

General notices & dates for your diary:

Judy Clover We were sorry to hear from Geoff that Ann's mother, Judy, sadly died on Tuesday at the age of 90. We remember her fondly from her many visits here and send our love and prayers to Ann and the whole family. **Thank you everyone** who took part in the group photo the other week and those who gave in comments about what you value about St Christopher's. It was lovely to see how so many people value the welcome they receive here and the support they experience as we endeavour to live the mission of Jesus. Well done everyone! Our draft Parish Profile and Role Description, for potential applicants for the post of Vicar, is now with the Diocese.

News and Notices delivery. Is anyone able to deliver the notice sheet to Connie Sparshott in Holcroft Road every two weeks? If so please let Chris O'Brien know.

Forthcoming dates for your diary -



Christmas is coming!



Sunday 5th December 6.30 pm Worship for Advent in the Taizé style followed by refreshments.

Thursday 9th December 7.00 pm Simply Singers Christmas Concert with refreshments, a raffle and retiring collection for church funds. We are pleased to be able to welcome Simply Singers back after a year and a half break!

We require someone to provide drinks and nibbles at the back of the church, please let Chris O'Brien know if can help with this.

Please take a flyer to invite your friends or neighbours, we would like to have a good turn-out to start off our Christmas festivities.

Sunday 19th December 10.00am Parish Communion and Carol Service, led by Rt Revd Geoff Annas. We will enjoy mince pies and coffee together afterwards.

Christmas Eve

2.00pm & 4.00pm Christingle services, led by Geoff. Please contact Clare O'Brien if you would like to join the singing group.

10.00pm Christmas Communion

Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Communion

Sunday 26th December 10.00am Parish Communion



All events subject to any Covid restrictions

Prayers

Prayers by name for those in need are offered at the Tuesday service & by St Christopher's Prayer Chain by request.

Please pick up a blue Prayer Diary card to pray at home for the people of Thornhill and Southampton.



News & Notices

**21st November - 4th December
2021**

A Very Warm Welcome to St Christopher's

**the Parish Church for Thornhill,
in the Church of England Diocese of Winchester**

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Worship Facebook: St Christopher's in Thornhill and Friends

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Revd Matthew Renshaw: 07597 989399

matthew@stchristophers-thornhill.org.uk (Tuesdays and weekends)

St Christopher's is a **Fairtrade church** and has an **Eco Church bronze award**



LARGE PRINT BOOKS / SONG SHEETS

are available for all services;



and there is a **Loop system** ('T' setting on hearing aids).

Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Please mention it to a Welcomer before the service.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall following the 10.00am service on Sundays.

Sunday 21st November

Christ the King

Bible readings:

Daniel 7:9,10,13,14

John 18:33-37



We acknowledge Jesus as King in heaven, alongside God the Father and the Holy Spirit, who reign in glory over us all. Daniel foresaw the coming of Jesus but Pilate, in asking if Jesus is King of the Jews, is only thinking of kings in an earthly sense. Jesus explains that he is a King, but not of this world. When we recognise this truth we act on it as the foundation of our belief.

A special prayer for this week:

God the Father;
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

What's happening this week:

Sunday 21st Shoe boxes must be returned today please
10.00am Parish Communion, followed by refreshments in the Hall



Tuesday 23rd 9.00am Personal Prayer time in church - a moment of quiet
10.00am Communion & Coffee with prayers for healing,
10.45am Refreshments served in the Freeman Room for anyone to drop in - until 12noon

Saturday 27th 1.30am Christmas Bazaar



Those setting up stalls please arrive from 10.00am. Donations of prizes for the Tombola and raffle, and cakes for the cake stall and refreshments are welcomed..Let's all join together to make this a joyful and successful occasion for ourselves and the community.

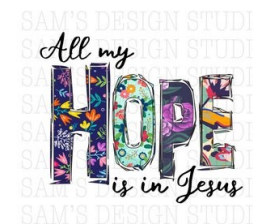
Sunday 28th November

1st Sunday of Advent

Bible readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36



We look to the coming of Jesus with hope, a time when he comes to reign in our hearts. Jesus also tells us to have hope for the future when he will return, bringing justice and peace. We should keep a constant watch and pray that we will be ready to stand before Jesus.

A special prayer for this week:

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

What's happening this week:

Sunday 28th 10.00 am Parish Communion
followed by refreshments in the Hall

Tuesday 30th 9.00am Personal Prayer time in church - a moment of quiet
10.00am Communion & Coffee with prayers for healing
10.45am Refreshments served in the Freeman Room for anyone to drop in - until 12noon

Saturday 4th 2.00pm THAWN's Christmas party in the Church Hall. Please sign the list in the foyer if you would like to attend. and are over 60. years of age.
Helpers are required please for setting up at 12 noon, the party will finish at roughly 4pm - please contact Judy Clements 80472162. Thankyou.

Readings for 5th December: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6