



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	Psalm 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 Mealtide 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 28th December – 1st of Christmas

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

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**Thorngate & Blackwater
BENEFICE**

News & Notices - 21st to 28th December

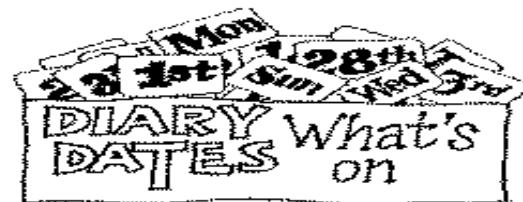


Sunday 21st December – 4th Advent

8am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
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 www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Sunday 21st December – 4th 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/ThorgateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 24th December

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

Thursday 25th 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 28th December – 1st of Christmas

8.15am	Communion (BCP) in Wellow
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorgateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley
9.15am	Matins (BCP) in Wellow
10.30am	Eucharist in Lockerley
11am	Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorgateandBlackwaterChurches

	4 th Jan	11 th Jan	18 th Jan	25 th Jan
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	<i>Services will resume in warmer weather</i>			
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 10.30am Celebration	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Celebration	10.30am Eucharist
Sherfield English	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow	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

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

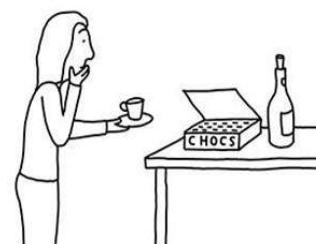
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POINSETTIA ARRANGEMENTS



PRIZES AT P.C.C. MEETINGS



TREATS AT THE COFFEE MORNING



A FESTIVAL OF CALENDARS



LITURGY OF REPENTANCE FOR NOVELTY TRINKETS



CHILDREN'S TALKS BASED LARGELY AROUND TOILETRY GIFT SETS