

St John's, Boldre and
St Mary's, South Baddesley
8th December 2024
Second Sunday in Advent

SUN 8th December

8am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas's Chapel
9.30am	Christingle service	St Mary's Church
10.30am	Eucharist	St John's Church

The lections for the Eucharist will be Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6.

Do please bring a new toy to any of these services or this afternoon's concert, if you would like to donate one to a needy Southampton child at Christmas.



Triptych of St Mary, St John the Baptist and
Christ the Redeemer by Rogier Van der Weyden

The benefice office is open from 10am – 12noon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, until 19th December.

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	St John's	St Mary's
Churchwardens	Chris Knox	Pat Mennie and Nicholas Walford
Director of Music	Timothy Rice	Leo Gibb

DIARY AND NOTICES

WED 11th December (Patronal Eucharist)

10.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee St Nicholas's Chapel

SAT 14th December

1.30pm Wedding of Gareth Welsh and Emily Brock St John's Church

SUNDAY 15TH December (Advent 3)

8am Holy Communion St Nicholas's Chapel

10.30am Matins St John's Church

4pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols St Mary's Church

INTERCESSIONS Simon Barker, Lesley Blick, Ian Howat, Paul Jackson, Barbara Loweth, Alan Marsh, Peter Mellish, Theresa Paull-Edwards, Rosie Taylor, Kate.

And THANKS to everyone who has produced a double-issue *Bridge* magazine, and been involved in the distribution, and the distribution of parish Christmas fliers and cards. *You are all, technically, angels.*

If you agree that the road is dangerously potholed just east of the St John's church car park entrance, please tell the council:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Welcome to Emily-May Baker, our new administrator. The office will open for visitors and calls on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9th December, 10am-12 noon. The office will be closed over Christmas from 19th December, reopening on Thursday 2nd January.

If you are a **volunteer driver**, helping people to get to medical appointments, etc. please let Terence know, and she will report back to the Parish Clerk of the Boldre Parish Council. Victoria Thomas is keen to know if there are groups doing this. The PCCs of St Mary's and St John's have offered to assist the Parish Council in their efforts to assist people in need, particularly in the winter, and this might be a very practical way in which we could – or we already are – doing just this.

TODAY!

Sunday 8th December at 3pm – the award-winning Queen Bees return to St John's, with some of the church's readers, with a short programme of close-harmony seasonal music, including a favourite 'Christmas Shopping Blues' and carols. Tea and homemade cakes to follow.

Admission free, with a retiring collection for St John's and the choir's expenses.

Sunday 15th December at 4pm – local choir 'One Way Ticket' and William Gilpin school present seasonal music and drama, with refreshments after.

Tickets £12.50/U16 £6.50

Tell out the good news! Join us singing carols at the **East End Arms on Wednesday 18th December**, with Caroline Ellis and friends, and with St John's choir, at **The Filly Inn on Friday 20th December. 7-7.30 pm** at both places.

A Blue Christmas service is specially for people who would approach the manger where the newborn Jesus lies in grief, sorrow, anxiety or a contemplative spirit. He welcomes us all – and not just when we're joyful and certain. This year St Saviour's, Brockenhurst is holding a Blue Christmas service at **3.30pm on Saturday 21st December**. There will be refreshments afterwards.

There will be a **Christmas Day Lunch** for those who are on their own at 12.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Brockenhurst. Tickets £10 from the Church Office. Tel: 01590 624584 or email office@brockenhurstchurch.com.

10.30am

Lighting the second Advent candle

Hymn 32 O come. O come. Emmanuel

Prayers of preparation and penitence, and Collect

First lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Gradual hymn 393 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sermon, Creed and intercessions

Offertory hymn 371 All praise to our redeeming Lord

Hymn during Communion: Sing we the praises

Hymn 34 On Jordan's bank

Voluntary: *Voluntary in G* Henry Heron

Collect and Post-Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday in Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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This Sunday is when the Church celebrates the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and remembers John the Baptist in the lighting of the second candle in the Advent wreath. They stand, in this triptych, either side of Christ the Redeemer, who Mary bore and to whom John bore witness. It's a reflection of the familiar crucifixion image where Jesus is flanked by Mary Magdalene and John the Evangelist, where the same mystery is presented to us: the divine reality becomes embodied — as we are. Now, in Christ, everybody is redeemed. Repentance (*metanoia* — a change of mind/heart) describes our realisation - in both senses – this new truth. THM