

# Prayer & Worship

## 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Epiphany



**Theme:** Growing Younger Together

**Topic:** Epiphany

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

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

8.00am Early Communion

9.15am Choral Communion

Refreshments from Church  
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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 Scottish Episcopal Church.

**Our Parish:** Thank you to Jonathan Cook, who, in his role as Safeguarding Officer, has been busy keeping all records up to date.

**Please pray for those who live and work in** Southampton Road, Southern Road, Spartina Drive and Spring Road.

**Sick:** Pauline King

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

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

7.00pm No Monday Lunch Club today  
Choir Practice - STC

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Toddler Group - STH

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

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

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Vistas Café - STH

9.00am **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
Zoom Morning Prayer  
10.00am Friday Fellowship Group

9.00am **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> January

#### Epiphany 2

**Theme:** Growing younger together

**Topic:** Growing

**Readings:** Ephesians 4:1-7; John 1:43-end

8.00am Early Communion with  
Visiting Bishop Jean Pierre  
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11.00am Life & Soul Informal Service  
with Visiting Bishop Jean  
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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

# News

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[www.lymingtonchurch.org](http://www.lymingtonchurch.org)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am - Prayers for Healing with Laying on of Hands:** There will be a short healing service in the Courtney Chapel for David Hanks whose otosclerosis has begun to seriously impact his singing in our Church choir. Please support David in your prayers and feel welcome to attend on the day if you are able.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3.15pm:** Messy Church at Lymington Infants School.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January:** St Mark's Pennington – The licensing service for the new Priest in Charge has been postponed.

**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.

**Monday Lunch Club** returns on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Christmas Cards:** Please check the pigeon holes in the Narthex and pick up any remaining Christmas cards which may be there for you.

**Christmas Collections** - Donations will be made as follows:

To the Bible Society £250

To New Forest for Ukraine £270

To The Children's Society £280

**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/>

**Energy use:** A survey of the Church and Hall, which was carried out in 2022/3, resulted in some cost savings. A small team is now being gathered to follow up with a second survey to see whether further savings can be made. If you would be interested in joining this group, please call Jeremy Vines on 672020.

**Ink:** We have some bottles of printer ink which are no longer needed. If you can use them, please contact the office.

**Church Cleaner:** Kathy will be away for 3 weeks and covering her absence will be Melvyn, known through links with our Lymington RBL. We are grateful that he will be attending to the necessary duties.

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

**Needed:** Unwanted Christmas decorations from baubles to small artificial trees. Anything Christmas related would be welcome. Required for the Christmas Tree Festival 2024. Joan Horton-Fawkes 01590 671427  
[hortonfawkes@gmail.com](mailto:hortonfawkes@gmail.com)

**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>*

**Christmas Tree Recycling:** NFDC will recycle your tree by chipping it to create mulch. The mulch will be used locally to help keep moisture around plant roots, and to prevent weeds from growing. The local drop off point for Lymington is in the Bath Road car park.



Recycle your Christmas cards by cutting them into labels, ready for next Christmas.

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