



Wimborne Minster

News and Information

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2023

ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	Minster Praise
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service : From Darkness to Light

Some **services are being filmed and broadcast** on YouTube, if you do not wish to appear on camera, please speak to a Sidesperson about where you should sit.

The 9.30am Parish Communion will be **broadcast live on YouTube**. There is a **link on the website** or search for **Wimborne Minster Official 2023 12 03**

The **Minster Readings and Prayers** and orders of service for the week are available on the website <http://www.wimborneminster.org.uk/publications.html>

THIS WEEK

The Minster is open Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Monday	10.00am	Forest garden SEN group
Tuesday	10.00am	Wimborne First School Christingle
	10.30am	Forest garden toddlers
	6.00pm	Yarrell School Carols
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion – Lounge
	1.00pm	Meditation group – crypt
	7.00pm	St Michael's School Carols
Thursday	7.00pm	QE School Carols
Saturday	11.00am	Christmas Fayre
	7.00pm	Broadstone Community Band Concert

NEXT SUNDAY 10th December 2023

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	Minster Praise
3.00pm	RBL Dedication Service
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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MINSTER MATTERS

THE SICK: *We pray for the sick and suffering: Fiona, Kim, Marjorie Brown, Minna Harvey, Lionel Woodcock, Faye Wood, Beryl Sexton, Ann Tame, Avril Tarring, Frank, Gill, Joan, Dick Jones, Joan Squibb, Diane and Brian Sibley, Cathy Thompson, Margaret Cave, Tasmin, Lizzie Bishop*

Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal. Christian Aid partners are supporting those displaced to southern Gaza and our donations can make a huge difference. There are more details of the appeal and a donation box near the vergers' desk. Mike Lunt

'Advent People' is the theme for our all-age Minster Praise in December: focussing on Mary & Joseph this Sunday (3rd), the Shepherds on 10th, and the Angels on 17th. Refreshments from 11, worship from 11.15 - come as you are - relax - and enjoy!

Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who donated gifts to the Salisbury Womens' Refuge. They are much appreciated. We're sorry we can't invite all of you but the Shared Lunch on Sunday 10th December is, on this occasion, only for Mothers' Union members and their families.

Please remember to cut out any **postage stamps** you receive this Christmas. Even if they are fewer than before, they still count. There is a box for them near the children's corner. The profit for them goes to help with feeding those in Yambio who are the most wanting. Thank you

The Minster's first Christmas Craft Fayre 9th December 11.00am - 3.00pm. Join us for a wide range of stalls, books, home wear, gifts, clothing for children/ pets and refreshments. We will also have a free children's trail, wreath making workshop between 11.30am - 12.30pm and a children's craft workshop 1.30 - 2.30pm. There is a suggested donation of £5 for the wreath making workshop and £2.50 for the children's craft workshop. To book your place on the workshops please email claire@wimborneminster.org.uk. We would be very grateful of any volunteers who can assist with the running of this event either by assisting with the preparation and selling of drinks or by welcoming visitors to the Minster.

The Friends have 2 stalls on the 9th December at the Minster's Christmas Fayre. We would welcome some help with these, which include jewellery and bric-a-brac. If you can spare a few hours that day, please let me know. Thank you. Verger John

Stockings for teens. We are collecting gifts that could be added to stockings for local teens that may not receive a Christmas present. Gifts must be new or in excellent condition. Gifts could include snacks such as chocolate, sweets, crisps and instant noodles. Also, toiletries, gloves, scarfs, stationery and gift cards for places such as Costa, Starbucks, Greggs and Primark. Donations can be placed in the 'stockings for teens' donation box in the family area in the Minster. To ensure the stockings reach the teens in time for Christmas day, please can donations be given by the 11th December. For more information, please email claire@wimborneminster.org.uk.

Join us for a **Festive Cream Tea**, including a wide range of hot and cold drinks, sweet and savoury nibbles and scones with a seasonal twist. We will also have festive crafts for you to complete and take home. The afternoon will finish with a Christmas quiz with Verger John as quiz master and prizes for the winning team. Saturday 16th December 12.00 – 2.00pm in Church House. Suggested donation £10 per person. For more information and to book your place please email: claire@wimborneminster.org.uk

The Minster is hosting a **RBL Dedication Service** on Sunday 10th December at 3pm. This is for the new County Standard and the Rector will be presiding. The Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff will be present, plus other dignitaries. Please feel free to attend this event as it is open to the public. Thank you. Verger John

Christmas Wreaths Could I please ask for volunteers on Thurs 21 Dec 10am We are making Christmas Wreaths to decorate the Minster. Coffee and cake plus convivial conversation. Please come and Join us.

Friday 22 Dec 10am **Decorating the Minster.** Please come and help us to make our Minster ready for the festive season. Anybody able to donate Holly or Ivy, please bring to the Minster anytime before or during the days we are working. With grateful thanks and wishing you all a blessed and joyous festive season. Jackie Wharfe

LOCAL NEWS

Save the Children Parade-Saturday 9th December will take place this year but with a difference from previous years as we are unable to use the usual starting point off Brook Road. Full details about the changed route can be obtained from me and I would also welcome on behalf of Save the Children anyone who might be able to assist as Marshals. 01202 888703. Many thanks, Anthony Oliver

Food Bank - Thank you so much for your donations and your continued support. This week at the Foodbank we are low on the following items...coffee, long life fruit juice, bottles of squash, tinned meatballs, tinned ham, boxes of chocolates, washing pods and children's toothpaste. We are extremely grateful for all donations, thank you for your continued support during this busy time! This week our Reverse Advent begins, early, but then items can be given out in December for Christmas. If you would like a copy, I can email it to you and there will be hard copies in church. Sue Slyde

Donation/Collections

If you wish to give to the Minster, please use one of the following options, use the gift aid envelopes, or make a contactless gift by using the terminal both situated by the door as you leave, or scan the QR code opposite that will take you to our giving portal. Thank you.



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