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The Rev'd David Linaker takes Monday as his day off.
The Rev'd Jenny Taylor takes Saturday as her day off.
The Rev'd Michael McHugh takes Wednesday as his day off.

Morning Prayer is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 am

Evening Prayer is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30 pm

The Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in St Michael's Room, 10am

Details of other regular events in church can be found on the noticeboards.

Wednesday 12 December

- Harnham Juniors in church for rehearsal and carol service 1.30pm – 8pm

Thursday 13 December

- Chafyn Grove in church for rehearsal and carol service 9am - noon

Friday 14 December

- Holy Communion 9.30am The Rev'd Michael McHugh

Saturday 15 December

Liturgical Workshop in church with The Rev'd David Linaker 10am

Next Sunday 16 December

8.00am	Holy Communion	The Rev'd Jenny Taylor
10.15am	Parish Communion	The Rev'd Michael McHugh
		Preacher: Stuart Lucas
6.00pm	Evensong	Stuart Lucas

The readings at Parish Communion will be: Isaiah 35, James 5. 7-10 and Matthew 11. 2-11

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS & ST EDMUND, SALISBURY

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev'd David Linaker
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Jenny Taylor
Curates: The Rev'd Michael McHugh
The Rev'd Jonathan Plows



9 December 2007

8 am Holy Communion Celebrant: The Rev'd David Linaker
Readings: BCP: Second Sunday in Advent

10.15 Parish Communion Celebrant: The Rev'd Jenny Taylor
Readings: RCL Year A: Second Sunday of Advent

You are all very welcome and we hope you will stay for coffee after the 10.15 a.m. service. If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please do make yourself known to us by name. Please ask if you would like directions to Sunday School or crèche, or if you need toys for a smaller child who is staying in the Service.

Introit: Celebration Hymnal 575	Offertory Hymn: 217
Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10 and Romans 15. 4-13	Communion Music: <i>Advent Prose ii</i>
Gradual Hymn: 10	<i>How beautiful upon the mountains</i> Stainer
Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12	Hymn: 663
Sermon: The Rev'd Jonathan Plows	Hymn: 831

The intercessions are led by Robina Hattersley. Please pray for the sick: Edith Reeves, Jane Stamps, Thelma Dangerfield, Daphne Young, Doris Hadaway, Orla, Eleanor Deighton, Jenny Orchard, John Rigby, Jean Iles, Mike Ingrem, Simeon Jemmet, Houston Ferguson, George & Seth Hiller; and for those who have died: Tom Dominy, Sheila Webb and Edward Aisbitt and Alice Ames.

6 pm EVENSONG Officiant: The Rev'd David Linaker

Hymn: Common Praise 36	Lesson: John 1. 19-28
Psalm: 11	Nunc Dimittis: Walmisley in D minor
Lesson: 1 Kings 18. 17-39	Anthem: <i>O gladsome light</i> L Bourgeois
Magnificat	Hymn: 607

Today is your last chance to look at all the Christmas Trees. Why not pop in this afternoon, when the choir will be giving a short concert starting at 4.30?

Christmas Cards

- We still need a few more volunteers to deliver Christmas Cards to roads in the parish. The bundles are ready for delivery at the back of the church. Please sign up (with a friend?) to take St Thomas's Christmas greetings to our neighbours in the coming week.
- Christmas cards for members of the congregation are also at the back of the church. If you can take your own card it does save a lot on postage - there are more than 380 of us! If you live in one of the roads to which we deliver, your card will already be in a bundle for personal express delivery by our band of willing volunteers - but you won't know that until you look for it.

Olive Branch: There is a small number of places left for *A Christmas Wine Tasting* with Geoff Bishop on Dec 13th at 8pm in St Thomas's House (£3 per person), and for a cookery demonstration at Waitrose on Jan 10th from 6030 – 7.30 (£5 per person). We are extending this invitation to any ladies in the congregation and their partners. If you are interested, please contact Anne Foster (01722 710426) Please could those who have booked pay by Dec 13th.

Our very first St. Thomas's Calendar is available! It includes twelve beautiful colour photos taken by members of our congregation, dates of religious festivals and social events. The price of £6 will include a donation to the Mayor's Stars Appeal. Calendars will be on sale today after the service.

Salisbury Rotary Club Christmas Concert: Lots of St T's musicians will be performing in Salisbury Community Choir or Salisbury Community Band in the City Hall on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Not to be missed – tickets £8 from the City Hall, phone 434434.

Sarah Stancliffe will launch her newly published book *The Christian Aid Book of Simple Feasts* at a Reception at Sarum College at 12-30pm on Thursday 13th December. The book has recipes for all seasons and has the hosts with a lot of guests in mind, using local and Fairtrade products, to cater for dozens or a few. Sarum College catering staff will provide lunch using some of these recipes afterwards at 1-00pm. There will be a collection for Christian Aid and the books will be on sale in the Sarum College Bookshop. For further information, to buy the book or booking in for lunch that day, please phone 01722 424800 or email hospitality@sarum.ac.uk

An audience with Greg Dyke (Director General of the BBC 2000-2004) on *The Future of Public Service Broadcasting* at Salisbury Methodist Church on Friday 14th December. Tickets are £10 to include light refreshments, and they are in the Parish Office during normal opening hours.

WARDENS' CORNER

Calling all Sidespeople and mince-pie makers! On December 20th at 1.05 pm we will have our "Carols for Busy People" service, when we invite workers from the local world of business and commerce to a short carol service, followed by mince- pies and mulled wine. We hope to give these visitors a warm welcome, and a tasty mouthful of seasonal delights. Could you help please by making one or two batches of mince-pies? Please give your names to Lyndall.

For our Christmas Eve service at midnight we will need a team of sidespeople. If you are able to volunteer we would be grateful. Please give your names to the Wardens.

Thankyou. John Norwood and Lyndall Willis.

Christmas cards: Why not send just one card to all your friends at church? As in previous years, there will be a board where you can put your card. Keep your eyes and ears open for details of where and when.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Confirmation next year: We will be running confirmation courses for adults and children in the new year aiming for the dawn service at the cathedral on Easter Sunday. This course would also be open to any adults who are already confirmed but would welcome a 'refresher'. Please speak to David if you are interested.

Burns Supper: Shake the moths out of your old DJ or buy a posh frock, for after a gap of four years the "old firm" at St Thomas's are pleased to announce a Grand Burns Supper will be held at the Guildhall Salisbury on Saturday 2 February 2008. All proceeds after costs will go to Salisbury Women's Refuge supported by St Thomas's and specifically the Maternity Unit at Odstock. Pipers from 19 Regiment Royal Artillery (Highland Gunners) will play during the evening. Dancing will be to The Black Bear Band. Tables will seat 8. Tickets will cost £20.00 and guests are advised to bring their own wine or a non alcoholic drink. Water and whisky will be provided We will not have a bar. Tickets will be on sale on a first come, first served basis (120 max seating), through Brian and Anne Sharpe only. Telephone. 01722 422210. Messages may be left.

Nativity Play: At the 10.15am Family Communion Service on Christmas Morning, please come dressed as a shepherd an angel or a king - age no barrier!

Carol Singing in the Old George Mall: Churches together in Salisbury and the Salvation Army Band will be making music to witness to the true meaning of Christmas on Thursday evening this week from 6.30 until 7.30pm. All welcome!