

Prayer & Worship

3rd December 2023

Advent



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

Topic: Abraham & Sarah – Called to Wait

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9; Mark 13.24-end

Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

8.00am	Early Communion
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9.15am	Choral Communion <i>This service will be live-streamed</i>
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	Refreshments from Church servery
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11.00am	Life & Soul Informal Service
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5.00pm	Advent Carols
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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Our World: Please pray for all those affected by the continuing conflict in the Middle East.

Church: The Church of North India (United)

Our Parish: Thank you to everyone involved in setting up 65 trees and preparing for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Please pray for those who live and work in Ravenscourt Road, Ravenscroft Road, Redvers Close and Redwood Close.

Departed: Philip Andrews

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 4th 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
7.00pm Choir Practice - STC

Tuesday 5th December
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Toddler Group - STH
5.00pm Salterns WI Carol Service - STC

Wednesday 6th December
Parish Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Poetry Corner - STC
11.00am Holy Communion - STC

Thursday 7th December
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Vistas Café – STH

Friday 8th December
9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Friday Fellowship Group

Saturday 9th 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.
4.00pm Concert: Lymington Choral Society

NEXT SUNDAY 10th December

Advent 2

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

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3.00pm	Baptism
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 9th December 4pm – STC:
 Lymington Choral Society present
 Messiah and Festive Favourites for choir and audience. Tickets from Solent Cellar and Milford News or
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-lymington-choral-society/messiah-festive-favourites-for-choir-audience/e-bdyqeq>

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Christmas Tree Festival from 1st to 5th

December: Come and see the trees, lots of decorations for sale plus the Café selling refreshments and homemade cakes and savouries.

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.

Livestreaming: The film free zone is in the back 5 rows of the church. The service will appear on YouTube for a month after which time it will be removed.

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.

CofE Advent Calendars can be purchased online:
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781404430/follow-the-star-advent-calendar>

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.

Children’s Corner: Thanks to very generous donations, we now have enough funds to refurbish the Children’s Corner. Thank you to Helen for painting the walls and, together with helpers, tidied this area.

Knitvity Trail: It’s advent and the Lymington Knitvity Trail is already underway! The winner will be drawn from completed entries on 18 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!



Thursday 14th December, 7pm, Ocean Cruise Terminal Southampton: Port Christmas Carol Concert. Free entry. All proceeds go to Mission to Seafarers and Young Lives vs Cancer.

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.

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.

Eco Church: COP28 will be held 30th November to 12th December in Dubai. The Church of England has produced a brief guide to the COP, which you can read either online at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/how-christians-can-get-involved-un-climate-conference-cop28>

Communal Christmas Card: If you would like your name to be included on the card please email or contact Suzie at the Lymington Church Office by Sunday 3rd December.

Eco Church – Blister Packs: This recycling programme is paused for the time being while they work with Aldi to address the high demand. They are looking for ways to resume it.

ECO TIPS 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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