



The Whitewater Benefice

The Churches of Heckfield, Hook, Mattingley & Rotherwick



The First Sunday of Advent, Sunday 3rd December

8.30am – Holy Communion at Hook

10am – Christingle Service at Hook

11am – Advent Parish Communion at Heckfield

6pm – Benefice Advent Carols at Hook

Readings: Isaiah, 64.1-9; 1 Cor 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

News & Thanksgiving

Advent is a special time of year when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the wonder of the birth of Jesus. A huge thank you to everyone in our church families who is taking part in some way and helping us be ready. We are thankful for our special times of worship, study, reflection and arts and crafts and delicious food; for children's nativities and adult socials. Shall we pray for one another not to be overwhelmed, but to find places for delight and awe and wonder? Let us not allow ourselves to be pushed around by consumer demands, but find a true peace and opportunity for joy in the midst of it all.

This Sat 2nd Dec, 10am - 12noon Coffee and Cake sale in St John's Hook

All welcome.

This Sat 2nd Dec, 10am – 3pm School Fete

We need help for the church stall at the Hook School Fete on Saturday 2nd December from 10am to 3pm. Please get in touch with Jonathan Bushman if you can help.

jonathanbushman@whitewaterchurches.co.uk

This Sun 3rd Dec, 10am Christingle Service

On Sunday 3rd December we are having our 'All Age Christingle Service' and raising money for the Children's Society. All are welcome, we will provide materials for a Christingle and if you can there is the opportunity to donate money to the Children's Society.

Mon 4th Dec, Advent Courses 2nd week, 'Mary's Voice' by Amy Orr-Ewing

"What better companions could there possibly be for our journey through Advent to Christmas than these two women: Mary the mother of Jesus who speaks more powerfully into this season than any other, and Amy Orr-Ewing, a trusted voice and respected friend whose insights never fail to encourage and inspire me." By Pete Greig, Founder 24-7 Prayer International and Senior Pastor Emmaus Rd Church. Two Advent courses to choose from: Jennie Martin leading on Monday evenings, 8pm in the St John's Hook Parlour after Brownies at 7.45pm; Jonathan Bushman leading Thursday evenings on zoom. There will be 3

sessions before Christmas Eve. The online resources can be found including a video [Mary's Voice | The Big Church Read](#) ; ALL are welcome.

This 10am Weds Worship, in person on Weds 6th & 20th Dec, 10am Lady Chapel Hook. On Zoom 10th & 17th Jan using the code ID: 868 5911 6775 Passcode: 222222; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86859116775?pwd=MENibnQwcDNZZ1lkZ3V3WHFxeGJFUT09>

Hart Food Bank Latest Requests for this Week

Tinned pulses e.g. lentils, chickpeas and mixed bean salad, laundry detergent, washing up liquid and toothbrushes. Please deliver to designated wheelie bin outside the Life Church on Elms Road, thank you! <http://www.hart.foodbank.org.uk/>.

Mid week Groups

Weds Ecumenical group – 6th Dec, 11.15-12.15pm on Zoom; Jennie 07803 505265 following on from the 12/13 Apostles of Jesus, the group is now studying the letters of John.

Weds Coffee & Study Group – 13th Dec, 11.30am-1pm in the Narthex, Denise White; the group is studying God's big picture.

Weds Living Flame – 6th Dec, 8pm in the Narthex, Nikki Wild (1st & 3rd Weds)

Thurs Eve Fellowship Group – 30th Nov, on zoom, 7.30pm we are following the Advent Course Mary's Voice each Thursday in Advent starting on 30th November. All are welcome to join us, see jonathanbushman@whitewaterchurches.co.uk for more details.

Sunday Evening Fellowship Group – TBC, 8pm in Hook tbc.

New Year – Evening Alpha for adults in church on Thursdays – speak to Marion

Christmas Cards

There are some Christmas cards which have been designed by a local artist (Rebecca) available for purchase in the Narthex at £4 for a packet of 10 cards.

Sat 16th Dec, 4pm Hook Choral Christmas Concert

Come and join us at St John's for Hook Choral's Christmas Concert. Tickets are £10 and are available from www.hookchoral.co.uk or call 07957 293641 (16 and under go free). Doors open at 3.30pm, mulled wine and a mince pie are included in the ticket price.

Nativity Costumes for HMR Heckfield Crib Service

Thank you to everyone who has donated money or time to help with the creation of new nativity costumes within the HMR churches which will be used in our Heckfield crib service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We are grateful for any further offers, please contact Jennifer Martin jennifer.martin17@btinternet.com 07803 505265.

Groups Meeting at St John's Hook

Knit & Knatter – Mon 4th Dec, 2 - 4pm, speak to Ann Taylor.

St John's Lunch Club – Tues 12th Dec, now £6 per person.

Bumps & Babes – Wed 6th Dec, 9am – 11am (term time only).

Friendship Cafe – Every Thursday 10am, (renew old friendships and make new ones).

St John's Church Choir – Every Friday, 7.15pm Juniors, 7.45pm Adults, Caroline Bushman.

Youth Group/ Alpha – Sunday 3rd Dec, Christmas Party 4.30pm for school year 8 upwards.

Fri 1st Mar 2pm 2024 (Women's) World Day of Prayer

2024 (Women's) World Day of Prayer will take place in the Sacred Heart Church. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine and their theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. There will be refreshments after the service. All are welcome. If anyone can help with making cakes please contact Catriona Terrell.

Bluebell Café @ Holdshott Farm, every Friday @ 2-4pm

Refreshments/activities provided for people with dementia and their carers and anyone who feels lonely/needs support. Come for the whole time/drop in as you wish. Rosie's Tearoom, Heckfield RG27 0JZ, on the B3011. We would love to have volunteers and cake bakers on a rota. Rosie 0118 9326266/Ron 07831 612744/David 01256 211508.

Friendship Group @ The True Living Centre, every Thurs @ 2-4pm

Weekly Friendship Group at the True Living Centre 2pm - 4pm with Rosie and Paula.
Contact : Paula 07388 329916 or Rosie 07969 897537.

December 2023, Hook and HMR Dates for Worship

1st Dec	5.30pm new start time	Whitewater School Outdoor Carols with food and fun
10th Dec	8.30am	Holy Communion, Rotheriwck
Advent 2	10am	Holy Communion & Junior Church at Hook
	11am	Christingle service for all ages, Rotherwick
	4pm	Outdoor Carols, Hook
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols, Rotherwick
17th Dec	8.30am	Holy Communion, Mattingley
Advent 3	10am	Morning Worship and short Holy Communion, Hook
	11am	Matins, Mattingley
	6pm	Traditional Carol Service by Candlelight, Hook
24th Dec		CHRISTMAS EVE
Advent 4	8.30am	Holy Communion, Heckfield
	10am	Holy Communion & Junior Church, Hook
	4pm	Crib Service, Hook
	4pm	Crib Service, Heckfield
	8pm	Christmas Communion, Heckfield (<i>note earlier time</i>)
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, Hook
25th Dec		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.30am	Holy Communion, Mattingley
	10am	Family Communion, Hook
	11am	Family Communion, Rotherwick
31st Dec	8.30am	Holy Communion, Mattingley
	10am	Holy Communion with hymns, Hook

Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year

Prayers For Today And The Coming Weeks

Daily & Community Prayer & join WhatsApp prayer group 24/7 prayers!

On Zoom - Mondays and Fridays at 8.30am not Bank Hols; website Calendar has the link.

Monday Prayers - 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10.30am in the Lady Chapel.

Prayers for Israel-Palestine and all affected; for sisters and brothers in this time of renewed conflict and fear.

Tearfund prayers for the Climate and Justice: www.tearfund.org/campaigns/climate-campaign/prayer-for-the-climate

Those in need of prayer: Nicky, Ivor & Kathy Williams, Lorna Nodder, Joyce Baldock, Rosie Mandry, Trevor Owen, Ron & Gilly O’Keeffe, Daphne & Geoff Randall.

Years’ Mind: Debbie Gray, Anthony Collins.

Those who recently died: Edith Patch (HMR), Alma Hughes (Hook), Brian Clements (Hook), Alina Stelmukh (Hook), John Clements (Hook), Pat Woodley (Hook), Annabell Giles (HMR), Mike Goodwin (Amanda’s relative), Darren Lambert.

We will keep our prayers for the people who have recently died for 3 months after the date of death.

Contact Us

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The PCC of Heckfield with Mattingley and Rotherwick is a Registered Charity Number 1132735

