

The Link

**Sunday 29th November
2015**

BRIGHSTONE, BROOK with MOTTISTONE, SHORWELL with KINGSTON

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One in Christ Jesus offering a welcome to all

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 Sunday

08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
18:00	Brook	United Service☺

Readings

[Ps.25. 1-9] Jer. 33. 14-16 1 Thess. 3. 9-end Luke 21. 25-36

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 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 12th 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.



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 8th 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, Tues, 10-12

The 1st December is CAKE WEEK. The handbell ringers are also making a return visit to entertain with a medley of Christmas favourites.



Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss will be in the Wesley Room at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 1st December between 10 and 12.



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 10th December onward, or phone Bev Fryer on 740896 who can collect. Many thanks.



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 17th 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.



Church Locking and Unlocking

If you read the comments in the visitor's book in St Mary's you will see how grateful visitors are that our church is kept unlocked during the day; and local people too, appreciate being able to come into a quiet space to think or pray. In order to be able to provide this there is a rota of people who lock or unlock the church daily. We need to increase the number of people willing to do this. Could you help? If you live nearby or regularly pass the church going to or from work or to taking children to school and would like to offer a morning from about 8.00 am. or evening between about 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.

Diary for 29th November – 6th December 2015

Mon	09:00-10:30 09:30-10:30 10:00-11:00 16:00-17:00	Shorwell Prayer Group - Hunter's Brook, Fine Lane, Shorwell Police Drop-in Surgery - The Exchange Brighstone AgeUKIW Drop-in Surgery - 1 Taylor Court, The Green, S'well Handbell Ringers Practice - St Mary's Brighstone
Tue	08:30 10:00-12:00 10:00-12:00 18:00-18:30 19:00-21:00 20:00-21:30	Morning Prayer - St Mary's Brook Tuesdays at Ten - 5 Brook Farm Close, Brook Community Coffee Morning - The Methodist Chapel B'ne Evening Prayer - St Peter's Shorwell Bell Ringing Practice - St Mary's Brighstone Faithbook - 58 Wilberforce Road, Brighstone
Weds	08:00 10:00-10:30 10:00-12:00 11:00-12:00 18:00-18:30 19:00-21:00	Morning Prayer - St Mary's Brighstone Holy Communion - St Mary's Brighstone Age UKIW and IT Support Drop-in - The Exchange Brighstone Christmas Choir Practice - St Mary's Brighstone Evening Prayer - St Peter's Shorwell Table Tennis Club, all ages, £1.50 - Shorwell Village Hall
Thurs	08:30 10:00-11:00 18:00-18:30	Brighstone School Eucharist - St Mary's Brighstone Wight Seated Exercise Class - The Methodist Chapel, B'stone Cluster Evening Prayer - Shalfleet
Fri	08:30 10:00-13:00 10:30-12:00 14:30 18:00-18:30 18:00-19:30 19:00-21:00	Morning Prayer - St Peter and St Paul Mottistone Women in the Word - The Exchange Brighstone Pitch up at the Pub (AgeUKIW) - The Crown Shorwell Bible Study Group - Maeldune, Farriers Way, Shorwell Evening Prayer - St Peter's Shorwell Bell Ringing Practice - St Mary's Brighstone Shorwell Youth Group, Yr 7+ - Shorwell Village Hall
Sat	12:30-13:30 13:30-16:30	Wedding of Di Carden and Pete Humber - St Mary's B'ne Pageant Full Cast Rehearsal - Mottistone Manor

Sunday 6th December Advent 2

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

Contact Details:

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*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!

'Cantus Vesperi'

perform

Advent Music and Readings

at

Mottistone Church

on

Sunday 6th December

6pm

All are welcome