



## Please Pray for

...those who have died, including:

**David Lyon** (memorial Service 1230pm Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan) and **Jenny Knowles**

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias, Gwyneth Page, Jeanine Stewart, Mavis Eastwood, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Sue, and Simon Bell**

During the twelve days of the Christmas festival, the Church continues to celebrate the 'Incarnation' (Latin *incarnare* - to become flesh). This means God, in the birth of his Son Jesus Christ, became inextricably involved with human beings. He 'shared in our humanity', as today's Collect puts it, so that we, through Christ's saving work, 'may share the life of his divinity', and enjoy fellowship with God for ever.

### 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 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt
Monday	Jeremiah 31:15-20	Hope for the future
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	For everything a season
Wednesday	Hosea 11:1-11	Out of Egypt I called my son
Thursday	Galatians 3:26 - 4:7	No longer slaves
Friday	Isaiah 43:16-21	Do not dwell on the past
Saturday	Revelation 21:1-6	God will make everything new
Sunday	John 1:10-18	God with us

**Prayer for this Week:** Lord Jesus, thank you for becoming human to save us. Help us to live for you. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:** God, we thank you for this time to share a meal with the people we love. Bless this food so that it gives us strength to serve you. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May God be loving and kind to you. May God lift you up and carry you all your life. Amen.

### Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9]10-18

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**Thorngate & Blackwater**  
BENEFICE

## News & Notices - 28<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January



*The Flight into Egypt - Fresco by Giotto (1266-1337)*

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

8.15am	Communion (BCP) in Wellow
From 9am	Online Service <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>
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 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches">www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches</a>

### Sunday 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
In the midst of great challenge, the prophet calls to mind God's steadfast love and constant presence – these are the foundations of God's covenant.	Because of Jesus, we know God does not stand apart from human beings in any part of our experience. Rather, God is with us, even in the depths of our suffering.	This is a story in three parts, each one fulfilling an Old Testament scripture. At the heart of it we see Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing as refugees from one land to another, seeking safety.

## Monday to Saturday

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

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

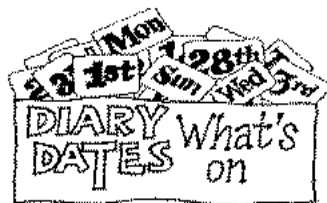
9am Eucharist at Lockerley  
2pm Wedding of Jack and Darcy at West Tytherley

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

10am Baptism of Olivia at Lockerley

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

8am Communion (BCP) in Lockerley  
From 9am Online Service [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://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 Matins (BCP) at East Dean  
11am Communion in Sheffield English  
4pm Messy Church in Wellow Village Hall  
9pm Online Night Prayer [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches)



	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
<b>East Dean</b>	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins
<b>East Tytherley</b>	<i>Services will resume in warmer weather</i>			
<b>Lockerley</b>	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion
<b>West Tytherley</b>	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church

## Charity of the Month - December

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.

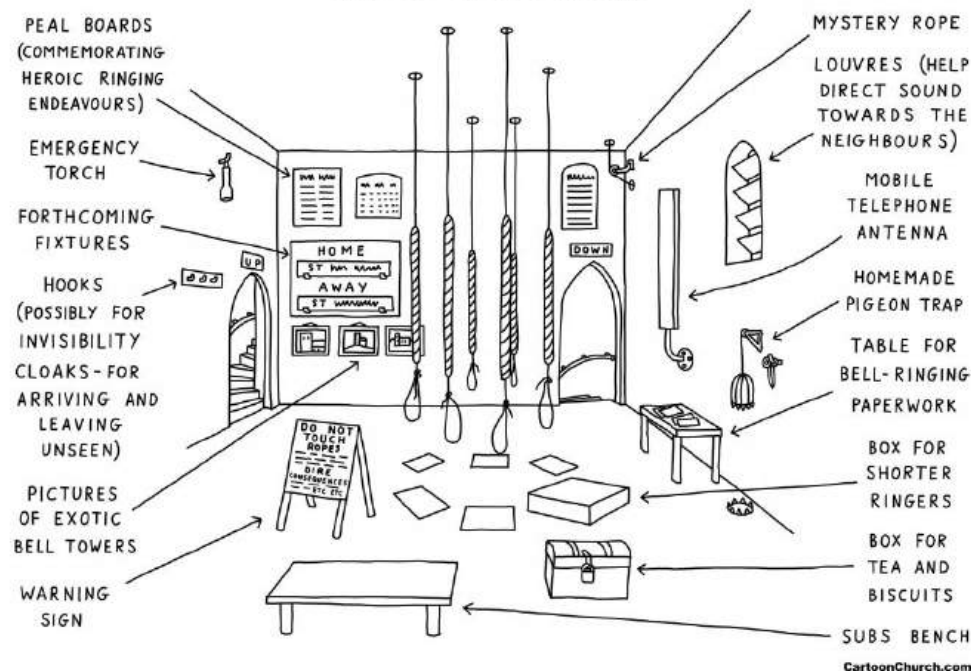
More details from [www.romseyyoungcarers.org.uk](https://www.romseyyoungcarers.org.uk)

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



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## TEN STRATEGIES FOR FINDING THE ITEM THAT ISN'T IN THE PLACE YOU 100% DEFINITELY LEFT IT

