

The image shows the interior of a large Gothic cathedral, Christchurch Priory. The architecture features high vaulted ceilings and pointed arches. In the center, a large window is illuminated with a blue light, depicting a religious scene. Below the window is an ornate altar with many lit candles. The foreground shows the backs of many people seated in pews, looking towards the altar.

# *Christmas in the Parish of Christchurch*

**An invitation to our  
Services and Events**

**The Parish of Christchurch**

Christchurch Priory - St George at Jumpers - St John at Purewell

## **Christmas Fayre & Craft Market**

**Saturday 23rd November | 10.30am - 4.30pm**

You'll find a great selection of local crafts for sale, and stalls with gifts, home produce, books, competitions, activities for children of all ages plus refreshments and seasonal entertainment. Weather permitting, you can climb the tower with its stunning view (tickets to be purchased)!

## **From Darkness to Light**

**Sunday 1st December | 6.30pm**

Join us for a special reflective service of music and readings for Advent as we look forward to celebrating the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

## **Christchurch Living Advent Calendar**

**Monday 2nd December | 6pm**

Day 2 of this town-wide charity fundraising event is happening at the Priory! Enjoy a 45 minute performance by local artists (revealed on the day); we are grateful that the Friends of Priory Church have been nominated as the Charity benefitting from the night's donations.

## **Salvation Army**

**Thursday 5th December | 7.30pm**

We welcome the Boscombe Band of the Salvation Army who will lead a special service for Christmas at the Priory.

## **Messiah**

**Saturday 7th December | 7pm**

Handel's Messiah, sung this year by The Grange Choral Society with soloists and orchestra. Tickets on sale via Box Office.

## **Christchurch Music Centre Christmas Concert**

**Saturday 14th December | 7pm**

A festive selection of music will be performed by the Junior and Senior wind orchestras. Tickets on sale via Box Office.

## **Christingle Service**

**Sunday 15th December | 3pm**

A lovely service for all ages with an interactive talk and a special collection in aid of the Children's Society. Christingles are oranges decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle which is lit during the service.

## **Carols in the Car Park**

**Thursday 19th December | 5pm**

Come and sing your favourite carols outside Christchurch Priory, accompanied by a brass quintet (we do have a wet weather plan!). Festive refreshments will be on sale and we will be fundraising for charities.

## **Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Friday 20th December | 6.30pm**

A popular service for Christmas in the candle-lit beauty of Christchurch Priory. Join the congregational singing and listen to traditional readings and to Christmas anthems sung by the Priory Choir. Service repeated on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Carols for Kids**

**Saturday 21st December | 10.30am**

We look forward to welcoming our younger friends and their families to sing carols around the Church Christmas tree and hear a special rhyming nativity story.

## **Christchurch Community Carols**

**Saturday 21st December | 7.30pm**

Join with our specially-formed choir to sing carols and hear festive readings in a relaxed atmosphere.

## **St George's Carol Service**

**Sunday 22nd December | 3pm**

Traditional carols and lessons at St George's Church, Jumpers Road with a warm welcome for all.

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## **The Snowman**

**Monday 23rd December | 1.30pm, 3pm, 5pm and 6.30pm**

A big screen viewing of the festive family favourite with live orchestra and soloists from the Priory Choir. Tickets on sale via Box Office.

## **Crib Service**

**Tuesday 24th December | 11am and 3pm**

A short service for all ages, centred on the crib and telling the Christmas Story with carols for everyone to sing. Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character and join in!

## **Midnight Mass**

**Tuesday 24th December | 11.15pm**

Join us in the stillness of the night for this first celebration of Christmas.

## **Holy Communion for Christmas Day at Christchurch Priory**

**Wednesday 25th December | 8am**

## **Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day at St George's**

**Wednesday 25th December | 9.30am**

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**Wednesday 25th December | 10am**



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*Wishing everyone joy and peace  
this Christmas Season*

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