



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Ian Billcliff**

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias,**

Diana Eckersley (now in Care Home in Shaftesbury), **Greta Thew** (a stroke),

Gwyneth Page, Jeanine Stewart, George (young and in hospital),

Mavis Eastwood, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue, and Simon Bell

The four weeks of Advent are a season of hope: we pray and prepare for the day when God's Kingdom will come among us with 'power ... and great might' (as today's Collect puts it). The first Advent Candle represents the **Patriarchs** and first leaders of Israel through whom God's rule on earth dawned. Today we remember the **Prophets** of Israel who challenged Israel to return to God's ways.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord
Monday	Isaiah 40:1-11	A voice crying in the wilderness
Tuesday	John 1:19-28	The testimony of John the Baptist
Wednesday	Matthew 12:33-37	A good tree bears good fruit
Thursday	Zechariah 2:10-13	Shout and be glad
Friday	Hosea 14:1-9	Repentance brings blessing
Saturday	Psalms 32	I acknowledged my sin
Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus

For the Week: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; Psalm 32

For throughout the Day: Lord God, make our lives straight paths that lead others towards you. Amen.

A Blessing to Share: May God give you great joy and peace as you trust in God's love and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. Amen

Readings for 14th December – 3rd of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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News & Notices - 7th to 14th December

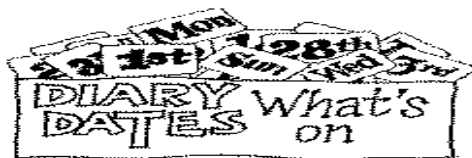


Sunday 7th December – 2nd of Advent

8am	Communion (BCP) in Lockerley
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9.15am	Sung Eucharist in Wellow
9.45am/10am	Breakfast Church in West Tytherley
1030am	Celebration Service in Lockerley
11am	Communion in Sherfield English
11am	Matins (BCP) in East Dean
1pm	Baptism of Ottilie at East Tytherley
2.30pm	Carols on Canada Common – Joint Service in Methodist Chapel
4pm	Messy Christingle in Wellow Village Hall
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Sunday 7th December – 2nd of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Isaiah paints a picture of a shoot growing from a stump that seemed dead – we now know that shoot to be Jesus. At the heart of his mission are peace and restoration, not just for us, but for the whole of creation.	As we wait in great hope for the coming of Christ, we must strive to be like Christ. Those who are strong and powerful need especially to heed these words. We are reminded of the inclusive nature of God's love and called to welcome others as God has welcomed us.	John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by calling everyone to repentance.



Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 10th December

9am Eucharist at Lockerley

Thursday 11th December

Noon Wedding of Greta and Ricky in Wellow

Sunday 14th December – 3rd of Advent

8am Communion (BCP) in West Tytherley

From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

9am Communion (BCP) at East Dean

9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow

1030am Eucharist in Lockerley

6pm Carol Service in Sherfield English

9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

	20 th Dec	21 st Dec	28 th Dec	4 th Jan	11 th Jan
East Dean	Carols in the Barn 5pm	8am (BCP) Communion	-	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley		Services will resume in warmer weather			-
Lockerley		1030am Celebration 6pm Carol Service	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English		11am Christingle	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	6pm Carol Service
West Tytherley		9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion
Wellow		9.15am Said Eucharist 6pm Carol Service	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist

Christmas Services:

24th December – 2pm Crib Service at Wellow; 4pm Christingle at Lockerley;

8pm 'Midnight Mass' at Sherfield English

25th December – 9am Communion (BCP) at East Dean; 9.15am Sung Eucharist at Wellow; 10.30am Eucharist at West Tytherley; 11am Service at Sherfield English

Charity of the Month December 2025



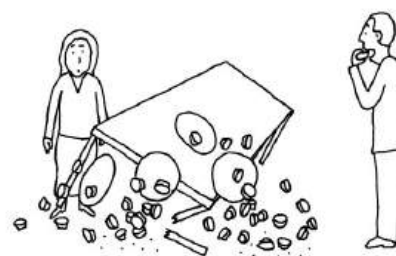
In 2024 Romsey Young Carers (RYC) celebrated 20 years in existence and its legacy supporting young carers not only in Romsey but across the whole of Southern Test Valley and beyond.

What started out as a small charitable organisation in 2004 has grown from a single youth club lead by a single worker and a handful of volunteers to be an established leader in young carers support, offering diverse opportunities, fun activities and innovative approaches by a committed staff and leadership team that keeps the needs of young carers at the heart of what they do. They also won the Unity Volunteer Team of the Year 2023 Award.

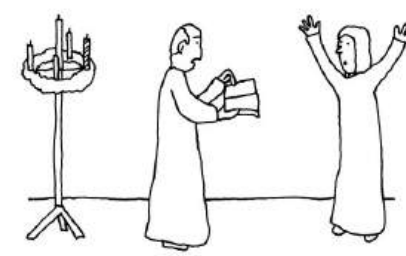
More details from www.romseyyoungcarers.org.uk

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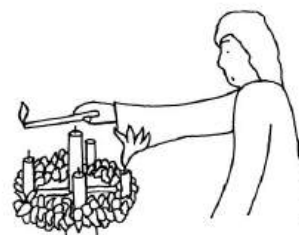
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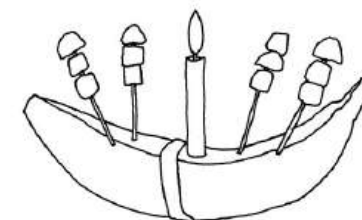
TABLES BUCKLING UNDER SHEER
WEIGHT OF MINCE PIES



UNREST OVER THE CORRECT WEEK
TO LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE



ADVENT WREATH FIRES



SUPERMARKETS RUNNING OUT
OF ORANGES