditation includes a relaxation exercise and lasts around 20 minutes. There will be an opportunity for discussion afterwards, if you would like to stay on. Any questions please call Sarah on 673847. Sarah has trained as a *Take Time* Practitioner. The zoom link is the same as for the COVID morning prayers.

Online Advent Quiet Morning: Saturday 12th December, 10am-12.30pm, led by Kevin Smith, ordinand in training and Revd Rachel Noel. Welcome and introductions at 10am followed by morning prayer, some short reflections and an extended time of quiet. Gather back at 12noon to say prayers and share anything. At 12.30pm stay online to share lunch or sign off. For more information text takepart@penningtonchurch.uk. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84800762384?pwd=MjVGdURzbUIWN3c0dkJhTzJjeDJ5QT09> Meeting ID: 848 0076 2384; Passcode: 295455

'Masterpieces': concert by Phil Daish-Handy (cello) and Martin Penrose (piano), Saturday 12th December, 7.30pm, Mary Magdalene Church, New Milton. A few tickets remaining, £10 each, please contact Phil on 07896 198709.

Christmas Services at St.Thomas: tickets, which will be available at Sunday services from Sunday 6th December, will be needed for the following services:
Sunday 20th December, 2pm Carol Service
Sunday 20th December, 4pm Carol Service
Thursday 24th December, 11.30pm, Midnight Mass
Friday 25th December, 8am Christmas Communion
Friday 25th December, 11am Christmas Communion
Tickets will be for groups of up to two people with a few for groups of up to five people. Please complete the ticket for Track and Trace purposes and hand in on arrival.

The Children's Society Christmas Cards: these have now arrived so please contact Ron Swan (671819) as soon as possible to arrange delivery.

Knitted Christmas Tree: St.Mark's are creating a knitted Christmas tree and welcome 12" squares in festive colours, any yarn, plain or patterned (ie knit DK yarn, 4mm needles, cast on 64 stitches). Squares can be left labelled at the back of St.Thomas or taken to One Stop, Pennington. After Christmas the squares will be made into blankets.

Ride and Stride 2020: we have now received a cheque for our share of the money raised by our parish taking part in this year's Ride and Stride. Our thanks to Anthea MacAlister for organising and to everyone who took part.

Communal Christmas Card Scheme: thank you for all those who submitted design ideas for our communal Christmas card. If you would like to have your name added to the card, please let Gill in the office know, via email office@lymingtonchurch.org or phone 01590 676194. **It will help us if you can do this as soon as possible, with the deadline for inclusion Sunday 6th December.** We will list all the names inside the card, which will go to everyone, and we are inviting you to make a contribution to charity equivalent to the money normally spent on cards. The card will then be sent via email to all those on the parish list, and delivered by hand to those without email. More information in the latest Eco Church Update. If you would like to send a virtual charity card to those in your wider circle, you might like to look at <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/>. Rosie Ward

The Leprosy Mission: the Government announcement that it plans to cut the UK Aid Budget from 0.7% gross national income to 0.5% next year. The Leprosy Mission is concerned that these cuts will hurt some of the world's most marginalised communities, including those affected by leprosy. Reducing aid commitment to any lower percentage would be damaging on several levels. We are urged to write to our MPs asking them to support the continued UK Aid budget in 2021 making sure it reaches the people who need it most. Thank you. Jenny Jones