

# The Link

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
2015**

BRIGHSTONE, BROOK with MOTTISTONE, SHORWELL with KINGSTON

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One in Christ Jesus offering a welcome to all

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## Welcome!

If you need any assistance during a service, please do ask one of the welcomers who will be very happy to help. If you would like someone to pray with you after any of our services, please speak with the Minister.

### Advent

08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
10:15	Brighstone	Holy Communion☺
18:00	Mottistone	Cantus Vesperi Advent Music and Readings

### Readings

Baruch ch.5	Canticle: Benedictus	Phil. 1. 3-11	Luke 3. 1-6
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Children are welcome at all services, but those marked with this symbol ☺, are particularly inclusive of children.

### Offerings

In churches where collections are not taken, a plate can be found for your offering at the back of the church.



The churches are each fitted with a hearing loop

For enquiries, contact Anna at [bbmskparishes@gmail.com](mailto:bbmskparishes@gmail.com) or on 07474 987 683



### **Christmas Day Lunch**

If you would like to come for lunch on Christmas Day at The Scout Hut in Brighstone, you will be made very welcome! For more details, please contact Ian and Marianne Johnson on 740234. There is no charge, just bring yourself and join us for a meal while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere with great company.



### **Volunteers Needed for Youth Work**

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with our youth work or have some good ideas to share, please stay for a meeting with Anouska after the main service at Brighstone on the 20<sup>th</sup> December. Helpers are needed for the Shorwell Youth Group and a new junior youth group in Brighstone (both Friday nights as from January 8<sup>th</sup>, Juniors 5 – 6.30pm at The Exchange, Shorwell 7–9pm at the village hall).



### **Baking donations for the Tree Festival**

Offers of baking cakes or mince pies for refreshments at the Wilberforce Hall would, as usual, be greatly appreciated. Either drop in to the hall Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December onward, or phone Bev Fryer on 740896 who can collect. Many thanks.



### **The IW Fostering Team**

The IW Fostering Team will be basing themselves in The Exchange during The Christmas Tree Festival and will be available to chat to anyone possibly interested in or wanting to find out more about fostering. There will be a party for foster carers to bring their children to on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and for the next 5 days there will be members of the Fostering Team on hand to chat. Do pop in and see them.



### **Carol Concert in St Mary's Church, Brighstone**

As part of the Christmas Tree Festival there will be a Carol Concert in St Mary's Church, Brighstone, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Festival Funds, featuring The Christmas Choir with an exciting programme of Carols and Christmas Music and Readings. Admission is

free, with a retiring collection, and seasonal refreshments will be available.



### *Children's Mini Christmas Tree Competition.*

A reminder to return your Christmas Trees to the Library by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December for judging.



### *Name the Bear Competition Result*

The 'Name the Bear' competition which has been taking place over the last few weeks in Brighstone Village Shop, has raised £84 towards St Mary's Roof Fund. The winning names were Biloo and Lucky!



### *Carol Singing around Shorwell*

All those who are interested in bringing a bit of Christmas Cheer to the Shorwell village, meet at St Peter's ready for a 7pm start on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you know someone who will appreciate a carol sung to them, please let Steve know.



### *Carols in the Pub*

Join friends for an evening of carol singing, to be held at the Crown Inn on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 7:30.



### *Church Locking and Unlocking*

If you are able to help with unlocking and locking of St Mary's Brighstone, (morning slot approx. 8am and evening between 4.30 to 6.00 pm) please contact Norma Bradley on 741262.

### *Prayers*

Please pray for all those in particular need today, amongst them Cameron Conn, Avril Coombs, Marianne Drake, Linda Evans, Bruce Lockhart, Jim Long, Mary Martin, Pat McClenning, Colin and Jim Raeside and Lesley Robinson.

#### **Contact Details:**

Reverend Helen O'Sullivan:	The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Brighstone Tel. 740267
Steve Sutcliffe Licensed Lay Minister:	5 Northcourt Close, Shorwell Tel. 741341

*Make Christmas Special for Someone in Need  
Churches Homeless Action 2015*

*Please take a couple of minutes to read this and see how you can help someone in need over Christmas.*

*Churches Homeless Action 2015 are encouraging people to donate £5 gift cards from stores such as Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's and Argos, which will then be given to people this Christmas through the following organisations:*

- *Central Point*
- *Two Saints Hostel Fareham*
- *Friends Without Borders*
- *Hope House*
- *Portsmouth Churches Housing Association*
- *Portsmouth Foyer – Younger Persons*
- *Women's Aid*
- *St Simon's Church*
- *Southern Domestic Abuse Service*
- *SSJ Substance Misuse Service*
- *The LifeHouse*
- *Roberts Centre*

*If you are able to contribute a gift card, please could you drop it into*

***Brighstone Village Shop***

*Please only buy £5 cards so they can be shared out equally.*

*Thank you!*

## Diary for 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

<b>Mon</b>	09:00-10:30 10:00-11:00 16:00-17:00	<b>Shorwell Prayer Group</b> - Hunter's Brook, Fine Lane, Shorwell <b>AgeUKIW Drop-in Surgery</b> - 1 Taylor Court, The Green, S'well <b>Handbell Ringers Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone
<b>Tue</b>	08:30 10:00-12:00 10:00-12:00 18:00-18:30 19:00-21:00 20:00-21:30	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - <i>St Mary's Brook</i> <b>Tuesdays at Ten</b> - 5 Brook Farm Close, Brook <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> - The Methodist Chapel B'ne <b>Evening Prayer</b> - <i>St Peter's Shorwell</i> <b>Bell Ringing Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>Faithbook</b> - 58 Wilberforce Road, Brighstone
<b>Weds</b>	08:00 10:00-10:30 10:00-12:00 10:00-12:00 11:00-12:00 18:00-18:30 19:00-21:00 19:00	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - <i>St Mary's Brighstone</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> - <i>St Mary's Brighstone</i> <b>Coffee and Chat</b> - 31 Ashley Way, Brighstone <b>Age UKIW Drop-in</b> - The Exchange Brighstone <b>Christmas Choir Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>Evening Prayer</b> - <i>St Peter's Shorwell</i> <b>Table Tennis Club, all ages, £1.50</b> - Shorwell Village Hall <b>Hospice Lights of Love Service</b> - St Mary's Brighstone
<b>Thurs</b>	10:00-11:00 18:00-18:30	<b>Wight Seated Exercise Class</b> - The Methodist Chapel, B'stone <b>Cluster Evening Prayer</b> - <i>Shalfleet</i>
<b>Fri</b>	08:30 10:30-12:00 14:30 18:00-18:30 18:00-19:30 19:00-21:00 19:30	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - <i>St Peter and St Paul Mottistone</i> <b>Pitch up at the Pub (AgeUKIW)</b> - The Crown Shorwell <b>Bible Study Group</b> - Maeldune, Farriers Way, Shorwell <b>Evening Prayer</b> - <i>St Peter's Shorwell</i> <b>Bell Ringing Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>Shorwell Youth Group, Yr 7+</b> - TBC <b>Slipshod Singers &amp; Brighstone Barnacles Concert</b> - St Mary Brighstone
<b>Sat</b>	13:00-16:00 14:30 16:30	<b>Brighstone School Christmas Fair</b> - Brighstone School <b>Credorer Ensemble Concert</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>Carols and Crib Blessing</b> - Mottistone Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

08:00 Brighstone  
09:25 Mottistone  
10:15 Brighstone  
10:45 Brighstone  
11:00 Shorwell  
14:00 *Brighstone*  
15:45 *Mottistone*  
19:00 *Brighstone*

**Advent 3**

Holy Communion  
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B.I.G. Worship 😊  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
*Rhymes and Chimes of Christmas*  
*Christmas Nativity Pageant*  
*Stars of Wonder Concert* 😊

**Readings**

Zeph. 3. 14-end

Canticle: Isa. 12. 2-end

Phil. 4. 4-7

Luke 3. 7-18