

Notices

20th November 2023

Did you enjoy last Sunday's Christingle Service? I thought Emma creating a "living" Christingle was pure genius. The children really enjoyed finding all the parts to make the Christingle from around the room, then two were dressed up. Well done Emma for doing such a wonderful job explaining the meaning behind the Christingle. Scroll down to see the photos of all the Christingles we made.



Notices

This is the last notice sheet of the year, as very little happens between Christmas Day and New Year. I will also be on annual leave from Tuesday 19th December until Wednesday 3rd January 2024. Messages can be left on the answer machine in the Bridge.

Refreshments

There will be no refreshments before or after the service on Christmas day. Thank you to everyone who has kindly made cakes to share with everyone during coffee time. This has been very much appreciated. It will be lovely to see this continue during 2024.

Sad News for us - Good news for Lizzie

This is the message that Lizzie read out in church last Sunday.

"I've got some news to share and this is going to be harder than I thought it would so I am just going to jump straight in. For a while now I have felt God calling me into something new, Whitefriars has been not only my church but also my family for the past 5 years, and so to share what I am about to with you all is really difficult but also the right thing to do. Mikie and I are leaving Whitefriars because I am going to be the Youth and Families Minister for a church in Lymington. I won't be leaving until around February half term the exact date is still being worked out. My decision to leave is not at all a reflection on the church or the Job or the incredible young people that I love so very much! Sometimes God calls us to do things that aren't easy but are the right thing to do. I love all of you tremendously, Whitefriars will always hold a really special place in my heart. I am going to miss you all so very much. Young people please do not text your friends about this, I know that some of the young people couldn't be here today and I want them to hear it from me, so we will talk about it tonight so please hold off telling each other until tonight! If you have any questions please feel free to come and ask me. "

Please do pray for Lizzie and Mikie as they step out in faith, this is a massive step forward for them both. Please pray that Mikie finds suitable employment before they make their move and that they find suitable accommodation. Also please hold Whitefriars Youth in your prayers as we will need a new Youth Leader to carry on where Lizzie finishes.



Advent 4

Sunday 24th December

If you would like to read in advance, the reading for Sunday is Luke 2 v 8-20.

So, just 5 more sleeps until Christmas. Are you just about containing your excitement? Here's what's happening between now and Christmas day, including a notice about Holy communion.

Tonight Wednesday 20th we have Carol Singing - All welcome



Carol Service on Christmas Eve

This service will be led by our Youth with our Youth Band playing carols.



There will be a short service of Holy Communion to be held in the Bridge immediately after the Carol Service on Christmas eve to which all are welcome.

Christmas Day

Come dressed as a character from the Nativity for our Christmas Day service. There will be some costumes available at the service if you forget!



Sunday 31st December

This will be an All Age worship. There will be refreshments before and after the service. If you have cakes to share, that would be lovely. We shall be praying for our new vicar at 9.45am and the service will start promptly at 10.15am. As part of our attempts to save the planet, don't forget your coffee cup!



I would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a spectacular New Year.

Ephesians 3 v 20 "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."





What a wonderful, rich, gifted, talented, diverse and beautiful family we are.