



Welcome to

The Parish Church of St. George

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

What's On This Week

Today	Sunday 1st December
8.00am	Said Eucharist
8.45am	Parish Breakfast
9.45am	Sunday School
10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Baptism of Richard
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service
Intercessor	Margaret Symonds
Readers	Colin Monk and Rosemary Monk
Parish Office	Marian Haughton
Monday	
8.30am	Morning Prayers
4.00pm	Schools Concerts
7.15pm	Walsingham Meeting
Tuesday	
8.30am	Morning Prayers
10.00am	Parent and Toddlers
4.00pm	Schools Concerts
Wednesday	
9.15am	Morning Prayers
10.00am	Said Eucharist
10.45am	Coffee in the hall
4.30pm	Evening Prayers
Thursday	
8.30am	Morning Prayers
4.30pm	Evening Prayers
6.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	
10.00am	Coffee and cake morning in the church
Saturday	
9.30am	Christmas Bazaar

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Prepare the way of the Lord,
*make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Liturgical Gifts

If you would like to donate the gifts please speak to Lesley Handy. There are lots of spaces in December.

Motet

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree by Allan Bullard

Retiring Collection

Children's Society

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Sue Hodgens, Pat Phillips and John Dickie.

Next Sunday

8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.45am	Sunday School
10.00am	Parish Eucharist

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

Today we celebrate the first week of Advent and this evening at 6pm is our Advent Carol Service. A time to reflect through music, candles, readings and prayer as we begin this season.



Advent is a time of expectation and hope. “Advent” means “arrival” or “coming,” and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. Traditions vary by country, but common ways of commemorating Jesus’ birth are through Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles. Ideally, any Advent tradition should involve families in a fun activity each day of December, helping them remember why we celebrate Christmas.

The Advent candle tradition involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. The fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus’ birth.

Parish Breakfast

Today your St. George’s friends cooked and prepared a lovely breakfast for you to enjoy. Thank you to the team of people involved.

Schools Christmas Concerts

On Monday and Tuesday at 4pm this week children from the local schools are to perform some Christmas songs. If you would like to support them please come just before 4pm.

Travelling Nativity

Today the Holy Family begins its journey on its way to Bethlehem and Euan and Imogen Toft are the first family to host. The next time we will see the Travelling Nativity will be on Christmas Eve at the Christingle service.

Help in Bereavement Coffee Morning

Next Monday 9th December from 10-12.30 the Help in Bereavement Group will be having school children coming to sing some festive songs as well as enjoy some refreshments. You are warmly invited to attend which is £2 on the door to cover the cost of all refreshments. There will also be a raffle. (Donations appreciated)

Christmas Bazaar

Next Saturday

Bring your friends and enjoy browsing
the many different stalls

Refreshments available including hot
dogs and burgers



Christmas Bazaar

Next Saturday is our Grand Christmas Bazaar from 9.30am to 1pm. Come and support your church by visiting and buying from the many stalls. There is also a grand raffle with lots of different prizes so don't forget to buy some tickets as well as encouraging your friends to buy some.

Hospital Visit

Ray Kent, who sits with his wife on the front row of church, is in hospital on E3 ward. He would appreciate any St. George's people to visit him.

Meridian Band Christmas Concert

On Saturday afternoon at 4pm the Meridian Band are to perform their Christmas Concert in Church. Tickets will be on sale on the door but if you would like more information then speak to Don Lloyd who is their Band Master.



Two Beeches Christmas Concert

On Wednesday the 11th of December at 6pm, Two Beeches Care Home in Wallace Road, Waterlooville are to have their Christmas Carol Concert. We would love as many of St. George's people to come along and help with the singing, including our young people. Please put this in your diary. You also may like to wear something Christmassy!



Memorial Christmas Tree



The Christmas Tree will soon be erected in church ready for people to place stars to remember a loved one. The Memorial Service on Saturday the 14th of December at 2pm will acknowledge all the names of loved ones on the stars at the service where each name will be read out in turn. The stars will be returned to the tree where they will remain throughout the Christmas period. The stars are then kept until Easter where they are burned on the Easter Fire.

Burns Night

Burns Night is on Saturday 25th January 2020. We plan to hold a Burns Night supper with some dancing on that day. Tickets will be available at £18 from Colin and Rosemary Monk from December 8th and we will need to know by Christmas that numbers are viable. Vegetarian option is available.

General Election

Just a reminder that the church will be in use for the general election voting all day on Thursday the 12th of December.

Factoid – Do you know that the choir regularly rehearse music needed to support our services in church. Thank you to Rod our organist and the Choir for providing such lovely music.

Friday Coffee Mornings

Following the recent Social Committee meeting we have voted to give £300 from The Friday Coffee and cake fund to church funds, making a total of £900 so far this year. Unfortunately, during this year, we have lost some of our volunteers and now only have enough to cover a four-week rota. **WE URGENTLY NEED SOME NEW PEOPLE TO HELP US.** You work with a partner to make and serve tea, coffee and hot chocolate in the church on a Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. With the help available clearing up is usually finished by mid-day.

COULD YOU HELP TO KEEP THIS VALUABLE OUTREACH AND FINANCIAL BENEFIT FOR THE CHURCH GOING? Please speak to Audrey Linney if you can help.

Horndean Amateur Theatrical Society (HATS)

are doing a pantomime. Oh, yes they are! They are performing "Snow White" from Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th December, at Merchistoun Hall in Horndean. Shows are at 7.30pm, and tickets are £8 (£4 for children). Please see Sonja Barrand, Iain Renfrew or Derek Strickland for tickets or for more information. Bring your own "Boo"s!

Yoga Café and Homeless

The Yoga Café in Waterlooville are to open their doors on Christmas day for the homeless and will give them a hot meal and a gift of essentials. Thank you to those who have already donated some items. They still need more and in particular; donations of socks, gloves, scarves, toiletries, toothpaste/brushes. If you would like to donate to this please place your items in the box at the back of church. Thank you.



Christmas Services at St. George's at a glance

Saturday 14th December	Memorial Tree – 2pm
Friday 20th December	Mill Hill Christmas Assembly – 10.00am
Saturday 21st December	Carols in the Precinct – 12.30pm
Sunday 22nd December	Children's Nativity during homily
	Christmas Carol Service in St. George's Church – 6pm
Christmas Eve	Christingle Service for families – 4pm
	The Midnight Mass – 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Said Eucharist – 8am
	Family Sung Eucharist – 10am



Waterlooville Library

1 week to go until Santa's beautiful Grotto at the library in Waterlooville. The Elves have been busy all year and have some great presents for the children. We open at 10 am on Saturday 7th December and it is just £1 for under ones, £2 for older children or £5 for 3. Why not pop along to see Santa and his winter wonderland. Times vary by day so check the dates and times on the poster.

Churches Homeless Action

By putting a (or several!) £5 gift card/s from supermarkets into your churches' collection plates before 17th December, each donor will help the homeless, vulnerable and needy people in our diocese receive a little bit of Christmas cheer: it might mean the difference between having a "normal" or "festive" meal on Christmas Day, or being able to buy a present for a loved one which otherwise might not have been affordable. Send your £5 gift cards before 17th December 2019 to: Deanery Office, St Faiths Church, Crasswell Street, Portsmouth PO1 1H

PARISH DIARY	
Sunday 1 st December	Parish Breakfast – 8.45am
	Advent Carol Service – 6pm
Monday 2 nd December	Schools Christmas Concerts – 4pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Schools Christmas Concerts - 4pm
Saturday 7 th December	Grand Christmas Bazaar – 9.30am – 1pm
	Meridian Wind Band Concert – 4pm
Monday 9 th December	WI Christmas Carol Service – 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Tweenies pre-Christmas Capers
	Two Beeches Christmas Carol Service at 6pm
Thursday 12 th December	Election Voting in Church All Day
Saturday 14 th December	Christmas Tree Memorial Service – 2pm
	Horndean Band – 6pm
Tuesday 17 th December	PCC meeting – 7.30pm Eucharist
Thursday 19 th December	MU Advent Miscellany – members participation
Friday 20 th December	Mill Hill Christmas Assembly – 10am
Saturday 21 st December	Carols in the precinct -12.30pm
Sunday 22 nd December	Christmas Carol Service – 6pm
Tuesday 24 th December	Christingle Service for families – 4pm
	The Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Said Eucharist – 8am
	Sung Eucharist – 10am
Saturday 25 th January	Burns Night Supper – 7pm
Saturday 9 th May	Emsworth Concert Band – Concert for Mayor of Havant's Charities – 3.30pm Rehearsal + Concert 7pm
Saturday 13 th June	Summer Fete and WMF
Saturday 20 th June	Finish WMF

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Shelley Lazlett, Anna Chapman, Christopher, Richard Rundle, Martyn Lawlor, Hillary, Madison, Amy Carmell, Rhys Clark, Amanda Jelley, Pam Gadd, Barry Godfrey, Christine, Fr Ray, Ray Kent and Dawn.

Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Peter Hood and Bill Lee

Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time



Please pray for the souls of:

Jackie Strickland and Annie Mann

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