

CHRIST THE KING & 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



I have just come home from a trip into town. I am not sure if it's because it's before my birthday and I always feel Christmas should 'arrive' afterwards, say 1st December, but after seeing Christmas trees around me I was a bit surprised. Then I thought to myself that it was encouraging in a way - all these people are starting to mark Christmas early possibly because they are seeing Christmas as something that will ease their current situation and the emotions that is being experienced. Now, we could argue that it is not to do with what we associate as Christmas - the birth of Christ, but for me I feel that whether they can articulate it or not they identify Christmas as something significant in their lives - a time of peace, love and hope for the future (which of course in a nutshell is Christ himself). So I want to encourage you all this year to go that extra mile and help other people around us to 'join the dots'... help them to look to the birth of Jesus this Christmas as something that marks the beginning of God bringing his peace to earth... a start to a plan for redemption and a hope for the future... How? Well why not make a large nativity scene and put it up on your front window with a bible verse? (be creative, helping others to think about a different Christmas this year in a positive way centered on Jesus and the hope he gives us!).

Rev Suzie



A picture of the war memorial in Witchampton - the local schools both made poppies this year to add to our war memorials in Hinton Martell and Witchampton. Go and look when you pop in for private prayer at Hinton Martell or see these stones still there at Witchampton...

Service Info

Services for this and next Sunday

Sunday 22nd Nov: Holy Communion recorded at Chalbury Church with Rev Sharon leading and Rev Suzie preaching.
<https://vimeo.com/481651710>

Sunday 29th Nov (Advent Sunday): Holy Communion to be recorded at Horton Church by Rev Bill.

There will also be the **Advent service of light** recorded on Vimeo with some special musical moments from Simon Woodley, Liz Curtis and De Ashton.

Vimeo recordings are found at:
<https://vimeo.com/user113065373>

Please note that previous links may not be correct.

If you would like to watch the Remembrance Services:

<https://vimeo.com/manage/476398974/general>

<https://vimeo.com/manage/476309004/general>

(The 2nd is the Act of Remembrance again - same service pretty much just with slightly different personnel in as Rev Suzie had more contributions than expected!).

Upcoming Dates

Bible study on Zoom - every 3rd **Wednesday** of the month. Do get the date for the next one in your diary now - Wednesday 16th Dec, no pre-booking required.

Other News & Information

Calling all Witchampton'ites (or other interested parties). There are plans afoot to deliver to all over 80's in the village and the recently bereaved a gift to let them know we are thinking of them. Can you donate a Poinsettias or a box of chocolates please? If so please drop them off to Witchampton Church from December 1st on Monday or Thursday.

Signs of the season! - watch out around our churches for signs Christmas is approaching... (items will be going up in Hinton Martell and Witchampton churchyards, as well as the usual Christmas tree in Horton).

'Church' at Christmas. Despite lockdown there are many events being prepared for in the hope we can go ahead. If it looks like we will be able to this is what is planned. Please note booking is required for some events this year (marked with a *).

- Advent service of light** - this is on the Vimeo channel
- Saturday 5th Dec** **Switching on of Hinton Martell's Tree Lights**, 5.30pm
- Saturday 19th Dec** A 'live' **Posada** (travelling nativity) from Jo Vigar's in Witchampton to the Church/Club, 4pm
- Sunday 20th Dec** **'Carols and Readings' Service** in Hinton Martell Church, 6pm *
- Tuesday 22nd Dec** **Carols Around the Tree** at Horton Churchyard at 6pm
- Wednesday 23rd Dec** **Drive-in Carol Service** at White Farm, Moor Crichel, 6.30pm *
- Christmas Eve** Another 'live' **Posada** (travelling nativity) from the Snooks in Hinton Martell to the Church
Midnight Communion at Horton Church, 11.30pm *
- Christmas day** **Family All Age Communion** at Hinton Martell Church, 10am

*Services marked with an * indicates booking is essential to attend.*

Bookings by email to jackie-villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk

Holiday Hunger - The Minster based curate, Nick is looking to draw together local schools and churches to see if 3 meals a week could be organized for families in need in the school holidays. Is this something you feel you could get involved with and help us as village churches engage with? If this is you please get in touch with Rev Suzie.

Beyond the Presence Episcopal Meetings have produced a video and bible studies to celebrate our work during the pandemic.

<http://bit.ly/beyondthep>

There is also a dedicated email address for any written feedback and reflections, beyondthepresent@salisbury.anglican.org

Month of Prayer - the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called the country to a month of prayer during lockdown at 6.00pm each evening. You can read their letter on the Church of England website <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation> - along with resources for each day of the week and a weekly prayer.

Food Bank - A big thank you to everyone for the generous food and financial donations to the Food Bank. We have been overwhelmed by your support during this very challenging time. Stock at the moment is good but we are still in need of bottles of squash, long life fruit juice, custard, tomato ketchup, Primula long life squeezey cheese, toothbrushes, washing up liquid and any Christmas item (mince pies, Christmas pudding, fruit cake, special biscuits) but please make sure that the Best Before dates are after Christmas. Please leave contributions in the donation boxes at Witchampton Community Shop (8.30-11 daily), or Furzehill Stores to name but a few... or donate by BACS:

A/C Name: Faithworks Wessex Sort Code: 40-52-40 A/C No: 00015300 Ref: Wimborne.

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We pray:

-  To give thanks that we have been able to continue our ministry and church business during lockdown.
-  For the outreach of our Holy Communion services, breakfast church and Daily Prayer online.
-  That we will be able to hold our Christmas services together in person and finding alternative means to celebrate together.
-  For creativity in engaging with the people around us even when distance is vast - in sharing the gospel and caring for one another.
-  For St James and Witchampton First Schools; both closed due to Covid cases. For staff as they support home schooling and the families as they have to adjust.

- ✚ For Grace who is poorly and awaiting results of a Covid test, and her family who are naturally anxious.
- ✚ For Debbie and all the family of Paul Hardiman whose funeral was at Horton church on Friday.
- ✚ For the Brown and Kerton families as ashes of their loved ones are interred.
- ✚ For the patience, strength and conviction to keep social distancing, shielding and isolating where necessary.

Morning Prayer: Morning Prayer may resume pending the next announcement of what is to come after 2nd, if we are allowed we will resume meeting to pray together every Wed & Fri at 8.30am at **Hinton Martell Church**. All are welcome! *Please come wearing your face mask.*

Sunday Services monthly pattern:-

1st Sunday

Witchampton Breakfast Church is cancelled temporarily, hopefully to be resumed in spring 2021.

10am

Horton Church Parish Communion

2nd Sunday

10am

Hinton Martel Church Parish Communion

3rd Sunday

9am

Breakfast Church at Horton & Chalbury Village Hall (booking required - please contact Rev Suzie for details of 'how to')

10am

Witchampton Church Parish Communion

4th Sunday

10am

Chalbury Church Parish Communion |

5th Sunday

10am

(*please check that week's issue of the notice sheet for confirmation of location before attending*).

Church of England Weekly Services:

www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services

News Bulletins - next issue for the 1st two Sundays in December.

Zoom Video Conferencing:

Villages ID: 939 272 5457

Telephone access - phone 0203 481 5240

For Bible study (7pm 3rd Wednesdays); Parish meetings, etc

Minster ID: 883 2976 1518

Telephone access - phone 0203 481 5240

Morning Prayer: 8.30 am Monday to Saturday

Evening Prayer: 5pm Every day

Holy Communion: 9.30am Sundays & Wednesdays

Informal Services: 11.30am on 2nd and 4th Sundays)

For more information on using Zoom contact Jackie Leever.

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