

Prayer & Worship

17th December 2023

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

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.

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
4.00pm	Lessons & Carols – stay for mulled wine and mince pies

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

Our Parish: Thank you to the School Foundation Governors.

Please pray for those who live and work in Rowans Park, Russet Close, Samber Close and Samphire Close.

Departed: Althea Swann; Michela Wreyford

Year's Mind: Derek Mills; Catherine Richards; Norman Gannaway.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 18th 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

Tuesday 19th December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 20th December

Parish Office Closed

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Poetry Corner - STC
11.00am Holy Communion - STC

Thursday 21st December

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Vistas Café - STH

9.00am **Friday 22nd December**
10.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
Friday Fellowship Group

9.00am **Saturday 23rd December**
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 24th December Christmas Eve

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

Topic: Mary - A lifetime of waiting

Readings: Romans 16:25-end; Luke 1:26-38

8.00am	Early Communion
5.00pm	Crib Service: Dress as your favourite nativity character!
11.30pm	Midnight Mass, Traditional midnight Choral Eucharist.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 25th December, 10.30am: Christmas Communion; We gather to celebrate Christmas Day.

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Christmas Eve, 24th December: Please note that there will be the usual service at 8am but no services at 9.15am or 11am. Join us for the Crib Service at 5pm or Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

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.

Streamed Services – Two apologies! Firstly the video quality has not been good for the last couple of weeks. This is a result of a routine software update which seems to have caused the picture to become very jerky. As we don't yet understand what has specifically changed, it is difficult to solve the problem when you don't know the cause. But we are trying! Secondly, due to our attempts to solve the first problem we affected the login to the streaming program so were unable to live stream last Sunday's 9.15am service. However we recorded most of the service and have made it available on the YouTube channel.

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 on Wednesday 20th and 27th December.

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 18th 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!

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.

Pilates Class in the Hall starting Wednesday 10th January. For further details contact Stephanie on 07949 183140.

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>

Christian Aid has launched a Middle East Crisis Appeal here <https://t.ly/tBm7Q>

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.

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