



# CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

*Welcome! If you are new here, thank you for coming—it's great to have you here.*

*Join us for a drink and a chat and say hello at Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. Please fill in a welcome card (from the concourse or at [www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome) or scan the QR code in the top left corner) and we would be delighted to meet up with you.*

## Advent

There is a strange story in Numbers where Balaam understands that it is the Lord's will to bless his people and he "turns his face towards the wilderness".

He then prophesied;

*"I see him, but not now;*

*I behold him, but not near.*

*A star will come out of Jacob;*

*A sceptre will rise out of Israel."* (Numbers 24 v17)

One of the reasons I love the season of Advent is that it encourages us to learn about waiting. As we wait for the joy of Christmas morning, we are reminded to wait in expectation. We are encouraged to look at the wilderness, the broken, barren places in our world and expect signs of hope. We are called to be people who face the darkness, who don't deny it is there or pretend everything is okay. But we are people who have a sure and certain hope of the coming Light.

Jesus was born into the darkness and we wait for his coming again to rule supremely as Lord of all. As we wait, we know he comes to us by His Spirit. In this coming week, regardless of how busy we may feel, let us take some time to stop. And when we stop, let's wait, facing with the Lord the dark places in our world and looking for signs of his coming.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

*- Sue Collinson, Fellowship & Pastoral Director*

TODAY

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> December— [Luke 1.39-56 \(pgs. 1026\)](#)**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson

**[All sermons and notices are available at www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup)**

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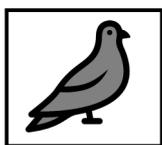
## NOTICES

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### Carol Singing at the Hospital Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm

Join the Hospital chaplaincy in the Hospital Chapel to sing carols with patients and staff and spread good cheer.



### Please check the Pigeonholes for Christmas Cards

*The pigeonholes are beginning to fill with cards between us all. Could you please check your pigeonhole and take them.*



### Christmas Revealed

#### United Church, Jewry Street until 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

If you are in town during the mornings (10-2pm weekdays, 10-noon Saturdays), pop in and see the display of Christmas Angels to take you on a reflective journey through the events of Advent.



### The Annunciation - A pilgrim's quest

#### Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm United Church

Inspired by a chance viewing of a painting from Winchester College, award-winning journalist Mark Byford searches for the spiritual meaning of Luke's account of the Annunciation in 3 half-hour talks.

Also, he discusses the Annunciation on Christmas edition of Something Understood on Radio 4 this Sunday - also available to hear at [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001msl](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001msl)



### Christmas Chalet Slots available this week

- signup in concourse or at [bit.ly/missionchalet18](http://bit.ly/missionchalet18)

Tue	12.30 - 6.30pm (each 2 hour slot)
Wed	10.30 - 12.30pm, 4.30-6.30pm
Thu	10.30 - 4.30pm (each 2 hour slot), 6.30 - 8.00pm
Fri	9-11am Help with taking down chalet



### What has God being doing in your life this week?

Do you have something that you would like to share?

If so, please contact George ([George.watkinson@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:George.watkinson@ccwinch.org.uk)) so that we can include it in a 9.30am or 6pm service .

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Christmas Cards for the Prison - Thank you so much!

We have received so many Christmas Cards that every prisoner will receive one under their cell door this Christmas Eve.

If you have any left, please bring them to the office so that we can do this again next year.



### Warm Clothes for the Basics Bank

Thanks for your generosity - a car bootful stuffed with warm clothes have been collected for local families in need!

# Christmas at Christ Church

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Hush
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Pathfinders & Download Film Night
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	All Age Service with Carols
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Messy Nativity
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christmas Morning Celebration
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All Age Service (8am & 6pm also)

## Twelve Days of Christmas

For inspiration during the post-Christmas period, try the daily reflections (online, email & app) at: [www.churchofengland.org.uk/followthestar](http://www.churchofengland.org.uk/followthestar)

## New Year

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	All Age Service (8am, 11.15 & 6pm also)
Week starting Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>		All groups restart (except Oasis)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.45am	Oasis restarts

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS — [MORE AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER](http://CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER)

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*Prayer for the Week* O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## THIS WEEK ([MORE INFO AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/DIARY](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/diary))

<b>Monday</b>	8pm	<b>Hush</b>	Pause to enter into Advent
<b>Wednesday</b>	11am	<b>Mid-week Communion</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	7pm	<b>Download &amp; Pathfinders Film Night</b>	In the main church.

### *Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> December— [Luke 1.57-66 \(pg. 1026-7\)](#)*

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson
<b>10am</b>	<b>All Age Carols</b>	Preacher	Sue Collinson

## REST OF DECEMBER

Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	<b>All Age Service with Carols</b>	(No 9.30, 11.15 or 6pm services)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	<b>Messy Nativity</b>	Dressing up, carols & mince pies
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Christmas Morning Celebration</b>	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	All Age Service	(No 9.30 or 11.15am services)
	8am & 6pm	Services as usual	

## MORE INFORMATION AT [WWW.CCWINCH.ORG.UK/CHRISTMAS18](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/christmas18)



## 2019 – MAJOR DATES

### JANUARY

Week starting 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Toddlers, Bumps & Babies and all Youth clubs restart
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am	Sunday Children's Groups restart
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> 10.30am	Oasis restarts

### FEBRUARY

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Alpha Course
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### MARCH

Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> —Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Download Weekend Away at Westbrook, Isle of Wight
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### JULY

Jul 27 <sup>th</sup> —Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	New Wine Week 1- Christ Church group going
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