

# Prayer & Worship

## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### ADVENT 3

**Theme:** Advent

**Topic:** John the Baptist,  
Repentance

**Readings:**

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18



**Collect:** God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of  
your Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,

and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**8.00am Early Communion**

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**9.15am Choral Communion**

Anthem: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful – Taizé

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in E minor  
(BWV 533) by J S Bach

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Live streamed from our YouTube channel – see  
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**Refreshments in St.Thomas hall**

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**11.00am Life & Soul**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Church:** The Anglican Church of Canada.

**Our Parish:** Those who live and work in Platoff Road,  
Poles Lane, Powlett Road, Priestlands Place. Life & Soul  
Worship Band (organisers Andy and Barbara Clapper).

**Sick:** Sarah Heulin and all who are unwell.

**Year's Mind:** Carole Lepard (2020).

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer**

[Click here for direct link to meeting](#)

Or from a landline phone: 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 895 2990 2640 Passcode: 2020

**9.30am LIS Christmas Nativity (ticket only)**

**12noon Monday Lunch – STH**

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer**

**10.00am Toddler Group (last till 11 January) – STH**

**11.00am Taketime Meditation**

Zoom link as for 9am prayer

**2.00pm LIS Christmas Nativity (ticket only)**

**6.00pm LIS Christmas Nativity (ticket only)**

**6.00pm NO Meet the Vicar this week**

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer**

**10.00am Poetry Corner (last till 5<sup>th</sup> January) – STC**

**11.00am Holy Communion – STC**

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer**

**10.00am Vistas Café (last till 6<sup>th</sup> January) – STH**

**10.00am Stitch and Knit – STH**

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer**

**7.00pm Choir Practice – STC**

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00am Prayer for the work of the parish**

[Click here for direct link to meeting](#)

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### NEXT SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER ADVENT 4

**Theme:** Advent

**Topic:** Mary

**Readings:** Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-55

**8.00am Early Communion**

**9.00am Messy Church – STH**

**9.15am Choral Communion**

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**11.00am Life & Soul**

**4.00pm Choir Carol Service**

# News

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Control the **Christmas lights** on St.Thomas Church from your Smart Phone: just go to [www.lymingtonchurch.org](http://www.lymingtonchurch.org) and have fun!

**Gift Bags:** thank you to everyone who bought gift bags. I raised £46. I will be selling them again today, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Barbara Payne

**Advent Light and Winter Darkness:** an evening of poetry, song and silence, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, online Quiet Evening with Moray Cottage Quiet Garden. All are welcome; simply click on the link [here](#) to join. Please have with you a candle and we respectfully request that you turn off your video and mute your audio.

**Free Parking in Lymington:** next weekend, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, all parking in the town will be free to encourage local shopping.

**Traidcraft:** there will be a stall in St.Thomas church next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. Your final opportunity to stock up for Christmas.

**Christmas Day Lunch:** initially cancelled, but now, thanks to 11th hour organisation, preparation has begun! Anyone who could help with a variety of tasks either on the day, or beforehand, please contact Nigel Lang (672826)? Those on their own that day who would like to attend, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

**Sunday Refreshments** in our ventilated Hall between the services has had a successful start. Many thanks to our volunteers covering each week! **Three more people** are needed for a dependable future rota; please contact the office or Maureen (674458) if willing to give it a try.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** a huge thank you to all of you who made cakes for refreshments, contributed items to the sales tables or gave of your time. The combination of all efforts no matter how small resulted in a major contribution to this community event. Again thank you all.

Joan Horton-Fawkes (671427)

**Eco Church – Atewa Forest:** following COP26, we have received an update about the A Rocha International project that we pray for. A Rocha Ghana produced a 2-minute video about Atewa Forest, and there's another short video, including points for prayer: [Saving The Atewa Forest: A Rocha Ghana at COP26.](#)

**December Lymington Parish News, Churchwardens' Notes para 5, Errata:** The All Saints Church project has taken seven years, not four! Maureen Harris.

**West End Project:** Don't forget to tell us what you think! Go to [www.spud.org.uk/stthomaschurch](http://www.spud.org.uk/stthomaschurch).

**ECO TIPS** December: Amid the busyness of Christmas, don't forget the 5 R's of Recycling, to reduce waste: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (ie compost)!



Church Book Club

**Place of Repose: St Cuthbert's Last Journey** by Katharine Tieman

The year is 875, and the Danish King of York, Halfden Ragnarsson, is carrying fire and sword across Northumbria, burning churches and monasteries and killing their inhabitants. The once-great Christian kingdom is at the mercy of the heathen. The monks of Lindisfarne flee, taking the relics of Saint Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels with them. Their journey in search of a new home for the Saint lasts for seven years and changes the lives of the men who bear him for ever.

Discussion Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm on Zoom.

**The Overstory** by Richard Powers

The million-copy global bestseller and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2019. 'It changed how I thought about the Earth and our place in it' - Barack Obama

Discussion Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 4pm on Zoom.

**Christmas Events:** a leaflet detailing events from Advent Sunday until St.Stephen's Day is available at the back of the church. Do take a copy.

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