



## Please Pray for

...those who have died

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

**Diana Eckersley, Greta Thew, Gwyneth Page, Jeanine Stewart,**

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

We have celebrated the Advent season in hope, anticipating the day when Christ will come again to establish God's Kingdom of justice and peace everywhere. We have also looked back to the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and to John the Baptist who, in different ways, were servants of God's rule in Israel. Today we remember the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. In him God's rule on earth was finally realized.

### 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 1:18-25	Immanuel – God with us
Monday	Luke 2:1-7	The birth of Jesus
Tuesday	Luke 2:8-20	Shepherds and angels
Wednesday	Isaiah 9:2-7	A son is given to us
Thursday	Titus 2:11-14	The grace of God has appeared
Friday	Titus 3:4-7	Saved by God's love
Saturday	Psalms 148	God's splendour over heaven & earth
Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt

### Prayers for this Week:

**For the Week:** "Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Son. Make my life a manger to receive him, and a star that points others towards him. Amen."

**Blessing:** "May the peace of the Christ child rest upon you, the joy of his coming fill your heart, and his love and grace carry you home. Amen."

**Christmas Mealtime Prayer:** With joy and gladness we celebrate your gifts, O Lord. Most of all, thank you for gift of Jesus, our Saviour. Help us to share his love and peace with others. Amen

### Readings for 28<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-end

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## News & Notices - 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December

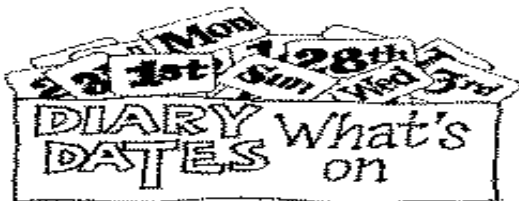


### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Advent

8am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
From 9am	Online Service <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>
9am	Eucharist in West Tytherley
9.15am	Said Eucharist in Wellow
1030am	Celebration Service in Lockerley
11am	Christingle Service in Sherfield English
6pm	Carol Service in Lockerley
6pm	Carol Service in Wellow
9pm	Online Night Prayer <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-end
The Lord tells Ahaz, King of Judah, to ask for a sign, but Ahaz is unwilling to put the Lord to the test. So the Lord promises a sign, that a young woman will bear a son and will name him Immanuel.	Paul introduces himself to the Roman Church and offers his credentials. He states that he has been "called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God... concerning his Son".	The Gospel writer tells how the birth of Jesus came about, and how an angel of the Lord persuaded Joseph that he should take Mary to be his wife, despite her early pregnancy.



### Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

9am Eucharist at Lockerley  
2pm Crib Service at Wellow  
4pm Christingle Service at Lockerley  
8pm 'Midnight' Mass at Sherfield English

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Communion (BCP) in East Dean  
9.15am Sung Eucharist in Wellow  
10.30am Christmas Communion in West Tytherley  
11am Christmas Service in Sherfield English

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> of Christmas

8.15am Communion (BCP) in Wellow  
From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)  
9am Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley  
9.15am Matins (BCP) in Wellow  
1030am Eucharist in Lockerley  
11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English  
9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)

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<b>East Dean</b>	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
<b>East Tytherley</b>	Services will resume in warmer weather			
<b>Lockerley</b>	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins

## 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](http://www.romseyyoungcarers.org.uk)

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to Lockerley Vicarage)

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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ARRANGEMENTS



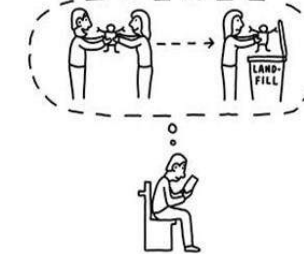
PRIZES AT  
P.C.C MEETINGS



TREATS AT THE  
COFFEE MORNING



A FESTIVAL  
OF CALENDARS



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REPENTANCE FOR  
NOVELTY TRINKETS



CHILDREN'S TALKS BASED  
LARGELY AROUND  
TOILETRY GIFT SETS