



# Welcome to

## The Parish Church of St. George

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

<p><b>What's On This Week</b></p> <p><b>Today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>        8.00am Said Eucharist        9.45am Sunday School        10.00am Parish Eucharist  <b>Intercessor</b> Chris Gadd  <b>Readers</b> Nigel Morgan and Anne Morgan  <b>Parish Office</b> Sheilah Hall</p> <p><b>Monday</b>        8.30am Morning Prayers        4.30pm Evening Prayers        7.30pm Book Club</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>        8.30am Morning Prayers        10.00am Toddlers Christmas Party        4.30pm Evening Prayers        7.30pm PCC at Vicarage</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>        9.15am Morning Prayers        10.00am Said Eucharist        10.45am Coffee in the hall        4.30pm Evening Prayers</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>        8.30am Morning Prayers        4.30pm Evening Prayers        6.30pm Choir Practice</p> <p><b>Friday</b>        10.00am Mill Hill Primary Christmas Assembly        Coffee and cake in the church</p> <p><b>Saturday</b>        12.30pm Carols in the precinct</p>	<p><b><u>Gospel Acclamation</u></b>        Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.        Prepare the way of the Lord,        *make his <u>paths</u> straight,        and all flesh shall see the <u>salvation</u> of God.        Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Liturgical Gifts</u></b>        The liturgical gifts have been donated by Sheilah and Peter Hall in celebration of the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandchild</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Motet</u></b>        There is no rose by Graham Ellis</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Retiring Collection</u></b>        The Children's Society</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Birthdays</u></b>        Happy birthday this week to Anna Richardson, Beth Hines, Eileen Oades and Paula Graham (50<sup>th</sup>).</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>        8.00am Said Eucharist        10.00am Parish Eucharist and S S Nativity        6.00pm Carol Service</p>
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### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-end



The **third candle** lit today symbolises **joy** and is called the “Shepherd’s Candle.” To the shepherd’s great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy.

#### Sandra Hewett

Sandra is grateful and thankful for the messages of concern while she is in hospital. Sandra would like you to know that she is to have surgery on 24<sup>th</sup> December for a brain tumour. She is hoping to get home soon before her operation. Please pray for Sandra, Pete and Sarah which is obviously a worrying time for them both.

#### Church Laundry

We urgently need a volunteer to do the weekly laundry for church while Sandra is unable to do this. It consists of flannels, purificators and on occasion when needed, the altar cloth. Please speak to Lesley Handy

Happy Birthday this week to Eileen Oades who will be celebrating her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Mill Hill Primary School**

Next Friday morning at 10am, Mill Hill Primary School will be having their Christmas assembly in church. Please come along and listen to them singing.

**Sunday School Nativity** is next

Sunday in place of the homily. Our young people have been working hard to produce their Nativity.

**St. George's Christmas Carol Service next Sunday at 6pm**



**Mothers' Union Service of Closure of Waterloooville Branch**

You are invited to the Service at St. George's Church, Waterloooville on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 2.15pm. The Rev Elizabeth Groves will give the address. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

**Mince Pies** as usual there will be mince pies and warm punch after the Christmas Carol Service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are able to help by bringing a box of mince pies please deliver to the Hall, in the morning if possible. Thank you.

### **Carols in the Precinct**

Next Saturday the churches of Waterlooville will get-together for the carols in the precinct at the bandstand. The Salvation Army will lead the Christmas Carols. Please note the time is half an hour later than last year.

### **Organist for Midnight Mass Denmead**

Do you know an organist who might be able and willing to play at the above service? If so, please could you contact Revd Emma Racklyeft at All Saints'.

([vicar@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:vicar@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk))

### **Christingle Assembling**

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December directly after the 10am service we need a team of people to help prepare Christingles for the Christmas Eve Service. They only need to be partly assembled and put into bags. Offers of help to Lesley Handy please. I've only had one person offer so far!

### **Burns Night**

Burns Night is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We plan to hold a Burns Night supper with some dancing on that day. Tickets are available today at £18 from Colin and Rosemary Monk. Vegetarian option is available. Bring family and friends, book a table.

### **St. George's Book Club**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm the Christmas Book Club will be held at Lesley Handy's home. Please remember to bring some Christmas nibbles, what you want to drink and a wrapped book. We will also review the book "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

### **Articles to cover the Christmas Period**

Lesley will compile a double bulletin to cover the Christmas period so please send to [parish.office@stgeorges.church](mailto:parish.office@stgeorges.church)

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations and a very happy birthday to Paula Graham who celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.



## Pop-Up-Cinema

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm in St. George's Hall the pop-up-cinema is showing "The Front Runner."

Tickets on the door from 7pm priced £5.50. This includes a free tea or coffee.

## Santa's Grotto



## at WaterlooVille Library

Have you taken your children to see Father Christmas in the library? Times are listed on the poster.

**Factoid** Did you know that we have a team of people working very hard to produce a mission statement for St. George's Church, which will guide and direct how we grow our church in faith. Thank you to them.

**Factoid** Did you know that George's Men do a terrific job maintaining the upkeep of the church using their skills as "handymen." Without this commitment by them it would cost our church a lot more to keep things up to date. Thank you to George's Men.



**Reading Challenge for Children**

Does your child like to read? Waterlooville Library is running a winter reading challenge until 26<sup>th</sup> January. Read 4 books and collect stickers to complete the challenge. Christmas Holiday Reading!

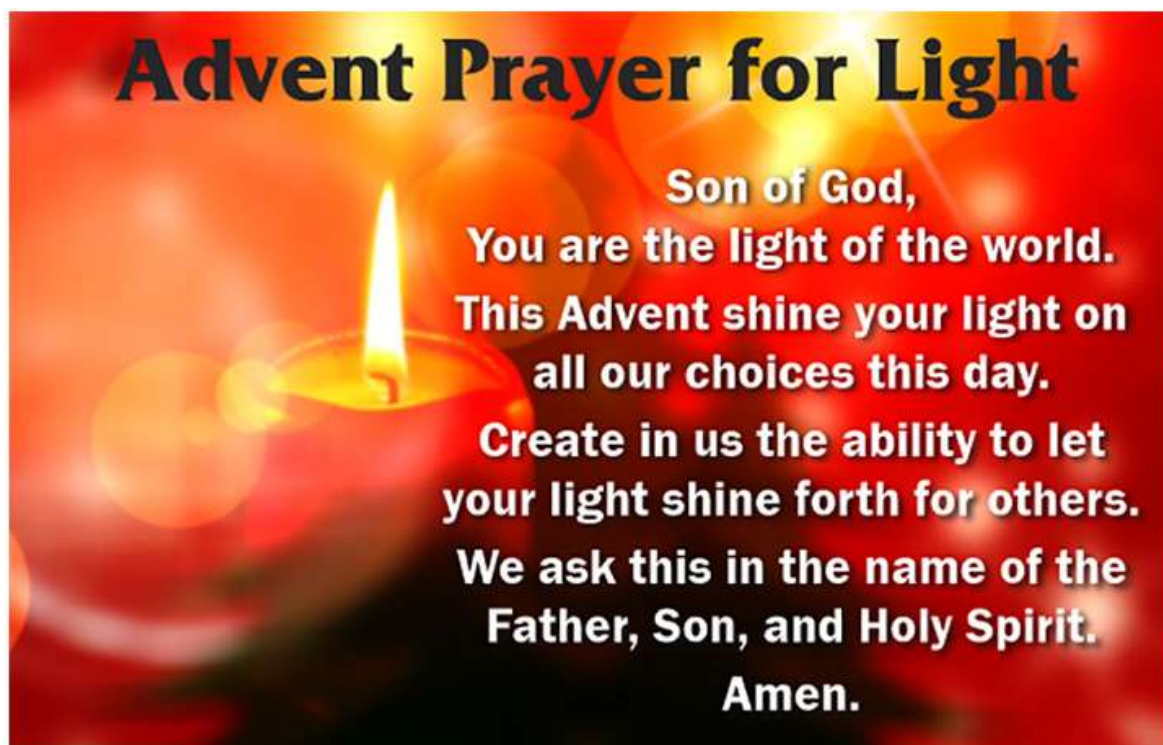
**Earing Found**

Has anyone lost an earring? It was found in church. Please speak to Lesley Handy

**Christmas Services at St. George's at a Glance**

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

<b>PARISH DIARY</b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PCC meeting – 7.30pm Eucharist
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	MU Advent Miscellany Service
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Mill Hill Christmas Assembly – 10am
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carols in the precinct -12.30pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service – 6pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service for families – 4pm
	The Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Christmas Day	Said Eucharist – 8am
	Sung Eucharist – 10am
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns Night Supper – 7pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Walsingham Cell Cream Tea at St. Faiths Havant – 3pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Emsworth Concert Band – Concert for Mayor of Havant's Charities (Reduced rates/no charge)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete and WMF
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Finish WMF
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Victory Brass Band Concert – 7pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cantemus Summer Concert – 6.45pm



**Pastoral Care** Please let us know if you need to have someone included on the prayer list. Also let us know if that person has got better so we can celebrate their recovery. Please speak to Fr Colin, Fr Ray, or Churchwardens.

**Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Shelley Lazlett, Anna Chapman, Christopher, Richard Rundle, Martyn Lawlor, Hillary, Madison, Carmell, Rhys clark, Amanda Jelley, pam Gadd, Barry, Godfrey, Christine, Ray Kent, Dawn Sandra Hewitt.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Rose Boyns

**Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time**



Please pray for the souls of:

Linda Pask

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