



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th DECEMBER 2017

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.45am Parish Eucharist
 11.15am Mattins
 12 noon Holy Communion
 6.30pm Evensong

We welcome everyone at our services. Families, please make use of children's corner at the back of the church. Sunday School meets in Church House during the Eucharist in term time. Morning Prayer is said Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.30am (entry by St. George's door). Evening Prayer is said in the Crypt on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

THIS WEEK

Monday	All day	Queen Elizabeth's School – Minster – Service 7pm
	2.00pm	Shop/Welcomers' Christmas event - Hall
Tuesday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	All day	Corfe Hills School – Minster – Service 7.30pm
	2.30pm	Companions of St. Francis – St. Margaret's
Wednesday	Morning	Allenbourn School rehearsal
	Afternoon	Dumpton School rehearsal
	7.00pm	Allenbourn School Carol Service
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	All day	Canford School - Minster
Friday	11.00am	Holy Communion – St Margaret's
	All day	Dumpton School - Minster
	12 -1.30pm	Lunch and Chat – Hall
Saturday	9.30am	New Horizons Prayers
	11.00am	Shoppers' Carol Service

NEXT SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Holy Communion
 9.45am Parish Eucharist
 11.15am Informal Service
 6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

MINSTER MATTERS

THE SICK: We pray for those known to us who are sick and suffering: Jean Dawson, Eleanor Dunningham, Miriam Ansell, Shirley Strickland, Edward, Bel Sharp, Eileen Wellstead, Peter Tame.

Suzie is at Hinton Martel this morning.

Our love and congratulations to Alan and Vera Dean who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Wednesday 6th December.

£339.87 has been forwarded to Crisis following last Sunday's Advent Procession. The Christmas services will benefit Action for Children, Samaritans and WaterAid.

Star of Wonder, Star of Light. Spend a few moments in the Crypt with this advent Prayer Station which guides your thoughts and prayers to the night sky and the coming of Christ.

The **Minster Christmas Tree** has arrived, again generously sponsored by Hearnese Estate Agency. Thanks to Anthony and Christine Oliver and John Hughes for putting it up and decorating it so splendidly.

The next meeting of the **Wimborne Companions of St. Francis Group** will be at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 12th December** at **St. Margaret's Chapel**. The topic will be: **'Verdict on the Christ-Child, God's greatest gift'**, to be followed by our pre-Christmas celebration. As always, everyone is welcome.

N.B. Evening Prayer will be said as usual on Monday 11th and Thursday 14th December, but **not on Friday 15th** as it clashes with a Carol Service.

Alternative Choir – Shoppers' Carol Service on Saturday 16th December at 11.00am. We are asked to help lead the singing at the above service, which has proved increasingly popular with members of the public. Do try to lend it your support if you possibly can. Please meet promptly at 10.30am on the day to practise. Visitors and friends are very welcome to join us. **Liz Watson (01202 884429).**

Preparing for Christmas: readings, reflections and refrains **next Sunday, 17th December** at **11.15am** to help us all prepare our hearts and minds for the real reason for the season – the coming of Jesus.

Cards for Good Causes: We are now in the last two weeks for Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gifts and Christmas stamps - 1p per stamp for the charities.

The Minster will be **decorated for Christmas** on the morning of **Friday 22nd December**. Gifts of holly, foliage and flowers will be gratefully received at **10.00am** ready for the decoration to start. Anyone who would like to help in any way would be most welcome – you do not need to be a flower arranger. The decorations will be taken down from **10.00am on Saturday 6th January** when help would be appreciated once more. **Christine Oliver (01202 888703).**

There will be no Lunch and Chat on **Friday 22nd December** but Lunch and Chat **will be held on 29th December** – do join us for an **after-Christmas Get-Together 12 noon to 1.30pm. Thank you** to all those who've provided soup and cakes for this last year, much appreciated, and a big thank you to all the helpers.

Advance notice: As **Christmas Eve** falls on a Sunday this year, the only services on that day will be the **8am Holy Communion** and the **11.30pm Midnight Eucharist**. The Minster will be **closed all day from 9am on 24th December** and also **closed on 26th December** as there are no services that day. There will not be a service on 27th either (St. John) but the Minster will be open. There will be Holy Communion on **Thursday 28th December (Holy Innocents) at 9.30am**. There will be no Evening Prayer on Sunday 31st December and the Minster will be closed on New Year's Day.

Christmas in the Villages

Thursday 14th	7.00pm Carols in the Club at Witchampton
Friday 15th	7.30pm Celtic Christmas Strings at Hinton Martell Village Hall
Sunday 17th	9.00am Christmas Breakfast Church Horton & Chalbury Hall 6.00pm Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at St. James's Holt 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Witchampton Church
Tuesday 19th	6.15pm Carols around the Christmas Tree at Horton
Sunday 24th	3.00pm Crib Service St. John the Evangelist at Hinton Martell 4.30pm Crib Service at Witchampton Church 11.30pm Midnight Communion at Horton Church
Monday 25th	10.00am Family Friendly Communion with Carols at Holt

As part of our staff restructuring, Jackie Leever has been appointed to assist Suzie with clerical and administrative work in the villages.

There will be Holy Communion at 9.30am on the first Thursday of January and thereafter on the first Thursday of the month **only** for the foreseeable future.

WIMBORNE AND AROUND THE AREA

Hurn Court Opera Group is giving a seasonal recital this afternoon - 'A Box of Delights' - upstairs in Church House at 4pm.

Tickets will be available on the door.

Food Bank: The Food Bank is well stocked with everyday food items and toiletries at present. If you wish to donate any Christmas food items they would be very welcome Chocolate, sweets, biscuits, savoury snacks – but please be aware of 'use by' dates and give us the longest dates possible. No fresh food, please, as we have no storage facilities for it. Thank you as always.

Carols in the Cornmarket takes place this year on **Friday 22nd December at 6.00pm**. Members of the Broadstone Community Band will accompany the singing and a collection will be taken for the Mayor's Charities – Wimborne in Bloom, Friends of Victoria Hospital, Walford Mill Education Trust and the National Gardens Scheme. All are welcome to attend this magical evening – let us pray for better weather than last year when a storm forced the event to take place in the Minster!

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