

# THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE BULLETIN DECEMBER 2025

with details of services, events, who's who and what's what!

## The FYT PARISHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER ▪ ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY ▪ ST JAMES, YARMOUTH ▪  
CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY and

## The North and South RURAL PARISHES

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE ▪ ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SHALFLEET  
HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN ▪ ST SWITHIN, THORLEY  
ST MARY'S, BROOK ▪ ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S, MOTTISTONE  
ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE ▪ ST PETER'S, SHORWELL



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and on the pages of 'A Church Near You' [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



*"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world".*

John 1 v6-9

## CLERGY THOUGHTS

### EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

The birth of Jesus went largely unremarked in Bethlehem. It was a day like any other. Work, family, the daily challenges and humiliations of an occupied people. All very much business as usual. People married, people died and babies were born. The Roman census may have added to Bethlehem's population, life continued as usual.

Except for the few to whom the news of the birth of the Saviour had been revealed there was nothing to indicate that a history making, life transforming, divinely ordained event had taken place.

But for those few, there was joy and celebration, awe and wonder. Hope rose in their hearts, filling them with joy in anticipation of the saving work of God taking place in their midst. The birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

At this time of year Christmas can feel like an extended retail festival. Millions of pounds are invested in encouraging us to spend our way into the joy of the season. We make our retail pilgrimages, pay our dues, extend our credit into the New Year and still find there is no room in Costa for weary travellers. We know deep within, that none of this activity will ever lead to the individual peace we are looking for, longing for. That this frantic spending spree will never bring an end to conflict and the consumption driving the many ills of our world.

If you, like me, sometimes feel that Christ is being lost amid the trappings and business of the season, there is hope. We know that he is there to be found, as he was in Bethlehem, with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi. Emmanuel, God with us. Revealed to all who seek him. He makes his home in the manger of our hearts, suffuses them with a joy and peace that surpasses and outlasts all the wonders of the world of retail and anything else the world has to offer.

And that is why people around the world, whatever their situation and circumstances will celebrate Christmas this year. We will give gifts, decorate our trees and celebrate with family and friends, because we know that the best of our Christmas traditions, act like icons, leading us to a greater reality.

On Christmas Eve, as Advent ends and the 12 days of Christmas begin, may we be filled with awe and wonder at the great mystery made real. Emmanuel, God with us, born anew, in a neighbourhood near you.

### WITH GRATEFUL THANKS ...

*With grateful thanks to Church Wardens, PCCs and all who work tirelessly throughout the year in service of the gospel of Christ. And particularly at this time of year, our thanks go also to those who lift our worship in music and song, decorate our churches, offer hospitality and welcome the many visitors who join us for our Christmas celebrations.*

*May you have a restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

**Revd Jackie**

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

### ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY

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#### **FRI 5<sup>th</sup> to WED 10<sup>th</sup> DEC – the All-Saints' Celebration of Christmas Trees.**

Pop into All Saints as, once again, we welcome our beautiful Community Christmas Trees. The trees will stay up until after Christmas and the Church Café will be open for the main days of the celebration. Look out for the poster for additional information.

**ST AGNES COMMUNION in December** – there will be no fourth Sunday Communion at St Agnes in December as there is a shared Benefice at Thorley that day at 11.00

**MON 22<sup>nd</sup> DEC - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – ST AGNES CHURCH – 6.00pm for around 45 mins.** *“In contemplative prayer, we learn the art of finding ourselves in God in stillness and in silence. As St John of the Cross said, “Silence is God’s first language.”* ALL WELCOME.

**MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER and SOUP LUNCH ALL SAINTS – First Thursday of each month at 11.30am** at All Saints Church, Freshwater. All welcome. No need to book.

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at [jan\\_evans@btopenworld.com](mailto:jan_evans@btopenworld.com).

**THE CRAFT GROUP** will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church craft ideas.

**ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS** meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new ringers welcome.

**MOTHERS' UNION** meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

**ALL SAINTS CHOIR** practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

### CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

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**FRI 5<sup>th</sup> DEC – 7pm - CONCERT** - the Simon Langton Grammar School Chamber Choir, Canterbury will be performing Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo by Horovitz and other Christmas repertoire.

**SUN 7<sup>th</sup> DEC – Breakfast Service as usual:** breakfast at 10am, Morning Worship at 11am. All welcome to either or both.

**WED 10<sup>th</sup> DEC – 7pm – CONCERT** – the West Wight Choir will be performing Fauré's Requiem and a Christmas Mass by Ronald Corp

**SAT 20<sup>th</sup> DEC - Carols by Candlelight** at 5pm followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

**Christmas Eve – Midnight Communion.** Start time 23.30

**Christmas Day – 11am - a family service for Christmas Day.**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 4pm to 5pm, Vision Prayer.** Please join us to pray for the current and future ministry of Christ Church both as a church and as part of the wider communities of the West Wight Benefice of CofE Churches and Churches Together in West Wight.

**ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL • TEACH • TEND • TRANSFORM • TREASURE.**

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### **PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> From 10.00am** we hope to do the following on this day:-

- Arrange greenery & ribbons everywhere
- Decorate Christmas tree
- Set up Stable and nativity figures
- (Carnations will be added later)

Please sign list in church - (many hands needed)  
& indicate time available

### **"MEMORY CARNATIONS"**

Following our "tradition" we will be collecting names and money for the carnations. List in church - please sign or see Janet Harding, Hazel Hall or April Mansbridge. £1 per name. Thankyou

### **FRI 19<sup>th</sup> DEC 6.30pm - COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT**

Music, readings and carols for all - with the **West Wight Choir** and guest soloists **Zita Syme and Stephen Anthony Brown.**

Retiring collection for the Friends of St James'

### **ST MARY'S, BROOK and ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE**

There's lots going on between us at

**St Mary's, Brook and St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone** this month -

|                                |                   |               |                                             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>SAT 6<sup>th</sup> DEC</b>  | <b>MOTTISTONE</b> | <b>4.30pm</b> | <b>CRIB SERVICE</b>                         |
| <b>SUN 7<sup>th</sup> DEC</b>  | <b>BROOK</b>      | <b>6.00pm</b> | <b>EVENSONG with Cantus Vesperi</b>         |
| <b>SUN 14<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> | <b>MOTTISTONE</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>                       |
| <b>SUN 21<sup>st</sup> DEC</b> | <b>MOTTISTONE</b> | <b>6.00pm</b> | <b>SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> |
| <b>WED 24<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> | <b>BROOK</b>      | <b>5.00pm</b> | <b>CHRISTINGLE</b>                          |
| <b>THU 25<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> | <b>MOTTISTONE</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b>                     |

### **ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE**

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***In addition to our regular Sunday services –***

You are invited to a **CELTIC ENCOUNTER –**

**The Joy of Christmas - THURS 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 3pm Olive Garden, St Mary's Churchyard, Brighstone.** In church if wet. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Further information text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.

If wet the Celtic Encounter will be held in the church.



## SMUGGLERS MOSAIC UNVEILING

The Smugglers mosaic is being unveiled on **Saturday, 13th December at 2.30pm** outside the Wilberforce Hall in Brighstone. The Brighstone Barnacles will be singing their Smugglers Song and a couple of other sea shanties at the ceremony! All Welcome. The mosaic recognises the history of Smuggling in the village and was commissioned by Brighstone Parish Council. It was made by the Brighstone Community Mosaic Group which meets in St Mary's church.



## ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

**SUN 21<sup>st</sup> DEC 16.00 CAROL SERVICE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 FAMILY WORSHIP for Christmas Day**

*PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS.*

## ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our Sunday services this month are:

**SUN 14<sup>th</sup> DEC 11.00 MATINS**

**SAT 20<sup>th</sup> DEC 17.00 CAROL SERVICE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

## SHALFLEET CHURCH CALENDAR

A message from Nick Oulton – “We have just published a 2026 Church Calendar, hang on a wall or stand on a desk, which is quite jolly. Copies can be viewed/bought on our website at <https://churchwardenbooks.co.uk/product/2026-church-calendar/>

## ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

Our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

Our services this month -

**SUN 7<sup>th</sup> DEC 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUN 21<sup>st</sup> DEC 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP**

**MON 22<sup>nd</sup> DEC 18.00 A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 09.30 FAMILY COMMUNION**

**SUN 28<sup>th</sup> DEC 11.00 WEST WIGHT BENEFICE COMMUNION**

**BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE** – we have a permanent feature at the back of the church.

**FOOD BANK BOX** - back of the Church - Please remember to support this vital service.

## ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

**SUN DEC 7<sup>th</sup> 11am** - Holy Communion.

**SUN 14<sup>th</sup> DEC 3pm** - Carols with the Choir.

**TUE 16<sup>th</sup> DEC midday** at The Crown Inn Shorwell Craft Afternoon lunch for St. Peter's.

**WED 17<sup>th</sup> 10 to midday** - Bacon Butties at Shorwell Parish Hall.

**WED 17<sup>th</sup> DEC 6pm to 7pm** - Carols in the pub - The Crown Inn, Shorwell.

**THU 18<sup>th</sup> DEC 10am to midday** - Coffee Morning for the Church Fabric Fund.

**WED 24<sup>th</sup> DEC 6.00pm** - Christmas Eve Communion.

**THU 25<sup>th</sup> DEC 11am** - Christmas Family Service.

## LOOKING AHEAD to January at ST Peter's, Shorwell

11th January, 11am, Holy Communion.

15th January, 10am - 12 noon, Church Coffee Morning at Northcourt Manor

17th January, 3pm, Choral Recital with visiting singers at St Peter's.

21st January, 10am - 12 noon, Bacon Butties at Shorwell Parish Hall.

25th January, 11am, Morning Worship.

27th January, 2pm - 4pm, Craft Afternoon at St Peter's.

### Thank You from St Peter's

- . A huge THANK YOU to Alan Phillips for an extremely interesting second part talk on the Archaeology of the South Wight, and for raising over £400 for the Fabric Fund.
- . Thank you to all of those who have helped with gardening tidy-ups during the year.

Future Events - Saturday 21st February, 7pm, Quiz in the Parish Hall in aid of the Church Fabric Fund - see poster for details.

**Get in touch:** Barbara & Richard: [shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com](mailto:shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com)

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### HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN (and Porchfield Village Hall)

Our Sunday services this month at Holy Spirit, Newtown -

**SUN 7<sup>th</sup> DEC 09:30 HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SUN 21<sup>st</sup> DEC 15.00 CAROL SERVICE**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 FAMILY COMMUNION**

You are invited to a

**CELTIC ENCOUNTER – Joy at Christmas**

**A short time of Celtic style Christian worship**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Further information text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.



### OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

**THE WEST WIGHT CHOIR in concert**, with guest accompanist James Longford, will perform Fauré's Requiem and **A Christmas Mass by Ronald Corp**, in Christ Church, Totland Bay at **7.00pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. Tickets £10 at the door, in aid of the Mountbatten Hospice. Refreshments will be available during the Interval in aid of the Church.

### **THE ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER**

**BELLRINGERS** ... marked 130 years of the dedication of the bells on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Revd Mark blessed the bells during the morning service and then the group turned out again to ring in the afternoon.

Tenor: 16-2-7 in F - General Ringing  
Call Changes 120 Grandsire Doubles

*John Smith (C), David Cobbett*

*Richard Fenton, Hazel Britton*

*Linda Phelps, Denise Scott*

*Ingrid Whatmough. Lesley McMahon-Hathaway*



*The All-Saints Bell Ringers marking the 130th Anniversary of the dedication on the bells of All saints Church, Freshwater*

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

**A REMINDER - ADVENT REFLECTIONS at St Mary's, Brighstone and St Agnes, Freshwater Bay**

Advent should be a very special time – a time to stop, come together and reflect on themes important at this time of year and Revd Mark is giving us the opportunity to do just that in a series of short sessions either at:

**St Agnes Freshwater Bay Tuesdays at 6.30pm on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>**

**St Mary's Brighstone Mondays at 1.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>**

## DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED LYCHGATE AT ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE CEMETERY

**On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

There was a great turnout of community (in the rain!) to the dedication of the refurbished Lychgate. A short ceremony was led by Ali Mascarenhas and Gill Bradbury read a poem she had written. Huge thanks to the community and local organisations who helped raise the amount of funds necessary. Also, our thanks go to G.J. Banks who did the restoration work with Mick Sivell doing all the carpentry work. Incidentally, the oak used was sourced from the Isle of Wight and Chessell Woodyard.

### THE LYCHGATE BY GILL BRADBURY

If you have walked along New Road  
on the way to your abode,  
you may have noticed passing by  
the lychgate's been a bit awry.  
In recent days it's shown its age  
but now it's turned another page

No more a danger to us all  
and looking like it might just fall,  
it's been restored to life and health,  
despite the church's lack of wealth.  
Generous donations and events,  
a village firm in its intents  
has raised sufficient to rebuild  
and all our hopes and dreams fulfilled.  
Made from local seasoned oak,  
a tribute to the village folk  
It stands restored, revived, renewed  
Declared a gem by all who've viewed.



### MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

Following an announcement in the last Bulletin - a 'core group' has been established for the men's breakfast meetings which will be held on the last Saturday of each month with an early start and prompt finish. Anyone wishing to express their interest – please contact with Chris Jagger on [chrisjagger42@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjagger42@gmail.com) or text to 07818675528

### YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - [www.wwcyp.com](http://www.wwcyp.com)
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - [www.southwightyouth.org](http://www.southwightyouth.org) for School Years 6 to 13

### SWAY

**SWAY Administrator - Office: 07880951243**

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> | <b>BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL</b>                           |
| <b>SUN 7<sup>th</sup> DEC 6.30pm</b>        | <b>STARS OF WONDER CONCERT – ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE</b>               |
| <b>MON 15<sup>th</sup> DEC 6pm</b>          | <b>CAROL SINGING, NITON</b>                                         |
| <b>THUR 18<sup>th</sup> DEC</b>             | <b>CAROLS ON THE GREEN in partnership with Chale Parish Council</b> |
| <b>FRI 19<sup>th</sup> DEC 6.00pm</b>       | <b>CAROL SINGING BRIGHSTONE</b>                                     |



### **BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, we had many children take part in the Remembrance Parade through Brighstone village. Our children represented many organisations, including Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs and the school. Thank you to those who came along, and thank you to Lexi who laid our wreath that Honey Bee class made. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, the whole school also took part in the Remembrance Commemorations at the War Memorial at 11am and sang 'We Will Remember' for others who were also gathered. Well done and thank you to all.



Helen from Tesco's in Freshwater came along to tell us about a wonderful new community project, creating a snake with painted stones around the car park. This is very exciting to be a part of, and our children have been busy designing and painting stones. We can't wait to see the final creation!

We were delighted to welcome back the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, who last visited in 2023. They are touring the UK to raise awareness and funds for The Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation, which is a Christian charity in Uganda helping disadvantaged children who are in desperate need of help and support. Even though the choir had reduced numbers



compared with last time (due to visa difficulties), they still had huge impact! The four young people and their headteacher, Aunty Annet, performed for the whole school at the start of the day,



before leading drumming, singing and dancing workshops for each class.

At home time they performed a short dance on the playground while selling their homemade jewellery and crafts and treated our wider school community to an incredible performance in St Mary's Church in the evening, of which many of our children also took part. A huge thank you to Aunty Annet (headteacher), Uncle Robin (trustee), Jauhara, Veran, Ronald and Marvin. We hope that they will raise lots of money for the children of Uganda.



Christmas preparations are starting to get underway in school, and we look forward to sharing our festive celebrations in the January bulletin.

**Mrs Rebecca Lennon (Headteacher)**



We're preparing for a jam-packed festive season, spanning late November through mid-December, filled with decorative ceremonies, musical performances, community fayres, and charitable Christmas dinners. The Federation has invited parents, carers, and the wider community to participate in nearly a month of celebrations designed to bring everyone together before the Christmas break.

### Decking the Halls: Getting Ready for Christmas

The celebrations begin with a focus on transforming the school halls into festive scenes:

- Christmas Tree Decoration Day – where parents are welcome to join their children in creating handmade decorations for the school Christmas trees and then the schools officially "get into the festive spirit" as all decorations begin going up across the Federation.
- We visit the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival with Reception Class (F&Y) and Little Stars Preschool
- At the end of the week both schools feature a Tree Decoration Ceremony and Collective Worship, inviting all parents to help decorate the trees with the students' creations.

### Performances and Community Outreach

Students will be showcasing their talents and reaching out to the local community in a series of special events:

- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:00pm - Christmas Music Evening at Shalfleet School. All Federation families are welcome to attend.
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Selected children will entertain community members at the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch at Yarmouth Yacht Club.
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 4:00pm - All Federation children are welcome to participate in Carol Singing outside Freshwater Library, with toffee apples and mince pies available.
- **Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols in the Square 6.00pm Yarmouth** - (our participating children will be singing at Abbeyfield in Yarmouth before moving to the Square for 6:00pm).

### Festive Feasts, Fayres, and Fundraising

Mid-December is packed with fun and fundraising efforts, with donations from the Christmas Dinner days going to support Freshwater Skatepark:

- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> DEC (2:30 - 4:30pm): SHALFLEET CHRISTMAS FAYRE** featuring treats, gifts, a Christmas Raffle, and Santa's Grotto. PLEASE COME ALONG and support the school
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> DEC (2:30 - 4:30pm): YARMOUTH & FRESHWATER CHRISTMAS FAYRE** also offering festive items and Santa's Grotto. PLEASE COME ALONG and support the school
- CHRISTMAS DINNER and JUMPER DAYS - DEC 16th: at Freshwater & Yarmouth. Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at Shalfleet

### Final Services and End of Term

The term concludes with final services and a Federation-wide party.

Jennie Thompson School Leader at the Federation said, *"This year's calendar is a true celebration of community and collaboration across our schools. We look forward to seeing all our families and local friends come together for this magical time while supporting a fantastic local cause like the Freshwater Skatepark."*

### Lizzie Grainger (Head Teacher)

### Online - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER in ADVENT

For anyone who has been taking part in Contemplative Prayer at St Agnes – Harrison is sharing the following link to a series of Virtual Sit Meditations for Advent - which may be of interest.

<https://cac.org/event/virtual-sit-meditations-for-advent-2025/>

## BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

*Staff and residents of Brighstone Grange Care Home,  
Keith Cram, Pat Conn, Bob Castle, Alec.  
Give thanks for answered prayer.*

*And we pray for the families of all those recently  
bereaved.*

*(If anyone else leads a prayer chain or holds a prayer list in our parishes and wishes to share the names of people who would appreciate ongoing prayers, please let me know - JB/Editor)*

| SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS)<br>(as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025) |                                            |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Purple                                                                                        | Isaiah 11:1-10<br>Romans 15: 4-10          | Psalms 72:1-7 18-19<br>Matthew 3:1-12               |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>Purple                                                                                       | Isaiah 35:1-10<br>James 5:7-10             | Psalms 146:4-10 or Luke 1:46b-55<br>Matthew 11:2-11 |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec<br>Purple                                                                                       | Isaiah 7:10-16<br>Romans 1:1-7             | Psalms 80:1-8 18-20<br>Matthew 1:18-end             |
| Christmas Day<br>White or Gold                                                                                              | Isaiah 52:7-10<br>Hebrews 1:1-4[5-12]      | Psalms 98<br>John 1:1-14                            |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>White                                                                                        | Jeremiah 31:15-17<br>1 Corinthians 1:26-29 | Psalms 124<br>Matthew 2:13-18                       |

## WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

**TUESDAYS 08.30 – ONLINE MORNING PRAYER** Cut and paste or click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138461616?pwd=se2Ob0GQMz2kIOBpfWJ1LlMq8d0x7U.1>

Meeting ID: 891 3846 1616      Passcode: 517505

**SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH Sunday of the Month at 11am:**

Use the following link just before the service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892943909?pwd=VFhrRW5lL25EeDVwY29kYWQvcXFLQT09>

**MORNING PRAYER IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE** in the Olive Garden or in the Porch if wet!

*With grateful thanks to our wonderful Clergy Team –*

*Revds. Jackie, Mark, Charlotte and Jane*

*and to all our retired Clergy, Lay Worship Leaders, Readers and Pastoral Assistants who  
serve us so well here in the*

*West Wight Benefice*

*Wishing them peace and love and joy this Christmas time.*



## DECEMBER 2025 SERVICES - THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE (correct at circulation).

Please check under News and Views from the Churches for details of other parish events (Concerts, Community Carols, Coffee mornings etc)



### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

|       |                       |                |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 19.00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE | LIGHTS OF LOVE |
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### THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

|       |                        |                                       |
|-------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 11.30 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER | MORNING PRAYER (Soup lunch to follow) |
| 15.00 | OLIVE GDN, BRIGHSTONE  | CELTIC ENCOUNTER (Inside of wet)      |

### SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

|       |                                |              |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 16.30 | ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE | CRIB SERVICE |
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### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Second Sunday of Advent

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|-------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 09.30 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER     | HOLY COMMUNION               |
| 09.30 | HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN       | HOLY COMMUNION               |
| 10.00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE      | FAMILY SERVICE               |
| 11.00 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY | MORNING WORSHIP              |
| 11.00 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH         | MORNING WORSHIP              |
| 11.00 | ST SWITHIN, THORLEY        | HOLY COMMUNION               |
| 11.00 | ST PETER'S, SHORWELL       | HOLY COMMUNION               |
| 18.00 | ST MARY'S, BROOK           | EVENSONG with Cantus Vesperi |

### TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

|       |                         |                  |
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| 15.00 | PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL | CELTIC ENCOUNTER |
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### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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|  | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY | CHRISTMAS CONCERT |
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### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Third Sunday of Advent

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|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08.30 | ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY       | MORNING PRAYER        |
| 09.30 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER         | MORNING WORSHIP       |
| 09.30 | ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE | HOLY COMMUNION        |
| 11.00 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH             | HOLY COMMUNION        |
| 11.00 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY     | MORNING WORSHIP       |
| 11.00 | ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET        | MATINS                |
| 11.00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE          | MORNING WORSHIP       |
| 15.00 | ST PETER'S, SHORWELL           | CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR |

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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| 18.30 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH | COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT |
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### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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| 17.00 | ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET    | CAROL SERVICE         |
| 17.00 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY | CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT |

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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| 08:30 | ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY       | MORNING PRAYER                            |
| 09:30 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER         | MORNING WORSHIP                           |
| 09:30 | ST SWITHIN, THORLEY            | MORNING WORSHIP                           |
| 11:00 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY     | HOLY COMMUNION                            |
| 11:00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE          | HOLY COMMUNION                            |
| 15:00 | HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN           | CAROL SERVICE                             |
| 16:00 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER         | CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT                     |
| 16:00 | ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE          | CAROL SERVICE                             |
| 16:30 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH             | EVENING WORSHIP (refreshments from 16.00) |
| 18:00 | ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE | 9 LESSONS & CAROLS with West Wight Choir  |

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

|       |                          |                             |
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| 18:00 | ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY | CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER        |
| 18:00 | ST SWITHIN, THORLEY      | SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS |
| 18:00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE    | CAROL SERVICE               |

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

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| 16.30 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH | CHRISTINGLE |
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**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Christmas Eve**

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| 16:00 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER   | CRIB SERVICE       |
| 17:00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE    | CRIB SERVICE       |
| 17:00 | ST MARY'S, BROOK         | CHRISTINGLE        |
| 18:00 | ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY | INFORMAL CAROLS    |
| 18:00 | ST PETER'S, SHORWELL     | EVENING COMMUNION  |
| 21:00 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH       | EVENING COMMUNION  |
| 23:30 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND   | MIDNIGHT COMMUNION |

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY**

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| 09:30 | ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER     | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 09:30 | ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY   | FAMILY WORSHIP    |
| 09:30 | ST PETER/PAUL, MOTTISTONE  | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 09:30 | ST SWITHIN, THORLEY        | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 10:00 | ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE      | CHRISTMAS WORSHIP |
| 10:00 | HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN       | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 11:00 | CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY | MORNING WORSHIP   |
| 11:00 | ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET    | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 11:00 | ST PETER'S, SHORWELL       | FAMILY WORSHIP    |
| 11:00 | ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE      | FAMILY COMMUNION  |
| 11:00 | ST JAMES, YARMOUTH         | FAMILY WORSHIP    |

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

|       |                      |                                     |
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| 11.00 | HOLY SPIRIT, THORLEY | WHOLE BENEFICE SERVICE OF COMMUNION |
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