

Prayer & Worship

26th December 2021

ST.STEPHEN



Theme: St.Stephen

Readings:

Acts 7: 51-60

Matthew 10: 17-22

Collect: Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.30am Holy Communion

Voluntary: 'Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her' (BWV 700) by J S Bach

Live streamed from our YouTube channel – see www.lymingtonchurch.org

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Anglican Church in Central America.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Quay Road, Quay Street, Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Queen Katherine Road. Verger Helen Pocklington

Sick: Sarah Heulin, Clive Rigden and all who are unwell.

Year's Mind:

Janette Banks (2020), Cyril Payne, Priest (2014).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 27th December BANK HOLIDAY
ST.JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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

Tuesday 28th December BANK HOLIDAY
THE HOLY INNOCENTS

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 29th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

11.00am NO Holy Communion this week

Thursday 30th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Friday 31st December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Saturday 1st January

9.00am Prayer for the work of the parish

Parish Office 01590 676194

The parish office will be closed from 12noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January, then open 9.30am to 11.30am Tuesday to Friday
office@lymingtonchurch.org

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY

EPIPHANY

Theme: Epiphany

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

Collect: Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Anthem: 'O little one sweet' by J S Bach

Voluntary: Allegro in D major by John Stanley

Live streamed from our YouTube channel – see www.lymingtonchurch.org

Refreshments in St.Thomas hall

11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Queen Street, Rashley Mews, Ravenscourt Road, Ravenscroft Road. Servers and Communion Assistants (organiser Derek Mills).

Sick: Sarah Heulin, Clive Rigden and all who are unwell.

Year's Mind: *Please give names to the parish office*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd January BANK HOLIDAY

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

Tuesday 4th January

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

11.00am *Taketime* Meditation

Zoom link as for 9am prayer

Wednesday 5th January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Poetry Corner – STC

11.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 6th January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Vistas Café – STH

10.00am Stitch and Knit – STH

Friday 7th January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Friday Fellowship – STC

7.00pm Choir Practice – STC

Saturday 8th January

9.00am Prayer for the work of the parish

**SUNDAY 9th JANUARY
BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

Theme: Baptism of Christ

Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3: 15-17, 21, 22

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral 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!



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

Traidcraft Stall: we will not be running the stall at Vistas on Thursday 6th January but will be back on Sunday 16th January in church.



TRAIDCRAFT

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

Lymington Parish News 2022: general items or original contributions for inclusion in the February edition of the parish magazine should reach the Editor by Thursday 6th January. For our regular columnists the deadline is Monday 17th January. Subscriptions become due with the February issue.

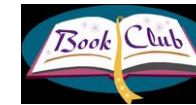
Sunday Refreshments in our ventilated Hall between the services has had a successful start. **Three more people** are needed for a dependable future rota; please contact the office or Maureen (674458) if willing to give it a try.

Basics Bank: currently packing up to 120 food parcels per week, and 169 reverse advent calendars consisting of about 30 Christmas treats were delivered, with thanks to those who contributed. They also recently put together 630 Christmas bags for referral agents to distribute.

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.