

Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 3rd and 10th December 2023
First and Second Sundays of Advent

St Mary's Twyford		St Nicholas' Hurst	
3rd Dec 10.30am	Family Service (Revd Helen Charlton) Mark 13:32-37	3rd Dec 11.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Marina Brain) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:14-37
10th Dec 10.30am	Worship for All (Richard Sabberton-Coe)	10th Dec 11:00am	Messy Christingle John 1:1-5
6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (Revd Helen Charlton)		 
St James' Ruscombe		Twyford U.R.C.	
3rd Dec 9.00am	No Service	3rd Dec 10.30am	Gift Sunday for Yeldall (Revd Gordon Connell) Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37, 1 Cor. 1:3-9
10th Dec 9.00am	Holy Communion (Richard Sabberton-Coe)	10th Dec 10.30am	Holy Communion (Revd Gordon Connell)

Church Family News

Twyford Christmas Fayre 6.00 - 9.00pm Friday 1st December: Don't forget to come along to St Mary's Church tomorrow and see the amazing display of nativity sets and Christmas wreaths and arrangements whilst being entertained with live Christmas jazz!



Gift Sunday for Yeldall Manor 10.30am this Sunday 3rd December at Twyford URC:

Please buy small gifts for residents' stockings and bring them along to the service on Sunday at the URC. We would love to receive SMALL items such as stationery, books, pocket games, men's clothing (eg: scarves, gloves, underpants, socks), quality men's toiletries, confectionery, and other stocking fillers. Please wrap the items and add a post-it note indicating the contents. Please note that NO alcohol should be included in the gifts, even in chocolate. Your gifts will be delivered to Yeldall in the week commencing 11th December. Alternatively, you may buy a gift for the community at www.amazon.co.uk/registries/guest-view/Q99V18QD7ACX or contribute via justgiving.com/campaign/christmas-2023. All support is very much appreciated.



URC Postbox: This is now open for anyone wishing to post cards to church friends. It will be in the URC porch area from this Sunday until after the Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday 17th December.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Ruscombe, Twyford & Hurst

Wishing you a time of peace and hope this Christmas.
Please join us at any of our services ([click to find out more](#))

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Lizzy, Hope, Eldred, Ted, Peter, Paul, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

Please email or ring the church office to be included in this section.

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of Your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for His coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Twyford Christmas Fayre: Friday 1st December 6.00 - 9.00pm, London Road and St Mary's Church.

St Nicholas Church Hurst Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December 11am - 3pm at Hurst Village Hall.

THRU Meets Freeze It: Sunday 3rd December 3pm St Mary's Church Centre. Watch & Sing A Long to "Frozen".

Friendship Club Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 5th December 12 for 12.30pm at Hennerton Golf Club.

Nine Lessons and Carols Choir Rehearsal: 7th December 7.30 - 9.00pm at the URC.

Twyford Singers Christmas Concert: Saturday 9th December 7.00pm at St Mary's Church.

Over 60s Club Christmas Party: Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm at St Mary's Church Centre.

Friendship Club: Tuesday 19th December 1.45pm at the URC - Heritage Too (Alan Dodd & Kevin Lowen).

ZOOM: We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers.
Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.



The EcoHub is a one-stop shop for information, practical advice and theological reflection on how we can best care for God's creation. This comprehensive collection of resources is available at:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/environment-and-social-justice/environmental-action//xdb/ecohub/>

Next Week: Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent

St Mary's Twyford

10.30am Holy Communion (Revd Helen Charlton)

St Nicholas' Hurst

11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Graham Theobald)

St James' Ruscombe

9.00am Morning Prayer (Alan Gywnn)

Twyford U.R.C.

10.30am Nine Lessons and Carols (Linda Jackson)

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