



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Informal Service of The Word</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

We welcome all to our services. Families may make use of children's corner at the back of the church. Sunday School meets in Church House during the Parish Eucharist in term time. Morning Prayer is said daily Monday to Friday at 8.30am and Evening Prayer daily Monday to Friday at 4pm, in the Crypt.

### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	4.00pm	Refresher Session for Chalice Administrators
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion – Minster
	7.00pm	Dorset Police Carol Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	School Carol Service Rehearsal – Minster
	11.00am	Holy Communion – Victoria Hospital
	1.30pm	Meditation Group – Crypt
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Allenbourne School Carol Service – Minster
	10.00am	Two By Two Carol Service – Minster
	11.00am	Holy Communion - Stoneleigh
<b>Friday</b>	5.00pm	Music Practice – Hall
	6.00pm	Diverse Abilities Concert
	11.00am	Holy Communion BCP – St. Margaret's
<b>Saturday</b>	12.00pm	Lunch and Chat – Lounge
	6.00pm	Carols In The Cornmarket
	9.15am	New Horizon Prayers
	10.00am	Refresher Session for Chalice Administrators
	10.00am	Decorating Church for Christmas
	5.30pm	Son et Lumiere – Minster Green

### NEXT SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion BCP</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Festival of Lessons and Carols</b>

## MINSTER MATTERS

**THE SICK:** *We pray for the sick and suffering: John Old, Doreen Richards, Joan Ladbroke, Hugh Roundhill, John Rollason, Shirley Strickland, Gerry Baxter.*

**The Revd Andrew Rowland** is at Witchampton this morning

**Coffee** will be served after the service upstairs in Church House.

There will be a **Bring and Share Lunch** in the Hall after the Informal Service **today Sunday December 16th** at 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

Many thanks to those who came to the **Write for Rights** session last Sunday. Between us we wrote 85 cards and letters in support of 10 women and groups standing up for human rights. Their stories show that 70 years later, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is more relevant than ever.

### **A special “Thank You” from Revd. Alan Davies on his retirement.**

On behalf of Barbara and myself, I would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone concerned for making my final weekend as a practising priest such a happy and memorable time. My final service as a Celebrant at St Margaret’s Chapel, attended by so many people, was an occasion of great joy and thanksgiving. We were presented with some very thoughtful and generous gifts and, afterwards, the whole congregation was treated to a delicious lunch at the home of Dinah Ingle-Finch, for which we are particularly grateful. My final farewell at The Minster last Sunday was another very happy and memorable occasion with some warm and encouraging words from Andrew our Rector, a lovely signed card and gift and afterwards in Church House a special cake made for the occasion which was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you so much for making my retirement so special. **Revd. Alan Davies.**

**Eileen Welstead**, currently living in Fairlawn Care Home, Ferndown, sends warm Christmas greetings to all her friends at the Minster.

**Norman Dance** is now recovering well and thanks all at The Minster for their prayers.

**Christopher Orchard** is moving to: Wimborne Care Home, 179-181 Wimborne Road West, Stapehill. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers over the last two years. **Visitors welcome. Tricia and Christopher.**

The Rector is requesting that all those who **administer the chalice** both at services and as LPA’s attend a **Refresher Session** in the Minster on either Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm or Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am. Any queries, including if you are unable to attend one of the sessions, to **Anthony Oliver (01202 888703).**

**Lunch and Chat on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** will be held in Church House Lounge. Homemade soup & rolls will be followed by mince pies and will be **free!** Do come and join us and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you! **The Outreach Committee.**

**The Parish Office will close for Christmas** at 12.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## **Minster Voices - singing during the Christmas season**

Help for the following events will be much appreciated. Congregation members, friends and relatives are most welcome to join us.

### **1. Carol Singing at Stoneleigh and Streets Meadow - Weds 19 December**

Please meet at Stoneleigh at 10.30am, and/or at Streets Meadow at 11.30am.

### **2. Carol Singing at Wimborne Hospital – Christmas Eve at 11.00am**

Please meet at the hospital at 11.00am on Monday 24 December.

### **3. 9.45am Service on Sunday 30 December**

Please meet at 9.15am to practise.

Many thanks for your support. **Liz Watson (01202 884429).**

The Minster will be **decorated for Christmas** on the morning of **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019** when help would be appreciated once more. Many thanks. Any queries to **Christine Oliver (01202 888703)**.

“Will and Ed’s **Christmas Day Afternoon Tea** has been **cancelled** due to a lack of response. The boys are pleased that everyone has someone to share Christmas Day with or are happy in their own company. They would like to wish everyone at Wimborne Minster a very joyous Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year”. **Stephanie Shimmons**

### **Greenbelt Group Meeting. Sunday 6 January Church House Lounge.**

Refreshments from 4.30pm, session 4.45 – 6.15pm, led by Liz Watson. We will listen to a recording which addresses the fact that some older people feel that they are sometimes treated in a patronising manner. An eloquent woman in her 90s talks about her experiences, and her comments will form the basis of our discussion. Might we unknowingly be patronising others? What are our own experiences? **All welcome.**

The Fund-Raising and Events Committee is organising an **Informal Afternoon Concert** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, upstairs in Church House. There will be musical items, readings and simple refreshments. **Would you like to take part?** If so, please contact **Sue Tipping, phone: 07730 941160** email: [susanann44@btinternet.com](mailto:susanann44@btinternet.com)  
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There will be a **Parish Vision Day** on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Everyone is invited, please put the date in your diary now. More details to follow, watch this space!

## **WIMBORNE AND AROUND THE AREA**

**Rough Sleepers (Sleepsafe) Bournemouth** My thanks to all who provided Christmas stockings, shoe boxes, parcels and bags to go to The Winton headquarters of Sleepsafe, Bournemouth. We collected these on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and took them down to Winton. David Chidwick, who heads up the team of workers, was there to meet us. They were delighted with what we brought them, In all there were 120 stockings and nine shoe boxes. **Thank you so much** for all the hard work you did in collecting items, knitting, donating and parcelling everything up. I am thrilled with the result. **Alison Watkins.**

**Food Bank:** This week we are short on toilet rolls, laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, washing up liquid, squash, coffee and jam. Thank you for your continued support.

**Dorset Police Christmas Carol Service** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm in The Minster. No tickets. Retiring collection in aid of The Minster and The Salvation Army. The service will feature the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir, The Dorset Police Brass Ensemble and the Boscombe Salvation Army Songsters. **Everyone welcome.**

**Carols in the Cornmarket** takes place this year on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. If there is anyone who would be willing to help on the evening, please let me know. **All are welcome** to attend this magical evening. **Anthony Oliver (01202 888703).**

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