

# Prayer & Worship

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Advent 2



**Theme:** Advent Book:  
The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder

**Topic:** The Prophets –  
Waiting for the Day of the Lord

**Readings:** Isaiah 11:6-9; Mark 1:1-8

**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 <i>This service will be live-streamed</i>
	Refreshments from Church servery
11.00am	Life & Soul Informal Service
3.00pm	Baptism of Elsie - STC

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Our World:** Please pray for all those affected by the continuing conflict in the Middle East and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

**Church:** The Church of Pakistan (United)

**Our Parish:** Thank you to the staging and audio/visual teams who are being kept busy in the run-up to Christmas.

**Please pray for those who live and work in** Ricardo Way, Ridgeway Lane, Ringbury and Rookes Lane.

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Monday 11<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  
 12.00noon Monday Lunch Club - STH  
 3pm & 6pm Oakhaven Light up a Life - STC  
 7.00pm Choir Practice - STC

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Toddler Group - STH  
 1pm & 6pm Lymington Infants School - STC

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Poetry Corner - STC  
 11.00am Holy Communion - STC

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Vistas Café - STH  
 1.30pm Lymington Junior School - STC

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Friday Fellowship Group

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9.00am Prayers for the parish: All are welcome to join the small group for a short time to pray for events and concerns of the parish.

### NEXT SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

**Theme:** Advent Book: The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder  
**Topic:** John The Baptist – Waiting between times.  
**Readings:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end; John 1.6-8, 19-28

8.00am	Early Communion
9.15am	Choral Communion
	Refreshments from Church servery
11.00am	Life & Soul Informal Service
4.00pm	Choir Carols

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm:** Lessons & Carols; much loved traditional Christmas carols. Stay for mulled wine & mince pies.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm:** Crib Service; dress as your favourite nativity character.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30pm:** Midnight Mass, Traditional midnight Choral Eucharist.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am:** Christmas Communion; We gather to celebrate Christmas Day.

# News

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**Christmas Day Lunch:** We welcome all parishioners who would otherwise be on their own that day. If you, or anyone in the parish, would like to receive details and an invitation, please contact the parish office. We are looking for donations of small, wrapped gifts, costing no more than £5, to be distributed on the day. Please bring them to the office on weekday mornings, indicating whether the gift is for a lady or a gentleman.

**Foundation Governor Required:** Lymington CofE Infant School has two forthcoming vacancies on the governing body. This is a wonderful and rewarding way to contribute to the flourishing of children in our parish. If you are interested and would like to learn more about the role, please contact our vicar Lee Thompson for further details.

**Parish Office:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed every Wednesday up to Christmas week.

**Advent:** Our chosen book for Advent is "The Meaning is in the Waiting" by Paula Gooder. Please consider buying through local or independent bookshops where possible. Also available on Amazon.

**Town Clock:** You may have noticed that the town clock is silent. The chimes are in need of repair and it will take some time to get them restored.

**Knitvity Trail:** It's advent and the Lymington Knitvity Trail is already underway! The winner will be drawn from completed entries on 18<sup>th</sup> December and they win the whole knitted set. For more details grab a trail form by the post box in the narthex and/or speak to Helen who can tell you more!

**Christmas Tree Festival: From Joan Horton-Fawkes:** Huge thanks to all of you who baked, provided all sorts of assistance no matter how small to make the refreshments and sales tables be as successful and enjoyable as they were. A special word to Joan Harris who for so many years has made table decorations to sell and has decided this is her last year of doing so. Thank you Joan.

**From Daphne Johnston:** Thank you to every one who contributed to the enormous success of the Christmas Tree Festival. The stewards, musicians, sponsors, artisans, volunteers and management team. This was a generous and magical start to a Lymington Christmas.

**H&S Officer required:** The PCC is seeking a Health & Safety Officer following Clive's move to Winchester. Could you be the person to help ensure that our buildings, services and activities are conducive to a safe and welcoming environment for all? Contact our vicar or church wardens for more details.

### 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm:

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph Catholic Church, High Street, Lymington - A candlelit interdenominational service recognising that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. For the bereaved, for those whose family live far away, for those who want a quiet time before Christmas.

**From Bronwen Bridges:** A big thank you to those who donated phones for three young men in Sierra Leone. They are extremely grateful.



## Christmas Appeals for the Holy Land

**Friends of the Holy Land**, an ecumenical Christian charity seeking to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, have launched a Christmas appeal – Don't Let Their Light Go Out. <https://t.ly/ekiA8>

In addition, **Christian Aid** has launched a Middle East Crisis Appeal here <https://t.ly/tBm7Q> Finally, the **Embrace the Middle East** Gaza Crisis Appeal can be found here <https://t.ly/ljpR2>



Take a break from all the busy-ness to be outdoors and see wildlife. Soak up the seasonal sights on our doorstep – we're spoilt for choice.

**Parish Office 01590 676194**  
**Open 9.30am to 11.30am**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**  
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