

THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY (WWMC)

BULLETIN DECEMBER 2024

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The **FYT PARISHES** ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER ▪ ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY ▪
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The **RURAL PARISHES** ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE ▪ ST PETER'S, SHORWELL ▪
ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE ▪ ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SHALFLEET ▪ HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN
ST SWITHIN'S, THORLEY ▪ ST MARY'S, BROOK ▪ ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S, MOTTISTONE

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

CLERGY THOUGHTS

"When will we welcome His peace?"

The angel's message to the shepherd resonates with each generation, each Christmas season. It resonates deeply with the hopes and longings of so many in our world. The message of the peace is woven into the Christmas Story. "Peace to people on earth", the Angels declare to the shepherds. "Hail the new-born Prince of Peace", we sing as the descant soars thrillingly above us.

But a closer reading of the nativity story reveals a world that is far from peaceful. We find a people under the heel of an oppressive power, simmering with the threat of rebellion. Ordinary people are upended and forced to leave their homes. A young girl, bearing an extraordinary secret, bravely carries the burden of becoming a mother under perilous circumstances. She gives birth in a stable, surrounded by animals and far from family support.

Soon, this young family must flee into exile to protect the life of their child. Risk and danger are present every step of their journey—a stark contrast to the nativity plays we hold dear. Yet, throughout there is a golden thread of trust in God's plan and faith in His purpose. Mary accepts the angel's message, embracing the hope and promise of her child, Emmanuel— 'God with us.'

The angel's proclamation sends the shepherds running to the stable to welcome the Newborn Prince of Peace.

The magi undertake a long and treacherous journey, trusting that the star will lead them to the King of Kings. It is this combination of faith, trust, and hope that fosters their enduring inner peace, even amidst turmoil. We yearn for peace - in our world, our churches and in our personal lives. Jesus came to bring us peace. And yet, as one of my favourite Graham Kendrick Christmas songs poignantly asks – "When will we welcome His peace?"

We, like Martha, seem to lead such busy lives, preoccupied with the many things that concern us. And yet if we are to know the depth of the peace that Jesus offers we must take time to cease and desist from our activity to simply gaze in awe and wonder at the mystery that is laid before us, once again and welcome the peace of the Christ Child.

I pray that we will be richly blessed in our worship this year. That our readings and carols ring afresh in our ears and stir our hearts deeply and incline them to the babe in the manger.

With Christmas Blessings from David and I and hopes and prayers for peace-filled New Year.

Revd Jackie

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY

OUR SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES LIST IN THIS BULLETIN

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS – ALL SAINTS CHURCH – part of the Celebration of Christmas Trees

FRI DEC 6th 7.00pm – 9.00pm £10 per adult – to include workshop, mulled wine/hot drink, nibbles and cake. Carol singing after at 9pm at the Red Lion.

SAT DEC 7th 10.00am – Midday for families £10 per child (adult free) – to include workshop, drink and cake. Bookings - rosie_peake@hotmail.com or see poster for full details and QR code to Eventbrite.

DEC 6th – 11th DEC – ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS TREES. Open for visitors each day from 10am to 4pm – the church café will be open between these times. Also:

Friday at 11am – Mother’s Union Deanery Service

Saturday at 2.30pm – we will be joined by the SEA SHANTY SINGERS

Sunday at 2.30pm – we will be joined by the SANDOWN AND SHANKLIN MILITARY BAND.

SUN DEC 8th 3.30pm ST AGNES CHURCH, FRESHWATER BAY LIGHT UP A LIFE – Hosted by the Rotary

SUN DEC 15th 4.00pm – Carols by Candlelight at All Saints Church

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4.00pm FAMILY CRIB/CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS EVE - 11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION – ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS DAY - 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS – ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10.30am MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS – ST AGNES

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH - First Friday of the month - 12 noon. Please call Paul Shoulders 07523 025634 or Matthew Akers 07741 279865 on the Tuesday before to check out the details/venue etc.

MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER and SOUP LUNCH ALL SAINTS – First Thurs/each month – 11.30am at All Saints Church, Freshwater. All welcome. No need to book.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** can do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at jan_evans@btopenworld.com.

THE CRAFT GROUP No Craft Group in December – it will meet again in All Saints from January 6th.

ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new ringers welcome.

MOTHERS’ UNION meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES LIST IN THIS BULLETIN

SUN 1st DEC – BREAKFAST SERVICE – with Breakfast at 10am and Morning Worship for Advent at 11am.

FRI 6th DEC – CONCERT – 7pm – **Chamber Choir from the Simon Langton School, Canterbury.** A mix of sacred and secular choral music. Retiring collection for church funds.

WED 11th DEC 7.00pm - THE WEST WIGHT CHOIR – singing VIVALDI'S GLORIA and FANTASIA on CHRISTMAS CAROLS. Tickets £10 at the door on the night. All proceeds to Mountbatten Isle of Wight, Refreshments available.

WED 18th DEC - Carols by Candlelight – 6.30pm. Our annual carol service and a highlight of our church year.

WED 25th DEC– 11am - Family Communion for Christmas Morning

ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL ▪ TEACH ▪ TEND ▪ TRANSFORM ▪ TREASURE.

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FRI 6th DEC - 6.30pm COMMUNITY CELEBRATION Music, Readings and Carols for all (Retiring Collection in aid of the Friends of St. James)

FRI 20th DEC - from 9.30am Christmas tree set up Decorating church with greenery and carnations Help needed - phone Janet 761260 then **SAT 21st DEC - 9.30am Church Cleaning** before Baptism (offers of help as above)

MON 23rd DEC - 4.30pm CRIB SERVICE

TUES 24th DEC Christmas Eve - 9.00pm – AN EVENING "CHRISTMAS" COMMUNION

WED 25th DEC Christmas Day – 10.00am - FAMILY WORSHIP

We are, again, collecting for the **CHRISTMAS CARNATIONS** (£1 per named person) Please be in touch with Janet, April, Hazel or Angela to share details.

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

Our Sunday service this month:

SUN 1st DEC	09.30	MORNING WORSHIP
SUN 22nd DEC	17.00	CAROL SERVICE
WED 25th DEC	10.00	WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS.

HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN

We are looking forward, this month, to the following services:

SUN 1st DEC	09.30	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15th DEC	15.00	CAROL SERVICE
WED 25th DEC	09.30	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our services this month are

SUN 8th DEC	11.00	BCP MATTINS
SAT 21st DEC	17.00	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
WED 25th DEC	11.00	HOLY COMMUNION

ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

Our regular 2nd Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

Our services this month -

SUN 1st DEC	11.00	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15th DEC	09.30	MORNING WORSHIP
MON 16th DEC	18.00	9 LESSONS & CAROLS by Candlelight
WED 25th DEC	09.30	CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE and **FOOD BANK DONATIONBOX** - back of the Church.

ST MARY'S, BROOK and ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE

Between us at **St Mary's, Brook** and **St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone** we have a service each week. All are welcome at our beautiful rural churches.

THIS MONTH - **BROOK AND MOTTISTONE CHURCHES ARE PART OF THE BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - THURS 5th to SUN 8th** Also look out for -

"WILD AT MOTTISTONE"

SAT 7th

- 11.00 Hedgehog Rescue at Mottistone Church
- 15.00 Haven Falconry Bird of Prey featuring Owls flying in the church
- 15.40 Tractors arrive at the Green (from Brighstone)
- 16.30 Crib Service with Brighstone School

SUN 8th

- 09.30 Holy Communion, Mottistone
- 12.00 Wight Squirrels
- 14.00 Niton Handbells
- 15.00 Isle of Wight Bat Group

SERVICES THIS MONTH

SUN 1 st DEC	BROOK	18.00	EVENSONG with Cantus Vesperi
SUN 8 th DEC	MOTTISTONE	09.30	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 15 th DEC	MOTTISTONE	18.00	9 LESSONS & CAROLS WITH WW CHOIR
SUN 22 nd DEC	BROOK	09.30	HOLY COMMUNION
TUE 24 th DEC	BROOK	17.00	CHRISTINGLE CAROL SERVICE
TUE 24 th DEC	MOTTISTONE	23.30	MIDNIGHT MASS

ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE

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FRI 6th DEC – 7pm BRIGHSTONE SOUNDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT with the BRIGHSTONE BELLES, BRIGHSTONE BARNACLES, ST MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR, ST MARY'S HANDBELLS



CHRISTMAS CELTIC ENCOUNTER - PEACE ON EARTH as part of the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival **Thursday, 5th December at 3pm** in the Olive Garden, St Mary's Churchyard, Brighstone or in the church depending on the weather! The short gathering will be followed by refreshments. Free. All welcome. Further information

text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.

TUE 17th DEC – A service of Readings and Carols 7.00pm in St Mary's

CHRISTMAS EVE – Crib and Carols – 5.00pm For all the family

ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

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FRI 6th	DEC 19.00	Salvation Army Concert at St Peter's, retiring collection for the Fabric Fund.
SUN 8th	DEC 11.00	Holy Communion.
SUN 15th	DEC 15.00	Carols with the Choir.
WED 18th	DEC 10.00 - 12.00	Bacon Butties, at Shorwell Parish Hall.
WED 18th	DEC 18.00	Carols in the pub, Crown Inn, Shorwell.
THU 19th	DEC 10.00 - 12.00	Community Coffee Morning in church. Come and chat with us & sample the home made cakes and refreshments
SUN 22nd	DEC 11.00	Morning Worship.
TUE 24th	DEC 16.00	Christingle Service (please note correct time of 4pm). No craft Session today.
WED 25th	DEC 11.00	Family Holy Communion (please note correct time of 11am)

A HEADS UP FOR NEW YEAR ... booking required –

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 7PM, BURNS NIGHT, SHORWELL PARISH HALL. Join us for a fun evening, accompanied by the Scottish Fiddlers. Tickets are £10 in advance only, please ring Keith on 07841045811 to book. Scottish nibbles and drinks are included in the ticket price.

VOICES AND EVENTS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY

CURATE'S CORNER – Shared each month by our Curate Charlotte Hudd

A WINTER AND ADVENT REFLECTION



As the new curate in our parishes, I am finding such joy in walking alongside you in this season of Advent. Winter's stillness brings a time to pause and reflect, much like this special season in the Church. The days may be shorter, and the world quieter, yet I've seen how your faith shines brightly—a testimony to the enduring light of Christ.

Advent reminds us of waiting: Simeon and Anna, faithful elders in Luke's Gospel, waited patiently for the Messiah, trusting in God's promises (Luke 2:25-38). I see this same hope in many of you, who have walked long journeys of faith. You've taught me that waiting is not passive but active, filled with prayer, service, and love.

This season, as we light the Advent candles, let us hold fast to the hope they represent. The Christ Child we celebrate is also Emmanuel—God with us. He meets us in every season of life, offering His peace and purpose anew.

As we prepare for Christmas, I pray we all carry His light into the world. Together, let us proclaim: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

With blessings this Advent

Rev Charlotte

DECEMBER 29th - FIFTH SUNDAY AT TOTLAND

CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY will be hosting our fifth Sunday West Wight Mission Community service at 10.30.

After the busyness of December this will be a chance to pause and reflect on the good news that Christmas brings.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - www.wwcyp.com
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - www.southwightyouth.org

SWAY

SUN 8TH DEC STARS OF WONDER CONCERT, ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE 6PM. SWAY young people performing and refreshments served. All welcome. For more details contact Catherine Hoare, SWAY Administrator, Office: 07880951243

FRI 20TH DEC - CAROL SINGING IN BRIGHSTONE. Come and join us as SWAY young people sing to local residents 6.30pm – 8pm Refreshments afterwards. For more details contact Catherine Hoare, SWAY Administrator, Office: 07880951243

SCHOOL SNIPPETS Sharing snippets of news from our associated church schools.

BRIGHSTONE CofE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Over the past few weeks, we have been busy being involved with the local and wider community.

On Remembrance Sunday, members of our school community took part in the Remembrance Parade through the village, either representing a local group or our school. On the morning of 11th, Paul Bradley, Chair of the Brighstone Royal British Legion, came into Collective Worship to talk to the children about remembrance. He was very impressed by the knowledge that the children had about why we have Remembrance Day. Later in the morning, at 11am the whole school gathered at the War Memorial to pay our respects to the fallen. We listened to Jackie's prayers and to the Last Post, before singing our song 'We Will Remember'.



Each year, we celebrate Inter Faith Week, where we invite people in to talk about their different faiths. This year, our theme was 'community' to link with one of our RE 'Golden Thread' concepts, and we enjoyed hearing all about the concept of community in different religions, including Islam, Christianity, Quaker and Buddhism and Judaism.

Everyone looked fantastic with their funky hair for Children in Need! We had glitter, colour, clips, and all sorts of other permutations of hairstyles and accessories. Also, I set a rather ambitious challenge for the whole school community to total up the miles that they walk, run, cycle and swim for the week (aiming for 1000 miles). We received quite a few responses to this, along with the sponsors and donations. In total, people recorded 381 miles, which is fantastic. We raised an incredible £223.45!



In the run-up to Christmas, we will be taking part in a range of activities and events, including a whole school trip to the pantomime in Portsmouth, a Christmas Concert and a Christingle Service in St Mary's Church, the BSA Christmas Fair, and Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival, plus a visit from Father Christmas!

We all wish the community a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Our weekly Buzz newsletter is always available to read on our school website, where you can regularly keep up-to-date with what we are up to: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Mrs Rebecca Lennon (Headteacher)

THE FEDERATION CHURCH SCHOOLS OF SHALFLEET AND FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH
Shared by Art Coordinator - Gemma Whitehead

As a Federation we are committed to providing engaging and inspiring opportunities for the children, my role as Art Coordinator allows me provide access to a range of fantastic artistic projects.



For three years running both schools have taken part in the PEACH Arts Exhibition hosted by the Quay Arts Centre in Newport. Each year both schools have secured entries which have been displayed in a real

gallery open to public view. We are already signed up for 2025! Earlier this year, we had a fantastic workshop with the ladies from IOW Pottery, who came in to show the children how to make clay dinosaurs. They were able to glaze them and then they were professionally fired in a kiln!



At the moment we are involved in several Festive projects. Each school has an entry for the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival, ours will be showcased at Calbourne Church. We have also been constructing willow lanterns for Mottistone Church. Both of these link to their Go Wild theme, with bats for the bat hospital and an inquisitive mouse ready to peek out of the long grass.



Finally, we will be creating an entry for a Victorian Christmas Card exhibition showing at Osborne House, so lots to have a look at over the Christmas period!

The following is a link to our school website, where you'll find lots of things about our school and our news. [Freshwater and Yarmouth School](http://www.freshwaterandarmouthschool.co.uk)

Merry Christmas from everyone at Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth! Gemma Whitehead

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS. AN INFORMAL LUNCHTIME CONCERT at Newport Minster –



A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES AND SOME LESS WELL KNOWN PIECES. Featuring Soprano Rev Jackie Maw and Mezzo Soprano Alison Finch, accompanied by James Longford.

Newport Minster between 1pm and 2pm FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER. Drop by for a few minutes or stay for the hour!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

There's no reason to be alone this Christmas. Let's eat, drink & be merry together!

25TH DECEMBER • 1:00 PM - 4PM

At THE HOLY FAMILY CENTRE, ST SAVIOUR'S RC CHURCH, TOTLAND

BOOKING ESSENTIAL PHONE KELLY ON: 759662

A SALE IN SUPPORT OF MND

Christmas Sale and coffee morning – Methodist Church Hall, Brookside 7th December 10am to Midday
Raffle, Tombola, cakes, Toiletries, Books, Puzzles.

CARISBROOKE PRIORY

7th DEC 10am – 4pm – The nature of waiting – a quiet day for Advent.

Guided meditations. Bring your own lunch to eat when you want. Hot drinks available.

To book a place or for more information contact Carisbrooke Priory or look out for the poster.

Suggested donations £15 per person.

DECEMBER SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS) (as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2024)		
Sun 1 st December Purple	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end	Psalm 25:1-9 Luke 21:25-36
Sun 8 th December Purple	Baruch 5 or Malachai 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11	Canticle Luke 1:68-79 (Benedictus) Luke 3:1-6
Sun 15 th December Purple	Zephaniah 3:14-end Philippians 4:4-7	Psalm 146:4-end Luke 3:7-18
Sun 22 nd December Purple	Micha 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10	Canticle Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-8 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
Wed 25 th December White or Gold	Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]	Psalm 98 John 1:1-14
Sun 29 th December White	1 Samuel 2:18-20. 26 Colossians 3:12-17	Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-end

WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY ONLINE

WEST WIGHT PRAYER – An opportunity to join others in prayer from the comfort of your own home.

Alternate Tuesdays evenings Registration details available from Paula via bbmcsparishes@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET there is also Morning Prayer every Tuesday morning and there is a service of Worship online via Zoom each month.

TUESDAYS 08.30 - MORNING PRAYER Cut and paste or click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84570659722?pwd=VFh4Zmlob1RWbTBvYmVaeXNNTVY3UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 7065 9722 Passcode: 386017

NB - THERE IS NO SUNDAY ZOOM SERVICE IN DECEMBER

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP 2024 – An invitation on WhatsApp

For anyone on WhatsApp there is an invitation to join an online group for four sessions studying the advent message using John Birch's "*Singing the Story*" programme. Meetings will be at 3.30 pm on Tuesdays, starting 3rd December. This group are meeting via WhatsApp - to enrol please join this WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/F5fcM8nWuGaFdfkPEtOfTD>

Remember to let everyone know what's going on in your church and within the church communities each month so that the news can be shared.

Please send items for the JANUARY 2025 BULLETIN to JULIA BY 19th December 2024 . Any special services must be booked in by 15th December for sharing to other local newsletters. fytparishes@gmail.com



A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE WWMC 5th Sunday service – shared by Linda Porter

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR? *The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*



You may remember that back in September when we had our last West Wight joint service it was agreed that the offering that was received would be gifted to some of our brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we have links in Ghana. Let me tell you a little about them and how your generosity has blessed them.

We first met Dean Clement Azure at Tamale Cathedral when we attended the celebrations the Diocese were holding on the 10th anniversary of its creation. Knowing how I would be struggling in my robes and with the heat, Clement was awake into the early hours of the Sunday morning of the big service at the cathedral making sure the necessary repairs were carried out to the ceiling fan close to where I would be sitting! Later in the week he showed us round his

offices; if I were to say 'basic' that would be no exaggeration.

But his latest problem has come about as a result of the poor condition of the vehicle, a Toyota Hilux now 14 years old, that is used to travel around the region, covering vast distances ensuring effective monitoring and evaluation of teaching and learning in the Anglican schools. Ghanaian roads are quite an experience and it is strongly advised, because of the state of them, that you do not travel after dark.

A little of the money that you gave was added to money from another Island church to purchase four new tyres. It's not the end of the story, there is still work to be carried out on the vehicle to keep it going for a few more years, but it is, at least, back on the road.

Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Jekan looks after nine churches along the Yendi Corridor in the Tamale Diocese. We first met him when, together with Bishop Dennis, we shared transport to attend a Yam Harvest Festival in one of his villages, Dipah. An addition to our return journey was a live goat sharing his space in the vehicle! During our time in the village the children from the new school performed for us, reciting some of their lessons and joining in the celebration and we were very impressed. But they had no building of their own and all 90 or so of them were crowded into the small church making teaching the various ages a real challenge. The villagers had previously begun construction of a school but, unable to purchase roofing, the heavy rains that came destroyed their efforts. However, undaunted, and seeing the education of the children of the village as a missional opportunity, there being both Christians and Muslims in Dipah, work began again. Thankfully funds for a roof were received just in time to save the second building going the same way as the first.



As a result of climate change the weather pattern in the north of Ghana has changed and this year has been quite unpredictable. In order to secure the future of the present building for the next 10-15 years further work is required and the gifts that were given at our joint service have gone towards this work, work that includes plastering, flooring, doors and windows. Still quite basic but with three classrooms to allow the different age groups separate space. They have received our gifts with much thankfulness

DECEMBER 2024 CHURCH SERVICES IN THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY **(details correct at time of circulation).**

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER – First Sunday of Advent

09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
09.30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION
09.30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	SOLACE
11.00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP (with B'FAST FROM 10am)
18.00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG with Cantus Vesperi

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

19.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	LIGHTS OF LOVE
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SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

16.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS
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SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER – Second Sunday of Advent

08.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
10.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	C'MS TREE FESTIVAL SERVICE
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	MATTINS (BCP)
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION
15.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER – Third Sunday of Advent

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	CAROL SERVICE
15.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	CAROLS with the CHOIR
16.00	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	EVENING WORSHIP FOR ADVENT (Tea/Chat from 4.00pm)
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG – 9 LESSONS & CAROLS

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

18.00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	9 LESSONS & CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT
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WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

18.30	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
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SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER

17.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	CAROL SERVICE
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SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

08.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER

09:30	ST MARY'S, BROOK	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP
17.00	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	CAROL SERVICE
18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER

16.30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	CRIB/CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
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TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER – Christmas Eve

16.00	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	CRIB/NATIVITY SERVICE
17.00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS
17.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	CRIB SERVICE
16.00	ST PATER'S, SHORWELL	CHRISTINGLE
18.00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	INFORMAL CAROLS
21.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	'MIDNIGHT' COMMUNION
23.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
23.30	ST PETER/ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	MIDNIGHT MASS

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER – Christmas Day

09:30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
10.00	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS
10.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS
10:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

10.30	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY 5th SUNDAY SERVICE
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MORNING PRAYER - IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE

Morning Prayer is said Thursdays at 8am at St Mary's Brighstone and Morning & Evening Prayer on ZOOM Tuesdays at 8.30am & 7.30pm **

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