



20th November 2022

Today's readings are Colossians 1: 11 - 20 & Luke 23: 33 - 43

The next meeting for Mothers' Union will be on Monday 21st November at 7pm in the Church Hall. Elizabeth Webster, the daughter-in-law of Diane Webster, is coming to talk about 'Restorative Justice' at our Mothers' Union meeting. Come and learn what this term means - it promises to be a fascinating evening so do put the date in your diary.

Advent Carol Service Sunday 27th November 6.30pm St John's Church, Boldre A very warm welcome is extended to all. This is a beautiful service and a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent.

Christian Aid Autumn Lunch

You are invited to join us for an Autumn Lunch on **Sunday 27th November** at 12.00pm for 12.30 pm in St. Saviour's Church Hall to support the work of Christian Aid, particularly helping the people suffering drought in East Africa. Bring your own drinks. Vegetarian Option on request. There will be a raffle while tea and coffee is served after the lunch. Tickets £12 on sale in the Church Office.

The **Christian Aid team** will be hosting their annual **Christmas Carol Singing** on Friday 16th December from 10am – 11am in Brookley Road to raise money for the work of Christian Aid and would welcome vocal and instrumental support.

'O Little Town of Bethlehem - Welcome to a stable in Bethlehem some years ago setting the scene with carols.'

Friday 2nd December 6-8pm Everyone is welcome around our nativity stable at about 6.30pm during the Brockenhurst Village Christmas Fun Event in Brookley Road. Why not come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings ready to join in with singing carols!

Help Needed Over Christmas Period

Your help would be appreciated at all our Christmas services; there are sign-up sheets at the back of both churches detailing the help that is needed.

Little Flames - Friday 2nd December 10.30am St Saviour's

An informal Service for the under 5's. Come along and bring your friends. There will be the usual refreshments and activities after the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

Toy Service Sunday 11th December 10.30am St Saviour's

Please bring a **NEW** toy (unwrapped) which will help brighten Christmas for a child who would otherwise have no presents. This year the toys are being distributed by Scratch, a Southampton Christian charity working with families in need, providing toys and gifts for children and young people who otherwise might go without presents. This will have been a particularly difficult year for the families receiving the gifts, so your generosity is much appreciated.

Next year will be 'The Year of Sharing Our Faith' and the diocese are very helpfully running a new BCM Course *Beyond Church Walls* beginning on January 14th. *Beyond Church Walls* is for anyone who's noticed the gap arising between the church they're attending and the people outside who would either never come to worship in it or if they came once would be unlikely to stay. *Beyond Church Walls* aims to help you start to close this gap by going to where people are and starting there, rather than inviting people to come to where you are. If such a course is of interest to you then do contact Simon or Wendy.Atkinson@winchester.anglican.org for more details.

St Nicholas Singers - Carols for Choir and Audience

Saturday 3rd December at 4pm in St John's Church, Boldre. Tickets £12 available from Pilley Community Shop and Rosie Adams 01590 677068. All proceeds go to Local Charities.

By-Gone Brockenhurst Hard-back edition

The first six volumes of By -Gone Brockenhurst have been compiled and re-edited into an attractive hard-back copy, price £18. This book would make an ideal present or coffee table book. Now on sale at Pot Pourri, Cards and Candies, or from Jane Forrest, tel, 624287 and Janet McDonald tel. 622144. Volume 8 is now also available price £5.

Brockenhurst Warm Welcome Hub - Village Hall - Monday 10am – 4pm

This event is open for anyone in our community. Hot refreshments and light snacks will be available. Packs of cards and games, puzzles will also be on hand to encourage everyone to stay and socialise.

The Advent Spiral – St Saviour's, Thursday 1st December at 4.30 pm



**And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".**

And he replied:

**"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.**

Minnie Louise Haskins

Advent signals a time of wakeful preparation for the birth of the Christ child; heralding the arrival of the world's true light.

The Advent spiral symbolises our journey from darkness towards and into Christ's light and the sharing of that light with our fellow travellers on their journey.

Upon arrival, you will find a beautiful green spiral with a single lit candle at its centre. With gentle instrumental strands filling the air, you are warmly invited to walk the spiral at a pace appropriate to you. As you journey to the centre to have your candle lit from the central candle, hold in your heart those absent and so draw them near. On your return journey, find a spot to place your lit candle and so provide light for those still to come. When everyone has made the journey, the whole spiral is aglow with light, reminding us that light is more powerful than darkness, that love is stronger than hate and that the Prince of Peace is with us.

If you can help with some greenery from your conifers at home, please bring it to the church any time between the 20th and the 29th. If you need help getting it to the church, please let me know, via the Church Office, and I will collect. Many thanks, Luke



Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Pray for the Church Hall Team also for those who use the Church Hall.

Please pray for all those involved in planning the Christmas services.

We pray for our young people to make wise decisions about how to spend their time. Particularly those who have exams or deadlines to meet – may they find the balance between work & play.

Pray for our MP, Dr Julian Lewis.

Pray for all who live in Forest View & Ober Road

Mission of the Month – A Rocha UK Caring for God’s Earth. A Rocha UK is working to towards seeing the large amount of land owned by UK Churches, Christian Organisations and Christian individuals being managed for nature - protecting and if possible restoring soil, water, habitats and wildlife species, and making a contribution to addressing climate change. Please pray for their work in this area and that we here in Brockenhurst would continue to use our church grounds to support native species and wildlife and give thanks for the ongoing collaboration between Greener Brockenhurst’s Making Space for Nature Team and the St Saviour’s Grounds Maintenance Team.