

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER.

B = Brading Y = Yaverland.

4th	2nd in ADVENT	B 09.30 Sung Eucharist Y 11.00 Sung Eucharist B 18.30 Evensong
7th	Wednesday	B 10.00 Eucharist
11th	3rd in ADVENT	B 09.30 Family Service. Y 11.00 Sung Eucharist B 18.30 Sung Eucharist
14th	Wednesday	B 10.00 Eucharist
18th	4th in ADVENT	B 09.30 Sung Eucharist Y 11.00 Sung Eucharist B 18.30 9 Carols & Lessons
21st	Wednesday	B 10.00 Eucharist
24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	B 23.30 Sung Eucharist
25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	B 09.30 Family Service B 10.30 Said Eucharist Y 10.30 Sung Eucharist
28th	Wednesday	B 10.00 Eucharist

NOTE: Variation in times for Christmas Services.
Please see inside page for Yaverland 9 Carols Service.

BRADING UNITED PRAISE SERVICE.

Due to the proliferation of special events and services around Christmas, it has been decided not to have our Praise Service in December. The next one, therefore, will be on the 29th January 1984 at 4pm. in St. Mary's Church.

ST. MARY'S, BRADING
ST. JOHN'S, YAVERLAND.

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Dear Friends,

December 1983.

The Seasons pass so quickly and once again we are heading for that great bonanza of all Christian Festivals, Christmas. Yes, it is and should be a Day of Great Joy and Happiness because we celebrate nothing less than the Birth of God's Son. Yes, we do our utmost to lavish expensive gifts upon our loved ones because the Wise Men brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. But the world is sadly in danger that while it celebrates Christmas in these traditional ways, it, for the most part, completely misses the Great Gift the Infant Son of God brings us! The gifts of Salvation, Redemption and Life Eternal in His Kingdom.

Reading psalm 126 recently(for the umpteenth time!) I realized just how much it was saying about our situation here in Brading and Yaverland. Yes, there are so many people now for whom 'the Lord has done great things' and who are 'singing for joy'. Yes, there are many now whose 'fortunes have changed'and who are 'rejoicing'. Yes, there are many now who have 'sown in tears' and are 'reaping the harvest with joy'. Alleluia! our Lord is great and those who trust in Him will never be let down.

As you decorate your Christmas Tree do remember that those little round red baubles you hang on it are supposed to represent the 'fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'! Do ponder the symbols you are using. Do remember the origin of the tradition of gift giving. As you give gifts to loved ones and friends you should be doing it as if you were giving the gifts to the Baby Lord Jesus.

Then! Remember the Gifts He became Incarnate in this world to give YOU. No one else can give you the priceless Gifts of Salvation, Redemption and Life Eternal in His Kingdom. Only the Living Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, can do that.

God be with you and may we wish you all a very Happy and meaningful Christmas.

Eric Hayden.

ALVERSTONE HALL.

The viability of maintaining the continuation of services in the Alverstone Hall has exercised my mind from time to time as it is obvious it did my predecessors. Now that our dear friend the Reverend Guy Armstrong is out of action for at least three months there is, quite simply, no way that the services can be maintained. It is with regret, therefore, that there will be no Services in the Hall from December 1983, onwards.

Transport will be arranged for anyone wishing to worship, to come to St. Mary's, Brading.

The future of the hall as a matter for the Brading P.C.C. to discuss and decide upon. E.H.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

Grateful thanks to the small army of people who worked so hard producing and selling goods. Also to the generous donors of items to sell. Not least thanks to all who came and bought. Just one name I'll mention; 'Thank You' to Joan Legg for co-ordinating the whole affair. E.H.

COFFEE MORNING YAVERLAND.

Thank you to Kath and Peggy and their helpers for the wonderful achievement at their coffee morning which raised so much money for Yaverland Church.

SAINTS ALIVE EVENING.

The next one will be Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. in the De Aula Chapel.

MOTHERS UNION.

PLEASE NOTE that the December meeting will be on the 14th. It will take the form of a discussion and we shall have a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Mothers Union work overseas. Please come and bring a friend if you would like
L.H.

FROM THE REGISTERS.

Death	John Edward Charles Lodge of Quay Lane. aged 58 years. Service followed by Cremation, 24th October, 1983.
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***** N.B. On the 1st January at 3pm. there will be the '9 Carols and Lessons at YAVERLAND, Church, followed by refreshments.

INVITATION. - Brading Business Association will be holding their usual Christmas party for all children in the Brading Parish aged 10 years & under.
Date - Tuesday 20th December, 1983.
Time - Tea at 5p.m. - followed by Carols round the Christmas Tree at 7.30p.m.

It is lovely to see more people now attending the 10a.m. Eucharist on Wednesdays. Anyone wishing to come to this service would be very welcome.

The Churchwardens and members of St. Mary's P.C.C. wish everyone in Brading A Very Happy Christmas!!!

LOVING AND LIKING Loving our neighbour (i.e. anyone in our power to befriend) does not necessarily mean liking him. Did the Good Samaritan like the Jew he befriended? Yet he acted in a spirit of goodwill & spent time money & care on him. Does a nurse have to like an unpleasant patient? When she is doing her best for him she is putting Christian love into practice. Christian love looks upon malicious, spiteful people with compassion. To think kindly of those who try our patience, to extend Christian love - & goodwill towards them has been known to end in actually liking them!