

Prayer & Worship

5th December 2021

ADVENT 2

Theme: Advent

Topic: John the Baptist,
Preparation

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 3: 1-6



Collect: Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Anthem: People, look East, arranged Archer

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in E minor by
Nicolaus Bruhns

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

Refreshments in St.Thomas hall

11.00am Life & Soul

1.00pm Christmas Tree Festival

4.00pm Cantaras Choir Concert – STC

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Church: The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Our Parish: Those who live and work in Pearmain
Drive, Peartree Court, Pilgrim Place, Pippin Close.
Christmas Tree Festival (organiser Daphne Johnston).

Sick: Sarah Heulin and all who are unwell.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 6th 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

10.00am Christmas Tree Festival (till 5pm)

12noon Monday Lunch – STH

Tuesday 7th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Toddler Group – STH

10.00am Christmas Tree Festival (till 5pm)

11.00am Taketime Meditation

Zoom link as for 9am prayer

5.00pm WI Carol Service – STC

6.00pm NO Meet the Vicar this week

Wednesday 8th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Poetry Corner – STC

11.00am Holy Communion – STC

Thursday 9th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am LIS Visit to STC

10.00am Vistas Café – STH

10.00am Stitch and Knit – STH

2.45pm Wedding of Nathan and Frances – STC

Friday 10th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Friday Fellowship – STC

2.30pm Walhampton Carol Service – STC

7.00pm Choir Practice – STC

Saturday 11th December

9.00am Prayer for the work of the parish

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10.00am All Saints Open Morning (till 11am)

**4.00pm 'Nutcracker and Carols' Nova Foresta
& Concert – STC**

6.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER ADVENT 3

Theme: Advent

Topic: John the Baptist, Repentance

Readings: Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

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11.00am Life & Soul

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 Dec 'Nutcracker & Carols' Nova Foresta
Concert, 4pm and 6pm, STC

News

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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!

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.

Parish Christmas Lunch at Lanes: the restaurant has requested that those attending take a Lateral Flow Test the day before attending to check they are virus free.

All Saints Open Morning: Saturday 11th December between 10am and 11am. Everyone is invited to see the changes at All Saints, new acoustic fence, new central heating, toilets, floors and decorated walls.

'Nutcracker & Carols': Saturday 11th December, 4pm and 6pm in St.Thomas Church. Nova Foresta Classical Players and Lymington Choral Society. Tickets £13 adults and £9 children on the door or [here](#).

Gift Bags: thank you to everyone who bought gift bags. I raised £46. I will be selling them again on Sunday 12th December. Barbara Payne

Trip to Lee Abbey 17th to 21st January 2022: come and join us for a new year holiday retreat led by Ian Nicholson from 24-7 Prayer entitled 'House of Prayer for all Nations'. The Christain community is based at a beautiful estate on the North Devon coast. <https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/> Please book directly with Lee Abbey. Peter and Sarah

Communal Christmas Card: if you would like to opt in to the card, which will be sent by email or by hand to everyone, please give your name to Gill in the office by **Monday 6th December**.

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

Ride and Stride 2021: thank you to everyone who took part and to Anthea MacAlister for organising. We have received £327.40, being our share of the money we raised.

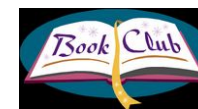
Eco Church – follow up to COP26: we were all praying for COP26, and you can read A Rocha UK's summary of progress made [here](#). Christians are encouraged to keep speaking up. We are invited to email (or write to) our MP and/or send Boris a Christmas card, urging the government to act on their promises. Find the information at www.theclimatecoalition.org/

Friends of St Thomas Church Christmas Cards: now on sale in the church **with two new designs**. Payment by envelope provided. Larger orders please leave payment in the Parish Office. Contact Joanna Oswin or Daphne Johnston via the office.

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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