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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am
9.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

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 continue to stream the 9.30 am services at the Minster. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

In December

31st	Baptism of Joshua James Nickels
19th	Funeral of Audrey Newman aged 104 years
21st	Funeral of Hugh Roundhill aged 92 years

Dates for your diary - January

Monday 1st	12 noon	Bring and Share lunch (Church House)
Tuesday 2nd	10.30am - 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 3rd	1.00pm - 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.00pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 4th	9.30am - 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	12.00 noon	Oasis lunch
Friday 5th	12 noon - 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 6th, Epiphany		
Sunday 7th, Baptism of Christ		

Dates for your diary - January

Tuesday 9th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 10th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 11th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 12th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 13th	12 noon – 2.00pm	Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers AGM (Church House Upstairs)
	4.00pm	Guild of Ringers Service
Tuesday 16th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 17th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 18th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 19th	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 20th	7.00pm	Silent Film Night (Minster)
Tuesday 23rd	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
Wednesday 24th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 25th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	7.15pm	PCC meeting
Friday 26th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Homeschooling families
	12 noon – 1.00pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 27th	2.30pm	Holocaust Memorial Service
Sunday 28th	2.00pm	Hurn Court Opera (Church House upstairs)
Tuesday 23rd	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers

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

Prayer cycle for January

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Our Rector | 19 The Sudan Medical Link |
| 2 Those in training for ministry | 20 Ambulance services, paramedics and firefighters |
| 3 The OASIS group; the widowed | 21 Churchwardens |
| 4 The Lunch and Chat team | 22 Young people in the Wimborne area |
| 5 The Society of St Francis at Hilfield | 23 PCC members |
| 6 Wimborne Deanery; the Rural Dean | 24 The Chained Library: custodians, volunteers |
| 7 Wimborne Town Council | 25 The MARS Trust |
| 8 Dorset County Council | 26 Diocesan links with Evreux and Latvia |
| 9 Christian Aid | 27 The Citizens' Advice Bureau |
| 10 Victoria Hospital; Streets Meadow and Stoneleigh homes | 28 New housing developments |
| 11 Our Associate Clergy | 29 Wimborne Dementia Action Alliance |
| 12 Parish Office staff | 30 Wimborne First School |
| 13 The Mothers' Union | 31 A cause dear to your heart, not listed elsewhere |
| 14 Housegroups: prayer and study | |
| 15 The Bible Society | |
| 16 Staff of the Diocesan offices | |
| 17 East Dorset Heritage Trust | |
| 18 The police, PCSOs, the Probation Service | |

*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.*



Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

Christian Aid has been working with the most vulnerable in the Middle East since the 1950s. Their partners on the ground are supporting those displaced to southern Gaza with medicines and emergency food. Our donations can make a huge difference. Christian Aid is also exploring ways to support Israeli civilians directly impacted by the violence. Find out more details at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> ; donate online, or use the donation box in the Minster, near the vergers' desk.

- Mike Lunt

Happy New Year!

January is known as a dark month – we have limited daylight and for many this has a profound effect on their wellbeing. With more hours that are dark than light, productivity and enthusiasm can wane.

Christmas may be a distant memory now. The decorations are no doubt down, extra weight being addressed perhaps and (hopefully happy) memories stored away to treasure later as time rattles on. In the Church we linger in the Christmas season for a while longer. For Christians there is the season before the 'big day', when we look forwards with anticipation to celebrating not only Jesus' birth but his eventual return (known as Advent). Then there is Christmas Day and whoopee, it is good to celebrate the remarkable birth and gift of God's son.



After this, we stretch the joy out a little longer, marking Epiphany two weeks later – the arrival of the wise men from the East to see the baby Jesus which helps us

reflect on how Jesus came for everyone. And finally...finally... we mark when according to Jewish custom Jesus was presented by his parents at the Temple, and welcomed by the aged Simeon and Anna. Phew! It takes us step-by-step and is a delight each year. (Our Church year is always quite a journey, as we reflect on certain parts of Jesus' life at certain times).

You will no doubt have your own markers along the journey of a year – those things you expect to happen – birthdays, weddings



maybe, retirement, school changes for young ones, operations. And those you hope for – moving home maybe, a change of job, an adult child returning, an improvement financially or perhaps a new relationship.

On the cusp of this New Year, with 2024 before us, what are you hoping in? Perhaps you are feeling a little underwhelmed right now and don't get on with the time of year. Why not take some time out and think about what your hopes are for this year? Some things are set, many are not. What can you do to prepare for the things you want to see come to pass?

God spoke to a man called Jeremiah and told him

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Christians all over the world look to God every day to lead them in the things they can see and know are coming, but also to guide them into the unknown and empower, equip and steady them on the path ahead.

May God bless you whatever 2024 holds for you.

- Rev. Suzie Allen



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A challenge for the Minster from Sheila Soper

I am starting a project to buy a plot of land in Kampala, Uganda, for the widow and family of Archbishop Peter Munde, the previous Bishop of Yambio and Archbishop of Southwest Equatoria in South Sudan. I first met Archbishop Peter and Mama Margret in 2008.



Before he died in 2018, Archbishop Peter adopted 9 orphans, and his death left Mama Margret (left) with 13 children (including their own) to look after, no home, and no money. (Pastors in S Sudan do not get paid, not even Archbishops.) Many of these children have never been to school and often go without food for several days. They have been living in Kampala, Uganda, for several years, rather than going back to Yambio; educated pastors in South

Sudan make sacrifices to enable their children to be educated to a higher level than they would be in South Sudan. Some of the family are living in the refugee camp (right) as Mama Margret could not find food for them. She is often ill herself and needs medication and fresh fruit. Here is a typical WhatsApp message from Mama Margret: *"Hello my dearest friend I thank you so much for everything you have done in my life. Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. These is the verse that I always read and pray every day."* The family pray together every day and always include the Mothers' Union, the "Bible Study" groups and the congregation of Wimborne Minster in their prayers. I have been supporting Mama Margret in Kampala,



several of her family and other displaced South Sudanese for several years, but they want - and need - to be independent and supporting themselves.

The best way to support them is for them to have a piece of land on which to grow their own food (see photo below), enough for themselves and enough to sell at market to pay for a home and for the children to go to school. This will not be an immediate purchase as the cost of the land is \$10,000 (@£8,000). There is an agreement to spread the cost over 10 months - \$1,000 (£@800) per month.



So, I am asking that members of the Minster congregation might be willing to help by pledging a few pounds per month for 10 months or make a one-off payment. Money can be paid into the Minster account (details below), and I will then pay the landowner. Or you can put a contribution in the Gift Aid envelopes marked 'Mama Margret's field' at the back of the Minster.

I have signed copies of the purchase agreement, and copies of the deposit I have sent, available for anyone to see. Barry Glazier has helped me to make this transaction as safe as possible, but I take full responsibility for the project.

Details of individual donations will be known to Jackie Morgan (our finance officer) only, and she will just send me the

total amounts received. If you feel you are able to support this, or have further questions, please contact me. Thank you, so very much,

- Sheila Soper
sheilasoper47@gmail.com



New Christian eco-friendly cards on sale now

We are delighted to be working in partnership with local Christian artist Joanna Hardie (*in photo with Verger Martin Smith*), selling her lovely new range of cards in the MinsterShop. As well as illustrating Bible verses with inspiring and original animal characters, Joanna's hand-painted cards are printed by award-winning eco-friendly printers supporting carbon-neutral and tree-planting schemes.

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Looking ahead... Dates for your diary for 2024 and after!

Pancake Race, Tuesday 13th February

I wanted to give plenty of notice for this popular annual event and to allow everyone to get into training. There will be the usual races and everyone can be involved from the youngest to the oldest. As always, the first race will begin outside the main entrance to the Minster at 11.00am, as the Pancake Bell is tolled. We hope that this year it will be fine so that the event can indeed take place outside!

Full details will be in the February Parish Magazine but please put the date in your diaries now. Offers of help with Stewarding and collecting for Minster Funds would be appreciated.

- **Anthony Oliver** (01202 888703)

Minster Green Fair and Folk Festival Service Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th



We are looking forward to the next Minster Green Fair already, and a working party is coordinating the activities. It is always a very enjoyable day, and a wonderful welcome to the many visitors to Wimborne. If you ran a stall or activity last year, you will be contacted soon to see whether you want to do it again in 2024. If you are interested in volunteering, or organising a new stall, please let us know.

External charities hiring space on the Green will again be handled separately through Brian Harries (organiser of the Folk Festival); the Minster is very grateful to him for his support in many ways through the weekend. Members of the Working Party: De Ashton, Rosalind Jensen, Bruce Jensen, Claire Lehman, Jackie Leever, Martin Smith

Minster Flower Festival 2025

The next Flower Festival in the Minster will take place between Friday 26th and Monday 29th September **2025**, with the title 'The Delights of Dorset.' The 2020 Festival was postponed until 2022, but it now returns to a regular -year cycle.

Watch this space for more details in due course, as plenty of help will be required.





HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024: The Fragility of Freedom

This year's theme for Holocaust Memorial Day is a warning and a call to action. The HMD Trust website has many vivid personal stories from genocides, including those in Rwanda and Darfur: <https://www.hmd.org.uk>. Here is an edited excerpt from the website.

When we learn about the Holocaust and more recent genocides we learn for a purpose: to challenge present-day discrimination and hostility. Here in the UK, and around the world, millions of people face prejudice, discrimination and hostility simply because of their identity. Today, the language of division, fear and prejudice is all too common – both online and in person around the UK. Hate crimes have risen year on year, and organisations such as the Community Security Trust and Tell MAMA continue to document rising antisemitism (anti-Jewish hatred) and anti-Muslim hatred. Anti-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller attitudes are prevalent, and members of the LGBTQI+ community continue to face

hostile environments. Sexism, ageism, racism and disability discrimination are all forms of identity-based prejudice which need to be challenged.

We all have the power to make changes and take action to support those who face discrimination. From educating ourselves to better understand those who we perceive as different, to reporting hate crime if we see it, there are actions we can and must take to make our communities safer.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust does not make a judgement on which situations meet the legal definition of the crime of genocide. However, we are committed to raising awareness of situations where people are persecuted based on their identity. By understanding the experiences of those facing oppression we can challenge widespread denial and support efforts to bring safety and justice to those who need it.

New County Standard of Royal British Legion



At a service in the Minster on 10th December, the Rector dedicated a new County Standard for the RBL. County President Commodore Bridges spoke, and the Last Post and Reveille was sounded. The service was attended, among others by the Mayor of Wimborne Minster, the Chairman of Dorset Council and the Vice Chairman of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP). The photo, taken by Steve Knight, shows County Standard Bearer Yvonne Thrumble with the Rector.

Some moments from Advent at the Minster

The choristers and Rector were onstage in the Square for the switch-on of the town lights. Later in the afternoon Wimborne Militia ceremoniously fired their muskets on the Green. *(Photos by Beatrice Dopita)* The Minster welcomed many schools and organisations through the weeks for their Carol Services. The Advent service From Darkness to Light included music by Hildegard of Bingen, sung by the Sopranos from the Crypt, and the choir processing with their candles as light was spread through the church. *(Photo by Colin Feltham)* The first Minster Christmas Fair, organised by Claire Lehmann inside the church, was a cheerful and busy occasion, and many of the stallholders would like to return next year. Cakes and drinks were provided through the four hours. Through Advent, children have also been tracking down little shepherds who are scattered around the building, and making decorations to hang on the tree *(which has again kindly been sponsored by Hearn's Estate Agents)*. Families were also invited on a circular walk from Pamphill church, which ended with hot chocolate and mince pies, while Two By Two enjoyed a Christmas service at the end of the school term. The Forest Garden groups also celebrated Christmas, taking refuge in the Minster from some very wet weather. The choristers were again the object of a photographer's interest, when Max from Bournemouth News & Picture Service got in touch. He took some formal and informal photos of the choristers before the Carol Service, and one was published by The Times. Here they are posing intently; in normal life they certainly don't get to sit down on the chancel steps like this! *(Photo: <https://www.bnps.co.uk>)*



Thank you to everyone whose hard work made this Advent and Christmas such a memorable time at the Minster!



Trees for Wimborne



When I read an article in the Dorset Wildlife Trust magazine on the plight of woodlands in Dorset, I was reminded that trees and the woodlands that they create are both fragile and in difficulty. This has many causes: ash dieback, climate change bringing with it flooding and drought, and fragmentation of the habitat. Dorset Wildlife Trust has plans which include linking existing woodlands and creating new ones. Trees for Wimborne, the tree-planting arm of Wilding Wimborne, cannot be so ambitious, but we can add new planting to the Wimborne landscape. We have now entered our second tree-planting season, encouraged by support from the public and by how well the hedge at Dogdean SANG is doing. Working with Dorset Council, we planned to create three woodland corners or edges, and



spent the summer organising what trees to plant and where. The new trees add diversity, providing a wider range of food plants for insects,

a rich source of nectar for pollinators and various types of habitats for birds. One of the species that we have planted are small-leaved limes; these used to be a dominant tree across the South of England but may have been one of the first trees to be cleared to provide agricultural land; unsurprisingly they have now become very rare. Their flowers have a heavy scent and are a magnet for bees; they make wonderful tasting honey. We have also planted hornbeam, wild cherry, and alder buckthorn, which is the food plant for the brimstone butterfly. This should mean that, in years to come, residents and visitors will see these lovely yellow butterflies fluttering along the tree line as early as January on a sunny day. These trees are now all planted, allowing time for them to settle down and begin to develop roots. We're very excited that we have a new planting area - next to a bridleway which runs parallel to the newly constructed



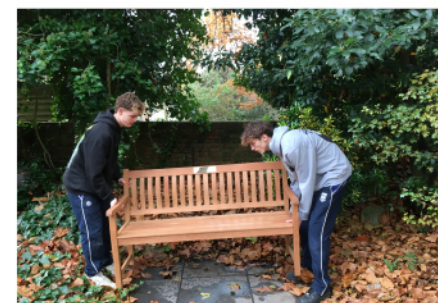
Ainsley Road. On one side of the bridleway is a lovely hedge with a range of different species, but on the other side the hedge has deteriorated and become sparse and even disappeared in places. This is partly due to the dead elm in the hedge which Dorset Council has removed. We will be under-planting the areas where there are existing trees, and creating a new hedgerow where there are gaps. We will be planting with a range of species to make this hedge diverse and colourful so that it is attractive to a range of insect species, particularly to

pollinators. We will be adding several European walnut trees as well as flowering trees such as wild cherry, wild plum, wild pear, and cherry plum, as well as trees that give a bounty in the autumn such as hazel and rowan.

We need to plant 300 metres of hedge, so we hope that the public, especially those who live close to Ainsley Road, will come along and help us. Our planting days are the 4th and 18th February; if you can help us, please bring a spade and come dressed warmly.

-Nikki Harper

Students at work



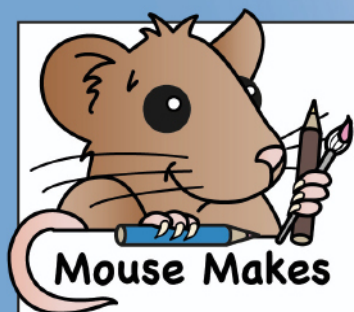
Canford student volunteers Sam Wilson and James Hatherley assemble a bench for God's Acre. The bench was a gift of the Clark family in memory of their parents, whose ashes are interred in the Minster grounds. The Canford students spend around an hour every Monday afternoon working on various useful tasks, supervised by Verger John, Claire, or a churchwarden.

What happened to the ruffs?



At the Carol Service on December 17th, the Minster Choir wore their new cravats for the first time. Choristers had requested a change from ruffs, and the cravats will be worn by all members of the choir, adults and children, as well as by Colin Davey and any accompanying organists.

Cravats are worn by a number of other choirs (though sometimes only by the adults), are easy to wear and look neat, and express the unity of the choir as a team working together. Thank you to the Minster Musical Heritage Trust for supplying them.



EPIPHANY is the time in the Church year that we remember when the 'wise men' or 'Magi' followed a star that led them to the Christ child Jesus. They bowed down, worshipped him and left *three* special gifts.



Where was Jesus born?

Luke 2:1



What three gifts did the wise men give Jesus?



_____ and _____

Luke 2:11



Who was the king?

Luke 2:1

Where did the wise men come from? the _____

Luke 2:1

What had the wise men seen?

a _____

Luke 2:2

How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod? In a _____

Luke 2:12



Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks, find them in the word search then look for the words opposite.

C H I L D S T A R J D K
J E S U S W A E B O B I
E S R E J O I C E Y O N
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S E E E O S J C H U N O
Y P L A U H R U L E R L
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How many other words can you make from the letters in EPIPHANY?

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January Crossword

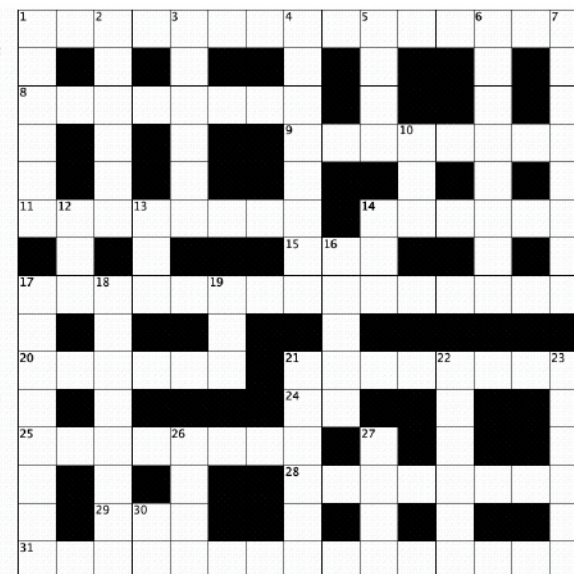
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ACROSS

1. The actor has flu, the lights don't work, the director has quit, but _____ (3,4,4,2,2)
8. Dog with a black or yellow coat, a good guide dog (8)
9. That period from 5 to 6 when traffic is worst in Wimborne (4,4)
11. Kiri _____, soprano who sang for Charles & Diana (2,6)
14. A critic's writing (6)
15. Prefix meaning 'earth' or 'global' (3)
17. React in a mad or extreme way (2,3,3,4,3)
20. Room to move or act: "I can do it if they give me enough _____" (6)
21. A global illness: a word we all learned in 2020 (8)
24. "Sink _____ swim" (2)
25. A little at a time (3,2,3)
28. A large passenger aircraft, such as an Airbus A380 (8)
29. That month after April (3)
31. To neglect one's responsibilities, [or literally the work of a mattress tester] (3,4,2,3,3)

DOWN

1. Skill or ability (6)
2. To set out, by ship or plane (6)
3. Not Hell, the other place (6)
4. What starts on your wedding day (8)
5. "Forgive us our _____" (4)
6. Contrary; as big to small or night to day (8)
7. Became less wide: "When it reached the woods the path _____ so that 2 people could hardly pass." (8)



10. Gardener's weeding tool (3)
12. Self-important people have a big one (3)
13. Imitation of a dog's bark, or Andy Capp's way of saying 'half' (3)
14. Fish eggs (3)
16. _____ Allan Poe, author of The Raven (5)
17. That white sphere that you hit on the links (4,4)
18. Work put in past your 8 hours per day (8)
19. What a 5-year old would rather have than socks for Xmas (3)
21. Principle ingredient in chips (6)
22. What makes the car go (6)
23. Adorable baby-faced angel (6)
26. A toy on a string that comes back (4)
27. It's put on icy roads (4)

30. An annoying interruption on some TV channels (2)

Answers to December's crossword

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