

Prayer & Worship

31st December 2023

Christmas 1



Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:15-21

Collect: God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Refreshments from Church
society

11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service

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 Rwanda.

Our Parish: Thank you to all those involved with the Christmas Day Lunch, especially to Daphne Johnston for being determined that it should go ahead, Mikki for cooking a delicious meal, all the volunteers who made it possible and all those who contributed so generously.

Please pray for those who live and work in Shrubbs Avenue, Solent Avenue, Solent Grove and South Grove.

Year's Mind: Shirley Seward, Emmalena Smith

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday 1st January

New Year's Day

Parish Office Closed

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

No Monday Lunch Club today

Tuesday 2nd January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 3rd January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

10.00am Poetry Corner - STC

11.00am Holy Communion - STC

9.00am **Thursday 4th January**
Zoom Morning Prayer
No Vistas Café today

9.00am **Friday 5th January**
Zoom Morning Prayer
10.00am Friday Fellowship Group

9.00am **Saturday 6th January**
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 7th January Epiphany

Theme: Growing younger together

Topic: Epiphany

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

8.00am Early Communion

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 20th January, 7pm: Nova Foresta Classical Players present "Cry of the Forest" and featuring Music of the Movies. Tickets available online from:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nova-foresta-classical-players/cry-of-the-forest-music-from-the-movies/e-ormvby>

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Wednesday 3rd January, 2pm: Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Althea Swann – STC

Thursday 4th January, 10.30am: Funeral Service for the late Michela Wreyford - STC

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.

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.

Christmas Collections will be distributed as follows:

Crib Service, Christmas Eve: to the Bible Society

Midnight Service, Christmas Eve: 50% to New Forest for Ukraine

Christmas Day morning service: 50% to The Children's Society

Support for Ukraine: More than ever now, Ukraine needs our moral and physical support. New Forest for Ukraine (NFFU) is our local charitable organisation which has a hub on Ampress Park. The hub collects, sorts and sends out humanitarian aid of all descriptions. Right now, there is an extra appeal for funds to supply portable electric generators, costing approximately £300 each. You can learn more on their website:

<http://www.newforestforukraine.co.uk/>

Monday Lunch Club returns on Monday 15th January.

Vistas Café will be closed for two weeks over Christmas, reopening on Thursday January 11th.

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

Free Saturday Club at St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery: Open to 13 to 16 year-olds of all abilities, the Club starts on 6th January and runs every Saturday until 20th July from 10.00am -1.00pm. Details on the notice board.

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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