



# The Link

Week Beginning  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
2014**

BRIGHSTONE, BROOK with MOTTISTONE, CHALE  
and SHORWELL

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.

### Third Sunday of Advent

08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
09:25	Mottistone	Holy Communion
10:15	Brighstone	B.I.G. Worship ☺
10:45	Brighstone	Morning Worship
11:00	Shorwell	Holy Communion
18:00	Chale	Evensong

### Readings

[Ps. 126] Isa. 61. 1-4, 8-end      1 Thess. 5. 16-24      John. 1. 6-8, 19-28

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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 Five Churches are each fitted with a hearing loop



## Advent Carols at Brook

We said a fond farewell to Karen at our Advent Carol service last Sunday. The candlelit service, organised by many of the young people in the benefice, was a fitting opportunity to present Karen with a surprise gift of £400 from members of the congregations. An additional £400 was donated to the development of Chale, in accordance with Karen's wishes. £296.19 was collected during the service which will be donated to The Children's Society. Please read below, Karen's personal thank you to everyone.....

....."A huge "thank you" to you all for your great generosity in my leaving gifts and for making my final services such memorable occasions. It was the best gift to see so many of you at Chale and Brook and to be able to celebrate the Eucharist together and to sing in Advent, especially with the young people showing us so ably how it should be done! And the after-service refreshments (superb) were a lovely way to enjoy one another's company and gave me the opportunity to say goodbye individually.

With a heavy heart I consigned my ancient portable TV with video to the IOW tip and so look forward to choosing a new TV this weekend with your wonderfully generous voucher. I am taking my son-in-law along to the shop with me as I don't understand the modern technology. I am of an era with three channels and having to get up from the sofa to change them over. But as I watch in future I shall think of you all. Thank you! I am now safely installed in Swindon surrounded by packing cases but my bedroom and kitchen are sorted out and now that I have it, I shall take my time with the remaining rooms. It was great to be able to watch one granddaughter's nativity play and although she was an alien (!) it was the traditional story told to aliens who had landed on earth when their spaceship broke down.

I send you all my good wishes for a very blessed and Happy Christmas and every encouragement to carry on shining the light of the Christchild into your communities in the coming year.

With love and thanks.....Karen"



## **Christmas Concerts**

We are lucky enough to have a choice of concerts to look forward to over the coming weeks at St Mary's Brighstone:

**14<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** Stars of Wonder concert, featuring many talented locals!

**16<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** The Slipshod Singers with Brighstone Barnacles.

**19<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm** Ryde Chorus Christmas Carol concert.

**20<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm** The Army Benevolent Fund concert.



## **AgeUK Coffee Morning – Christmas!**

At the Coffee Morning on 16<sup>th</sup> December, non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies will be served, as well as tea and coffee. There will be the opportunity to join in a sing-along of Christmas songs if you wish to, and Santa will be dropping in to give out presents! It promises to be a morning full of friendship and good cheer so please come along. If you have not come to a coffee morning yet and are finding it a bit daunting coming in on your own, please don't let it put you off – you will be assured of a very warm welcome. If you would like someone to accompany you on your first visit, why not give Judith a ring on 525282, and she will do her best to arrange for someone to come and pick you up on your first day so you can walk in with a friend.



## **Steve's Skydive Success!**

Steve successfully undertook his skydive last Saturday in near perfect conditions, apart from the temperature, a mind-numbing  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ !! Please could any sponsor money be given to Steve or to one of the Churchwardens.



## **'The Christmas Story' – at St Andrew's Chale**

Do join us at St Andrew's on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm, for 'The Christmas Story' – carols, reading and refreshments, all are welcome.



### *Carol Singing in Brighstone*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, meet at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church

All who enjoy a good sing, please join us to visit various households around the village, singing Christmas Carols to the housebound folk of Brighstone. Wrap up and bring a torch or lantern. Mince pies and coffee afterwards.



### *Local Police at The Exchange*

Our local police will be holding drop-in surgeries at The Exchange on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am-12 noon, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm- 3pm and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2.30pm-3.30pm. Pop in to discuss any local issues.



### *Tuesday Evening Bible Study*

The next Tuesday evening Bible Study will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> January at 58, Wilberforce Road Brighstone.

### *Prayer Requests*

For those in particular need, amongst them Hugh Benson, Geoff Budd, Cameron Conn, Avril Coombes, Marianne Drake, Linda Evans, Don and Pam Margham, Mary Martin, Emily Metcalf, Colin and Jim Raeside, Jean Scadgell and Brian Smith.

R.I.P. Thomas Ball, Mary Bryant, Derek Dobbs, Ron Eskdale, Frederick Hounsom, Johnny Johnson, Joyce Ransom and John Stitt.

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## Diary for 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014

<b>Mon</b>	07:30-14:30 10:00-12:00 13:00 16:00-17:00	<b>Brighstone School Rehearsals</b> - St Mary's, Brighstone <b>Local Police Surgery</b> - The Exchange, Brighstone <b>Funeral of Derek Dobbs</b> - The Methodist Chapel, Brighstone <b>Handbell Ringers Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone
<b>Tues</b>	08:30 08:30-13:00 10:00-12:00 10:00-11:30 13:00-14:30 18:00 18:00 19:00	<i><b>Morning Prayer</b></i> - St Mary's Brook <b>Brighstone School Rehearsals</b> - St Mary's, Brighstone <b>AgeUK Community Coffee Morning</b> - The Methodist Chapel <b>Brook Bible Study</b> - 5, Brook Farm Close, Brook <b>Brighstone School Play</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <i><b>Evening Prayer</b></i> - St Peter's Shorwell <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> - Brighstone Grange <b>Slipshod Singers/Brighstone Barnacles Concert</b> - St Mary's
<b>Weds</b>	08:00 08:30 08:30-14.30 10:00 10:00-12:00 14:00-16:00 14:30-15:30 18:00 18:00-19:30 19:45-21:45	<i><b>Morning Prayer</b></i> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>Breakfast at the Rectory</b> (parents at Brighstone School) <b>Brighstone School Rehearsals</b> - St Mary's, Brighstone <i><b>Holy Communion</b></i> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>AgeUK Drop-in</b> – The Exchange, Brighstone <b>Craft Club, all ages welcome</b> - Wilberforce Hall, Brighstone <b>Local Police Surgery</b> - The Exchange, Brighstone <i><b>Evening Prayer</b></i> - St Peter's Shorwell <b>Brighstone School Play</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <b>St Mary's Church Choir Practice</b> - St Mary's Brighstone
<b>Thurs</b>	12:45 14:15 18:00 18:00-19:00	<b>Funeral of John Stitt</b> - IW Crematorium <b>Funeral of Johnny Johnson</b> - St Mary's Brook <i><b>Cluster Evening Prayer</b></i> - Shalfleet, all welcome <b>Carols on the Green</b> - Chale Green
<b>Fri</b>	08:30 10:45 14:30 17:30-19:30 18:00 19:30	<i><b>Morning Prayer</b></i> - Ss Peter & Paul Mottistone <b>W in the W, bring &amp; share lunch</b> - Paddocks, Galley Lane <b>Bible Study</b> - 'Maeldune', Farriers Way, Shorwell <b>Ryde Chorus Rehearsal</b> - St Mary's Brighstone <i><b>Evening Prayer</b></i> - St Peter's Shorwell <b>Ryde Chorus Christmas Carol Concert</b> - St Mary's Brighstone
<b>Sat</b>	08:30 18:00 18:00 19:30	<i><b>Morning Prayer</b></i> - St Andrew's Chale <b>'The Christmas Story'</b> - St Andrew's Chale <b>Carols at The Seely Hall</b> - The Seely Hall, Brook <b>The Army Benevolent Fund Concert</b> - St Mary's Brighstone

**21<sup>st</sup> December****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

18:00 (Sat)	Chale	The Christmas Story
08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
10:15	Brighstone	B.I.G. Worship ☺
10:45	Brighstone	Holy Communion
10:30	Shorwell	The Moot: Carols and Crib Building in the Church
18:00	Mottistone	9 Lessons and Carols

**Readings**

[Ps. 89. 1-4, 19-26]    2 Sam. 7. 1-11, 16    Rom. 16. 25-end    Luke 1. 26-38

**Christmas Services in the Benefice****18<sup>th</sup> December**

18:00    Chale Green    Carols Around the Tree

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

18:00    Brook    Seely Hall Carols

**21<sup>st</sup> December**

18:00 (Sat) Chale

08:00    Brighstone

10:15    Brighstone

10:45    Brighstone

10:30    Shorwell

18:00    Mottistone

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

'The Christmas Story'

Holy Communion

B.I.G. Worship ☺

Holy Communion

The Moot: Carols and Crib Building at St Peter's

9 Lessons and Carols

**24<sup>th</sup> December**

17:00    Brook

18:00    Brighstone

23:30    Shorwell

**Christmas Eve**

Christingle ☺

Family Carol/Crib Service ☺

Midnight Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> December**

08:30    Newtown

10:30    Shorwell

10:30    Brighstone

10:30    Chale

**Christmas Day**

Holy Communion

Carols and Crib Blessing ☺

Family Communion ☺

Family Communion ☺

**28<sup>th</sup> December**

08:00    Brighstone

15:00    Kingston

Holy Communion

Carols & Readings for Christmas

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

18:00    Shorwell

**Epiphany**

United Epiphany Service with the Commissioning of our new Lay Minister