

# The Link

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
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.

### Christ the King

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

### Readings

[Ps.93] Dan. 7. 9-10, 13-14      Rev. 1. 4b-8      John 18. 33-37

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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 Tree Festival Soup Lunches**

We are again offering homemade soups with crusty bread and cheese in the Scout Centre, this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you feel you are able to help by providing some soup, please can you sign the sheet at the back of St Mary's Church, or phone Madeline on 741166. Any kind of vegetable soups, no meat please. Many thanks for any contributions.



## **Christmas Day Lunch**

For the second year running Ian and Marianne Johnson, your parish churches and AgeUKIW are organising a Christmas Day lunch for Island residents of any age or circumstance, who would like a bit of company or would like to do something different on Christmas Day. The event is a free of charge with a buffet lunch taking place between 12noon and 3pm at the Wilberforce Hall. Anyone is welcome; if you need transport, let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to help. Perhaps you could provide transport, help prepare the meal or clear up afterwards - we would be very pleased to hear from you. Alternatively, just come and enjoy the meal on the day! 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. Please could you spread the news of this to as many people as possible.



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

Children, join in the fun and decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival. Mini trees (about 45cm) are available from the Library now to take home, decorate and return to the Library by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December for display in the Library during the Christmas Tree Festival. After the Tree Festival you can take your tree home to keep. Cost of entrance £2.00 (includes free tree), Prizes for the best trees.



### **Community Coffee Morning**

Come along to the Methodist Chapel on Tuesday mornings between 10 and 12 to meet with friends. Jo Dare, CEO Age UKIW, will be visiting to give a short talk on the work the charity does on the IW and how it sits alongside the national Age UK charity.



### **Called by God to Serve God**

If you are wondering if God might be calling you to lay ministry as a Reader, or to be ordained, within the C of E, then come along and find out more on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am-12:30pm at Portsmouth Cathedral in the Bishop Kenneth Room. Please let Revd Claire Towns know if you would like to attend, on 01489 818968 or [clairetowns@gmail.com](mailto:clairetowns@gmail.com).



### **Pop up Alzheimer's Café**

Marion Brettell will be holding a pop up café offering support and a safe place for people with dementia, their families and carers. Please come and meet her at the Methodist Church, Brighstone between 2 and 4:30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Friends of St Mary's Quiz.**

Thank you to all who came to the quiz; it went well, there were 8 teams and a very big raffle. We made £122.00 on the door, £75 on the raffle and £18.12 in the donations bucket, so a total of £215.12. There are forms at the back of the church if you would like to become a Friend of St Mary's Church.

### **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.



*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!*