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Join us and enjoy a range of stalls including jewellery, clothing, food and gifts.

- **Free children's activity trail.**
- **Children's craft workshop** (1.30pm - 2.30pm)
- **Wreathmaking workshop** (11.30am - 12.30pm)

For more details and to book a place on a workshop,

contact claire@wimborneminster.org.uk

For other children's and family events at the Minster see page 8.



Save the Children®

The annual **Save the Children Parade** takes place on Saturday 9th December, **starting at 2.15pm from the Allenvie Car Park**. There will also be plenty going on in The Square throughout the day, to raise money for

Come and join us on

Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm

in Church House Hall

for an informal singalong of Christmas songs and carols, with refreshments. Donations are for Sheila Soper's Sudan/Uganda fund; this is to organise the purchase of some land to enable a very large poverty-stricken family to be self-sufficient.



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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday of the month

11.15 am

Minster Praise *with Communion on the last Sunday of the month*

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion

11.00am, Wednesday *(in the Minster)*

Morning Prayer

8.30 am, Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

Evening Prayer

5.00pm Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am

3rd Thursday **Holy Communion (BCP)**

We will continue to stream the 9.30 am service on Youtube. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

In November

16th Interment of ashes of Phyllis Wood

22nd Funeral of Robert Cave aged 96 years

Dates for your diary - December

Friday 1st

10.30am – 12 noon

Forest Garden for Homeschooling families

12 noon – 1.00pm

Lunch and Chat (Church House)

2.30pm

Dorset Women's Institute Carol Service

Saturday 2nd

7.30pm

Wimborne Choral Society Concert

Sunday 3rd, First Sunday in Advent

4.00pm

Hurn Court Opera recital
(Church House)

6.30pm

Advent Service

Tuesday 5th	10.00am	Wimborne First School Christingle
	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	6.00pm	Yarrell's School Carol Service
Wednesday 6th	11.00am	Holy Communion in Church House lounge
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
	7.30pm	St Michael's School Carol Service
Thursday 7th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	12.00 noon	Oasis lunch
	7.00pm	Queen Elizabeth's School Carol Service
Friday 8th	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 9th	11.00am – 3.00pm	Christmas Crafts Fayre (Minster)
	7.00pm	Broadstone Community Band Concert

Sunday 10th, Second Sunday in Advent: Focus on Mothers' Union

	9.30am	Preacher: Revd Jayne Tyrer , Salisbury Diocesan Mothers' Union chaplain,
	From 12.00 noon	Shared Lunch organised by Mothers' Union (Church House)
Monday 11th	7.00pm	Corfe Hills School Carol Service
Tuesday 12th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	2.30pm	Carol-singing and tea to raise funds for Sudan (Church House)
	6.00pm	Poole Grammar School Carol Service
Wednesday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion in Church House lounge
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Dorset Police Carol Service
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 14th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group: service in Minster at 10.30
	3.00pm	Castle Court Carol Service

Thursday 14th	7.30pm	Canford School Carol Service
Friday 15th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
	2.30pm	Dumpton School Carol Service
Saturday 16th	12 noon – 2.00pm	Festive Cream Tea and Quiz for families (Church House Upstairs)
	7.30pm	Bournemouth District Concert Band
Sunday 17th, Third Sunday in Advent		
	6.30pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 19th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden children's Christmas party
Wednesday 20th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	8.00pm	Compline by Candlelight with Quintus Imperfectus (Crypt)
Thursday 21st	11am	Carols at St Margaret's Chapel
Friday 22nd	6.00pm	Carols in the Cornmarket
Saturday 23rd	11.00am	Shoppers' Carol Service
Sunday 24th, Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion (No Minster Praise)
	3.00pm	Crib Service: a No-rehearsal Nativity
	11.00pm	Midnight Eucharist
Monday 25th, Christmas Day		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.30am Parish Eucharist (No Minster Praise)
MONDAY 26TH – SATURDAY 30TH, MINSTER CLOSED		
Friday 29th	From 10.00am	Bell peal
Sunday 31st, New Year's Eve		
	11.15	Minster Praise (theme: trusting in God and praying for the future)
	12 noon – 4.00pm	Minster open for prayer

Festive Events for Families

9th – 24th December:
Lost Shepherd's Trail
in the Minster:
help us find the
wandering
shepherds and
claim a small prize.



Saturday 16th December,
12 noon – 2.00pm: Festive Cream Tea
with crafts and quiz, in Church House.
Prizes for the winning quiz team!
Suggested donation £10 per person

Monday 18th December,
10.30am – 12 noon: Christmas Walk
at St Stephen's, Pamp Hill. Join us for a
circular, buggy-friendly walk, finishing
with hot chocolate and mince pies
at St Stephen's Church. Suggested
donation £2.50 per person.

Christmas Eve, 3.00pm, Crib Service.
Join us, dressed as your favourite
Nativity character, for our No-rehearse
Nativity. Audience participation
definitely encouraged!

To book your place at any of these
events, please email :
claire@wimborneminster.org.uk



Follow us on Facebook at
'Minster Families'



And don't forget the
Shoppers' Carol Service
Saturday 23rd December, at 11.00am:
join us for an informal, joyful service!

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer cycle for December

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|---|---|
| 1 Museum of East Dorset, Walford Mill and Model Town | 16 The Anglican Community in all its diversity |
| 2 Our vergers, John and Martin | 17 Twinning Associations |
| 3 Lay Worship Leaders | 18 Prison chaplains |
| 4 Prayer groups | 19 Local farmers |
| 5 The Mission to Seafarers | 20 Allenbourn School |
| 6 Archdeacon Anthony | 21 PCC Treasurers and Safe guarding representatives |
| 7 Wimborne Civic Society and Wimborne in Bloom | 22 Two By Two |
| 8 Local businesses, the Chamber of Trade, the BID | 23 The Minster bellringers |
| 9 FairTrade | 24 God's Acre Group |
| 10 GPs, nurses, carers, physiotherapists | 25 Pramacare |
| 11 Our retired clergy | 26 Dioceses of Yambio and Nzara in South Sudan |
| 12 The Minster Choir, children and adults | 27 Vision Wimborne |
| 13 The flower arrangers, silver polishers and Broderers | 28 The financial sector |
| 14 The Friends of Wimborne Minster | 29 Climate change |
| 15 Church Mission Society | 30 Local Hospices |

*Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers.
In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.*

Collecting for Angels

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to buying chocolate Angels from the Meaningful Chocolate company. The Minster has been able to send 50 to Wimborne Food Bank, and 50 to Wimborne Food Supply at the Allendale.



Looking ahead to January... Silent Film Night

**20th January, 7.00pm
with live organ
accompaniment**

We hope to show Harold Lloyd's 1923 masterpiece, *Safety Last*.



Christmas is coming

My wife and I were walking through Covent Garden on Monday 23rd October. Our way was blocked by a delivery van – unloading Christmas trees! That's more than two months before the event, so a long period of expectation.

I shouldn't complain because in the church we have to plan far ahead, always looking forwards to what is to come. The Wimborne Team are already thinking about Easter 2024, and this 'Christmas letter' is authored on 14th November. It's not even Advent yet. Now this could become a rant, but rather I want to direct our thoughts to anticipation, an eagerness for what is to come. The word that sums this all up is hope. Hope is a confidence in the future. Hope flies in the face of experienced reality – but it looks beyond the now. In terms of our Christian faith, hope is a trust and belief in the goodwill and purposes of God.

As I write, war in the Holy Land seems to present all concerned with an almost hopeless situation. It is impossible to be dispassionate from a distance about world events that cause such division and distress. What must it be like for the numerous *Holy Innocents* whose lives are lost, marred, and shattered by war? Where is hope in the midst of such violence and cruelty?

Saint Paul had to face up to the reality of great suffering and address this issue. In his letter, **Romans 8:18-26**, Paul writes of the glory that lies beyond, a freeing from the bondage of decay – the great hope. "Hope that is seen is no hope at all", because it is real. By definition, hope



is about faith and trust – that a *return to Eden* is possible. The Spirit of God abounds all the more where there is despair, as light in the midst of darkness, as goodness in the face of evil.

The term, 'the Day After' is being coined in the media to address what might happen when this (and any) war ends. It is both a realisation that wars always end, and that life goes on. Where there is life, there is hope.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the life (the incarnation) of a holy child. The circumstances were seemingly unfavourable – let the reader draw the parallels of the nativity story with our present times. In Christ, *hope is born from above* – hope that we can take hold of and fully trust and believe in.



And so, the time of expectation unfolds once again – not a month or two but eternal in its scope. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. The Spirit intercedes with all creation that was, and is, and is to come. The Spirit brings the birth and re-birth of peace and reconciliation in Christ.

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

A blessing upon you, your families and loved ones and especially for those who presently trouble us. We pray as the Lord directed, for His saving grace at times of testing, and for delivery from the evil one. Embrace hope in Him!

Happy Advent and Christmas - **Andrew, Rector**

Mothers' UNION
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On Sunday December 10th, worship at the 9.30am eucharist will focus on the Mothers' Union and the work it takes part in. That day is the UN Day of Human Rights, and in 2023 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is 75 years old. (You can read the full text of the UDHR at <https://www.un.org>.) December 10th also marks the end of the annual international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which the MU takes part in internationally.



What else does the Mothers' Union do?

Prayer

Prayer is the foundation of the MU's work. The Salisbury MU Chaplain, Revd Jayne Tyrer, will be preaching in the Minster on the 10th. Salisbury MU has special links with the dioceses of Botswana, Marsabit in Kenya, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Idah and Jebba in Nigeria.

Holidays for those in need

The MU has a six-berth mobile holidayhome at Rockley Park, Poole for those in need.

Social Justice

The MU supports women's refugees in Salisbury diocese, particularly the Salisbury Women's Refuge; the Minster MU has been collecting items for the women there recently.

Prisons

Salisbury diocese includes Guy's Marsh and Erlestoke Prisons for men. MU members give support in the families units of the prisons, and through the Angel Tree Project, prisoners' children receive presents at Christmas. Through Sheila Soper's visits to South Sudan for the Mothers' Union, many at the Minster are also aware of how important the Mothers' Union is in other countries around the world. Find out more on our Focus Sunday.





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2024: Fully Reliant on God?

Why is there a big picture of a frog pinned to our kitchen notice board? The clue is in the caption: 'Fully Reliant On God.' As we look ahead to 2024, that may well be a sentiment many of us want to take to heart! What will this new year mean for our world, our nation, our town?

For our families, friends, and ourselves? And for the advancement of the Kingdom of God here and around the globe? A year of problems and pain? Across the world there are wars and rumours of wars - as Jesus warned us in Matthew 24:6 - whilst the warring nations ignore the climate crisis and the care of God's creation. Here at home the cost of living and housing crises continue to take their toll. Or maybe a year of opportunity and new beginnings? As well as life's usual changes and chances, we have elections for Dorset Council in May, and for the USA President on Tuesday 3rd November, while the British Prime Minister must call a General Election no later than 17th December.

So the need to pray for the new year is as great as ever. To help everyone in



Wimborne do that, on New Year's Eve, Sunday 31st December:

• **Minster Praise (at 11.15am) will focus on Trusting in God and praying for the future.**

• **The Minster will be open for Prayer and Reflection from 12.30pm to 4pm, with a prayer station and prayer aids; you will be welcome to come and go at any time.**

On the flyleaf of my first Bible, my Grandparents wrote "Proverbs 3:6" - *"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths"*.

Come and pray that in 2024 this may be the way ahead for our world, nation, community, and everyone we love.

**- Andrew Patrick,
Lay Worship Leader**

On Sunday 19th November the Friends of the Minster enjoyed their Tea Party in Church House. The afternoon began with some home-grown entertainment provided by DeAshton, Dinah Ingle-Finch, Leoni Thurlow and Peter Cook. This was followed by tea and cake and a chance for people to socialise. The Friends have recently made grants for new choir surplices and books for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.



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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 1: 26-56 & Matthew 1: 18-25

In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary, was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.

In one year we will
complete our wedding



Then God's messenger
angel came to see Mary.



You will have God's baby,
and call him Jesus, 'God saves',
because he will save people
from what they do wrong.



How can this happen?



Your cousin Elizabeth, who
couldn't have children, is
now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited
Elizabeth.



When Joseph heard that
Mary was pregnant, he
was very upset.



This will bring
shame on me and
my family.



He always did what was right
so he decided to end their
marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came
to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary.
The baby is God's, and you will
call him Jesus.

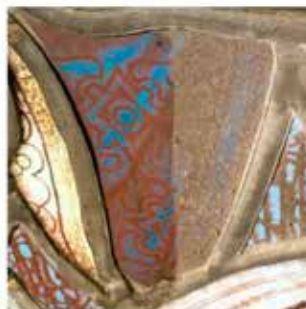


So Joseph and Mary
completed their marriage.



Cleaning the Druitt window

It was decided to take advantage of the expensive scaffolding, erected for repairing the stonework in the South Transept, to repair and clean the window. This work is paid for, in part, by a generous grant from the Friends of Wimborne Minster. Stained glass experts Nathan Cooper and Michelle Dawson, of Bridport-based restoration and conservation firm Stonecroft, are at work, and you can see the difference in these two details. The window was given in memory of the eminent surgeon Dr William Druitt, and the panels show healing miracles and the vision from Revelations of



the Water of Life flowing out from God for the healing of the nations.

Churchwardens vs. Bellringers



The annual skittles challenge match took place at the Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton, on November 17th. The Churchwardens' team is made up of present and past churchwardens and their spouses, and some of the clergy. It was a great social evening, with a meal supplied by the pub, and a chance for everyone to get together and chat. The trophy at play is a soft toy called Maurice, in memory of a past long-serving vergers. This year the Churchwardens' team retained the trophy, achieving both the highest and the lowest scores of the evening. Maurice has now returned to the clergy vestry for another year. In the photo with Maurice: Bruce Jensen, Churchwarden, and David Warwick, Tower Captain.

Candles on the Green

On Saturday November 18th the Lewis Manning Hospice organised an event in which people were invited to place candles on the Minster Green in memory of a loved one.

Two choirs sang for the event, and the Salvation Army band played hymns on the cobbles by the north porch.



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Remembrance Day: Royal British Legion service



This year, Remembrance Day was observed on Saturday 11th, when a large crowd gathered for a short service and the two minutes' silence at the war memorial on the Minster Green; wreaths were laid by the Mayor and the Royal British Legion. On Sunday 12th, the congregation of the 9.30am service joined others on the Green at 11.00, to observe silence. In the afternoon, the

Royal British Legion service (shown here) brought together many veterans and civic groups to lay wreaths at the war memorial, as well as the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff. The photo on the lower right shows Captain David Hoyle with Town Crier Chris Brown.

Photos by Beatrice Dopita, Nigel Lloyd (middle photo, top row), and Anthony Oliver (bottom photo)

New Guide Book for The Chained Library

**ON
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The new Guide Book for the historic Chained Library of Wimborne Minster has just been published. Written and photographed entirely by the Library volunteers, it explains the history of one of the first public reference libraries in the country. It offers a clear and detailed description, with illustrations, of the range and variety of the books on display: from Saint Anselm, to early Reformer Erasmus; statesman, explorer and writer Sir Walter Raleigh to Renaissance philosopher Machiavelli; from a 'Pirate Botanist' to a one of the earliest books on mental health: from an 800-year-old

hand written manuscript on vellum, to one of the earliest examples of European printing. This is a wonderful memento of a visit to the Chained Library, or for those who love books, history and the curious. The guide book will be available to purchase from the Minster Gift Shop from December (*just in time for Christmas*) at a price of £6.00. Profits from the sale will be divided between the Library, to help maintain and preserve these precious books, and the Minster itself.

The Library's new season starts on



Monday 1st April 2024. It is open Monday to Friday, mornings and afternoons, and the first Saturday morning in each month up to the end of October. For special appointments, or group bookings, contact the Parish Office, Church House, for details.

If you would like to join the Library Team of volunteers, please leave your details at the Parish Office or with the vergier in the Minster.

**- Mike and Jayne Twomey,
Library Volunteers**

Toasting Forks and Candlesticks: an update



Last month's magazine described the two toasting forks with the Quarterjack on, and mentioned a pair of brass candlesticks that are in the vestry. To complete the story (for the moment), we now know how the candlesticks came to the Minster.

When the portable nave altar was coming into use, around 2003, Head Server Christine Feltham needed a pair of small candlesticks for use on it. She kindly donated a pair that she had inherited from her parents. Living in Bournemouth, her father used to cycle quite often to Wimborne and must have found the candlesticks here. The nave altar now has a matched set of wooden candlesticks and cross, so the brass ones have not been in use recently.

December Crossword

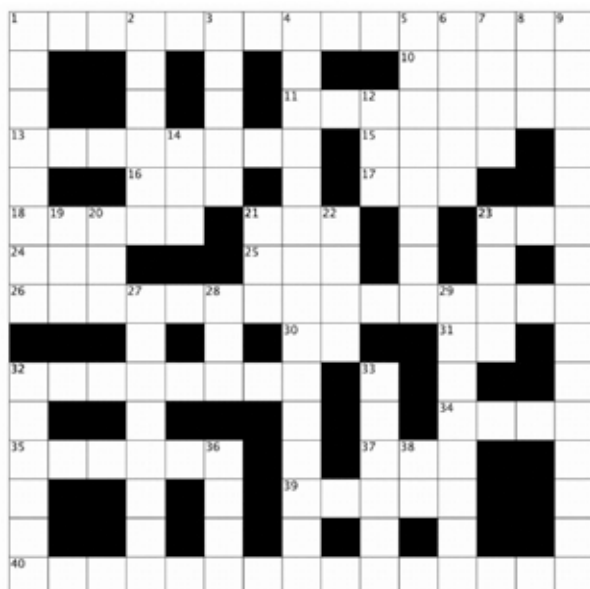
set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. He brings us presents on Dec 25 (6,9)
10. Produce a hard copy (5)
11. A sharp dagger or heel (8)
13. The world-wide web (8)
15. A factory that produces coins (4)
16. A bean that makes a nice sauce for oriental food (3)
17. What & is short for (3)
18. Very angry, fuming (5)
21. The Good ___ Days (3)
23. Chest muscle, short for 'pectoral' (3)
24. The hearing organ (3)
25. Honey producer (3)
26. Steps that turn as you ascend, as for the Chained Library (6,9)
30. "___ eye for ___ eye..." (2)
31. Choice word: "Do ___ die". (2)
32. That slip of paper we all work for (US spelling) (7)
34. A teller of falsehoods (4)
35. One who writes judgements on literature, films, etc (6)
37. British sovereignty in India (3)
39. "And there it is!" (Fr) (5)
40. A harmless diversion, such as the one you are now solving (9,6)

DOWN

1. Groups united by blood ties: a feud is a fight between ___ (8)
2. Free of deceit: truthful (6)



3. Wet weather, such as we've had all month (5)
4. When one corporation absorbs another by force (7,8)
5. Small sliver, usually wood, perhaps stuck in your skin and removed with tweezers (8)
6. Fashion, mode (5)
7. Thick glove used to catch cricket balls (4)
8. Small creature that worked hard while the grasshopper partied (3)
9. Abdominal workout, in other words (7,8)
12. Governor Hogg of Texas, incredibly, named his daughter this (3)
14. Fish eggs (3)
19. A knock on the door or a type of music (3)
20. "My name is Aristotle but you can call me ___." (3)
21. Obstetrician (abbr) (3)
22. The head of a chapter of canons (4)
23. Autumn fruit (4)
27. Small music concerts, with one or two instruments (8)
28. Falsehood (3)
29. Post-war music style, a sort of slowed-down bebop (4,4)
32. A meal outside, usually spread on a cloth (6)
33. A small prawn (6)
36. A black bird (4)
38. "My name is Albert, but you can call me ___." (2)

Answers to November's crossword

RED RIDING HOOD
ERE SOD E R R
CATER E NIECE
E A WAKE G S
I CHE L SLAMS
P HOLE N NO
THE BIG BAD WOLF
AD GIN HER
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THE THREE BEARS



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December 16th 11 - 3 Dualit Hot Chocolate Tasting

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