

Come, Lord Jesus!



**Advent Week of Prayer
3-7 December 2018**

St Mary's Bramshott & the Church Centre Liphook

Advent Week of Prayer

Prayer Space at the Church Centre Chapel
8am-6pm each day

The chapel will be open for individual prayer, with four prayer stations and additional prayer resources for you to use if you wish. Or pray through the stations below wherever you find yourself this week.

First Prayer Station: Luke 2.6-20

The shepherds came with excitement to see the baby in the manger and left glorifying and praising God.

Is there anything that stops you feeling excited about coming to Jesus? Maybe you would like to talk to Him now about whatever the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

Third Station: Matthew 2.12

The Wise Men went back by another route. Is there anything that you would like to let go of or set down before the manger, or anyone that you might like to forgive, so that you can go back “by another route”, knowing the Lord’s healing and forgiveness?

Second Prayer Station: Matthew 2.1-11

The Wise Men came bringing gifts and bowed down in worship before Him.

Is there any gift that you would like to lay before the King of Kings in worship today?

- *Making more room in our hearts is a gift;*
- *Choosing to spend more time with Him in prayer and in His word is a gift;*
- *Using the gifts and resources He has given us more prayerfully and intentionally is a gift*

Which gift resonates with you?”

Fourth Station: Come, Lord Jesus!

Great is the darkness that covers the earth...but we can bring our own difficulties and those of others before the Lord in prayer. What is he calling you to pray for in this season of waiting?

Monday 3rd-Friday 7th December

Group Prayer at the Church Centre Chapel
8-9pm every evening

In addition to the Prayer Stations, there will be an hour of prayer from 8-9pm each evening, led by prayer or home group leaders. All are welcome to attend each or any session, but if you are unable to do so why not pray from wherever you are in the different ways outlined below.

Monday 3rd December

Oppression, injustice and pain – an opportunity to pray for the dark places in the world which God has laid on your heart. Please feel free to bring illustrative material to lay before the Lord as we pray together and ask ‘Come, Lord Jesus...’

Led by David Strutt and others who attend the weekly Monday evening prayer group.

Tuesday 4th December

A time of quiet contemplation by candlelight drawing us closer to the Lord.

Led by Antonia Cumming-Bruce and other members of Glynis Blake & Tim Abbot’s home group.

Wednesday 5th December

A time of prayer and meditation focussing on each verse in turn of the hymn “Come, Lord Jesus”. the world, the church and celebrating Jesus, finishing with a short time to share any words or pictures from the Lord.

Led by Mike Livett and other members of his home group.

Thursday 6th December

PRAY (Pray-Repent-Ask-Yield) for our nation.

Led by Keith Ireland and other members of his home group.

Friday 7th December

Children & youth groups.

An invitation to the Advent Week of Prayer

Advent is a time when traditionally Christians prepare themselves for the coming celebration of Christ's birth and look forward to His second coming in glory. To mark the season we want to come together for a week in prayer around the themes expressed in the song below "Great is the Darkness." Everyone is warmly invited to join in as and when they can—there are opportunities for individual and group prayer in the chapel all week (see inside this leaflet). For those who are unable to come to the chapel, we hope this invitation to prayer will be a resource for you during that week so that we can pray together as a church, wherever we may be as individuals.

Great Is the Darkness

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Great is the darkness
that covers the earth
Oppression, injustice and pain
Nations are slipping
in hopeless despair
Though many have
come in Your name
Watching while sanity dies
Touched by the madness and lies

*Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit we pray
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus
Pour out Your spirit on us today*

May now Your church rise
with power and love
This glorious gospel proclaim
In every nation
salvation will come

To those who believe
in Your name
Help us bring light to this world
That we might speed Your return
Come Lord Jesus....

Great celebrations
on that final day
When out of the heavens
You come
Darkness will vanish
All sorrow will end
And rulers will bow
at Your throne
Our great commission complete
Then face to face we shall meet
Come Lord Jesus...

You can listen to the song online at www.youtube.com
(type *great is the darkness* into the search box)