

Celebrating Advent Sunday

Weekly update Sunday 1st December 2024

Verse of the Week

Watch at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21. 36

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



Bible Readings

This week's bible readings; 1st December: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 and Luke 21:25-36

Next week's bible readings for Sunday 8th December: Philippians 1: 3-11 and Luke 3:1-6

Services in the Parish this week beginning Advent Sunday 1st December 2024



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Advent Sunday All Age Communion - with Angel Voices, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

6.00pm Advent Service of Light, Advent Carols and Readings, Lady St Mary, Wareham

Wednesday 4th December 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin on the Walls

Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 8th December 2024

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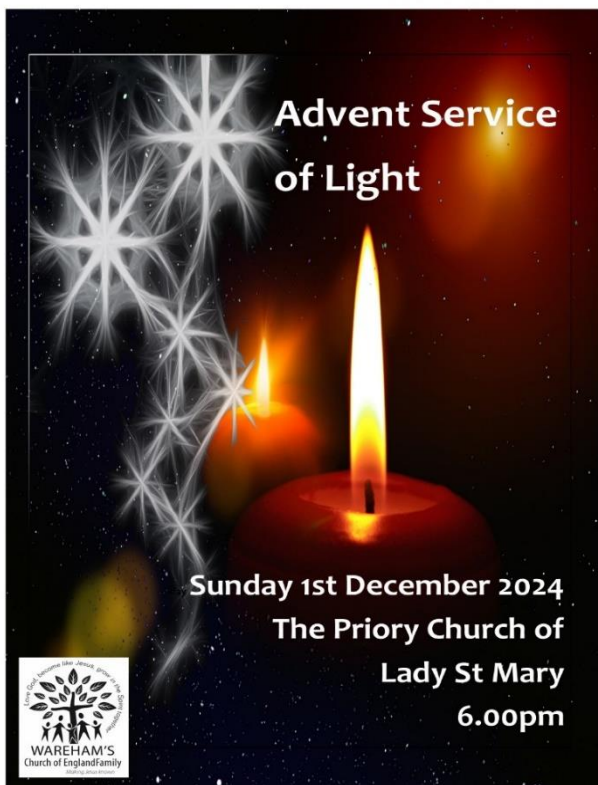
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Come along for fun, food,
light & delight

Messy Christingle Service

Sunday
15th
December
4pm



at Sandford
St Martin Church
& School



Outdoor events and dates for December

Join Hilary Bond for

1. A reflective walk at the beach. **Thursday December 5th, 2pm.** Meet outside the Knoll beach cafe.
2. The fire pit gathering for the longest night of the year will be held on **Saturday December 21st 4pm, Holme Priory.** Mulled wine and cake around the fire as we reflect on the year that has gone and look forward with hope.

Men's Breakfast – The next Men's breakfast is on **Saturday 7th December 2024 at the Bear Hotel, South Street starting at 8.30am.** The guest speaker this month will be Judith Holmes. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along.



Please contact the Parish Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929 550905 or email: parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk

Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!

Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

This month:

What's special about Luke's Gospel?

This is the Gospel we'll be following throughout 2025

6pm Sunday 8th December at Sandford St Martin's Church



Calendars for 2025 available with pictures of our Wareham churches and church events. All profits will go to the church. Available in Lady St Mary church every Sunday or from the Parish Office. Priced at £20.00 each. A great Christmas present!



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- Our local primary and secondary schools
- Emergency and rescue services.
- Local charities and organisations supporting people in need.

We pray to God for:

- All those involvement in the discernment and interview process for a new Team Rector
- All who are bereaved.
- All who are unemployed at this time.
- Those whose lives have been affected by recent floods
- Our Parish: this week praying for those who live in the area of Carey.

Those asking for prayer:

Malcolm Selwood, Graham Baynes

And those we continue to pray for:

Mary Barnes, Jane Patterson, John Cleaton, Terry Holloway, Anne Mills

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Patricia Collings – Thanksgiving service on Friday 6th December at 2.30pm at Lady St Mary church, Wareham

Kenneth McMillan – Funeral Service on Monday 9th December at 2pm at Lady St Mary

Our Mission Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ you shared the riches of heaven with us all that first Christmas. Bless the work of TEAR Fund and Christian Aid, and others bringing practical help to those affected by wars and poverty. Strengthen our resolve to share our resources in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

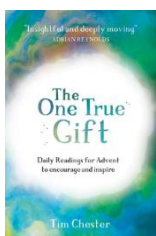
Gathering for Prayer:

Parish Prayer Group – Every **Tuesday at 7.30pm**, gathering in person, in one of our homes. Contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905 for the venue. All are welcome to join us to pray. Please see dates below:

Month	Meetings in person on Tuesdays
December	3 rd 10 th 17 th

Prayers for Peace – Every **Friday at 5pm in Lady St Mary Church**. All invited to make time to pause and pray for peace in our world, in our community and in our lives.

Church Book stall - Advent devotional book. "The One True Gift" by Tim Chester has Daily Readings from Philippians for reflection prayer and application. Available from the Church Bookstall or direct from Jeannette Guinness, for the special offer of £4.50 rather than £8.99!



Update on appointment of our new Rector - After last week's newsletter and the December newsletter were issued, we heard from the Diocese that a single application had been received by the deadline of 14th November but had gone into a spam folder. So, we will now be showing one candidate round the parish and interviewing him on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December. Please pray for wisdom for the interviewing panel, which includes our two team vicars and seven lay members of our churches, and for the candidate that we would all hear from God and come to the right decision.

Hilary Goodinge and Mike Quinlan Parish Churchwardens



Purbeck Village Quire – Sunday 15th December at 4pm, St John the Evangelist church, East Holme, BH20 6AG – ‘Hark the Glad Sound’ Christmas by Candlelight – Refreshments will be served. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

GREEN TIP – Christmas is coming – but all those cards use a lot of paper and are expensive too. Think about sending a card by email, or a single card to all your friends at church, or in the office, instead of individual ones.



Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

***Indicates Festival**

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 2nd December	50	Isaiah 42:18-end	Revelation 19
Tuesday 3rd December	80	Isaiah 43:1-13	Revelation 20
Wednesday 4th December	7	Isaiah 43:14-end	Revelation 21:1-8
Thursday 5th December	42	Isaiah 44:1-8	Revelation 21:9-21
Friday 6th December	25	Isaiah 44:9-23	Revelation 21:22-22:5
Saturday 7th December	9	Isaiah 44:24-45:13	Revelation 22:6-end

Parish Office opening times - The Parish Office will now be open to answer all face-to-face enquiries, telephone and email enquiries **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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