

Prayer & Worship

19th December 2021

ADVENT 4

Theme: Advent

Topic: Mary

Readings:

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-55

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

Messy Church has been cancelled

9.15am Choral Communion

Anthem: The Angel Gabriel, arranged Pettman

Voluntary: Fugue in D major by J C Kellner

Live streamed from our YouTube channel – see

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No Refreshments this week

11.00am Life & Soul

4.00pm Choir Carol Service

Voluntary: 'In dulci jubilo' (BWV 729) by J S Bach

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Princess Royal Close, Private Road, Pyrford Mews, Quay Hill. Organist Martin Penrose and the choir.

Sick: Sarah Heulin and all who are unwell.

Year's Mind: Heather Pooley (2020).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 20th 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

12noon Monday Lunch – STH

Tuesday 21st December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

11.00am Taketime Meditation Zoom as 9am prayer

6.00pm Meet the Vicar (by appointment) – STC

Wednesday 22nd December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

11.00am Holy Communion – STC

Thursday 23rd December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer



CHRISTMAS EVE

Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10; John 1: 1-14

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'; 'Infant holy'

Voluntary: God rest you merry gentlemen by Wilbur Held

CHRISTMAS DAY

Readings:

Titus 3: 4-7

Luke 2: 1-20

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 Darke

Voluntary: 'Noel' by Louis-Claude Daquin

12.15pm Invited guests to Christmas Lunch

NEXT SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER ST.STEPHEN

Theme: St.Stephen

Readings: Acts 7: 51-60; Matthew 10: 17-22

10.30am Holy Communion

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

Free Parking in Lymington: this weekend, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th December, all parking in the town will be free to encourage local shopping.



TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft Stall: last opportunity to purchase Traidcraft items is this Sunday 19th December in church. We will not be running the stall at Vistas on Thursday 6th January but will be back on Sunday 16th January in church.

Carol Service: we will be streaming the Carol Service this Sunday, 19th December, at 4pm (use the link <https://lymingtonchurch.org/> to access). Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested in joining us.

The Children's Society Christmas Cards; two packs remain unclaimed and are in the office pigeon hole in the narthex. Please leave payment in the parish office.

Christmas Day Lunch Gifts: over 30 people are attending the lunch in our hall. Donations of small wrapped gifts (value £5.00 or under), marked for a lady or gentleman, would be very much appreciated. Please bring on Sunday 19th or to the parish office.

Christmas Day Lunch Small Cakes and Mince Pies: donations of small Christmas cakes and mince pies would be appreciated. Please bring to St.Thomas hall on Christmas Eve between 12pm and 3pm.

Christmas Collections: the PCC has decided that the cash collections at our Christmas services will be shared with Médecins sans frontières Afghan Crisis Appeal.

Gift Bags: thank you to everyone who bought gift bags and £80.00 has been raised for St.Thomas church.
Barbara Payne



Christmas Cards: please check your surname's pigeon hole in the narthex to pick up Christmas cards from other parishioners.

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.

West End Project: Don't forget to tell us what you think! Go to www.spud.org.uk/stthomaschurch.



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 26th 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 23rd 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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