

Message from Revd Heather

“I am delighted to be able to tell you I have been offered and accepted the post of Vicar of St.Mary’s Old Basing and Lychpit, near Basingstoke, in the Winchester Diocese. This appointment is subject to statutory checks and clearances before it can be made formal, but I am looking forward to a licensing service, hopefully in the summer, and will of course let you know the date. Dominic is currently exploring options with the Diocese and we hope to have an announcement in the spring about his next post. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Dominic and I as we discern our next posts, and we would appreciate your continuing prayer in the months ahead”.

Helping Homeless People in need this winter

1. If you are in England or Wales, contact Street Link. This service helps to connect rough sleepers with local services. streetlink.org.uk
2. Alabaré’s winter emergency accommodation is available to rough sleepers in Wiltshire between November and March. Beds are available in Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham and can be accessed via Wiltshire Council.
3. One of the most important things you can do is simply stop and talk to someone. Rough sleeping is a lonely and scary experience – a friendly face can make a massive difference.
4. Rough sleepers can get free, hot food, clothes and advice at Alabaré’s Drop in centre in Salisbury.

Wiltshire Council - (office hours) 01722 434233 / (out of office hours) 0300 456 0100

Alabaré Place and Drop in Centre Salisbury - 01722 334687

Alabaré Chippenham - 01249 588018

Emergency Duty Service on 08456 070888

Any immediate danger call 999



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 23rd December 2018**

Communion. All are invited. If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please bring a book with you. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please let a sides-person know before we begin.

Financial gifts to the church can be gift-aided! Please use the gift aid envelopes. There will be a collection during the offertory hymn towards the work of the Parish. 5% of this collection will support other Christian charities.

COLLECT:

**Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of Your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this age,
to see, with her,
our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

READINGS: Micah 5: 2-5a (P880)
Luke 1: 39-55 (P54)

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Would you please PRAY for:

- ❖ Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria). The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko.
 - ❖ the Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan especially for the Most Revd Hilary Garang, Archbishop of the Province of the Upper Nile.
 - ❖ 'Knowing the Holy family were refugees, may we welcome all refugees in this country, giving them the respect they are due and recognising that they are made in the image of God.'
 - ❖ all the parishes in the Sherbourne Deanery.
 - ❖ those who live in Bridgewater Close and Primrose Close.
 - ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them especially Ann Baker, Sue Barnes, Marion Webb, Rachel Woods, Angela Mould, Bob Pearce, Laura Walker and Revd Simon Wilkinson.
 - ❖ those who have died especially David Nickol, Sarah Turner, Bertram Rooney, Enid Barton and William Jackaman.
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GREAT NEWS

We would like to celebrate the fact that our outreach at the Old Mill continues to grow with over 110 people attending this year's event. The atmosphere was both fun and poignant. Some of the community had Christmas stalls. Thanks to the choir and 'narrators' who led brilliantly! The raffle and collection from the evening is going to Alabare and the Parish Hall Transformation Project. Stall holders at the event gave all their takings towards the Hall Transformation Project so the final amounts raised on the evening are: £100 for Alabare and £233.35 for the Hall Transformation project.

Parish Office and Gate

The Parish Office is closed on Friday 28th December 2018. Telephone messages and emails will be checked frequently over Christmas and New Year in case of anything urgent.

The gate to the church hall car park will be locked after midday on 31st December and opened again at some point on 1st January 2019.

PARISH DIARY

TODAY - 23rd December 2018

6.30pm Carol Service at All Saints.

MONDAY - Christmas Eve

2.30pm Crib Service at All Saints.

4.00pm Crib Service at All Saints.

Children welcome to come dressed as a Nativity Character.

7.00pm Blue Christmas at St. George's.

Reflections, music and a quiet space for those who find Christmas difficult.

TUESDAY - Christmas Day

9.30am Family Christmas Communion at St. George's.

11.00am Family Christmas Communion at All Saints.

THURSDAY - 27th December 2018

NO Service at St. George's

10.00am Interment of the late Peter Emm at All Saints.

SATURDAY - 29th December 2018

10.00am Coffee at All Saints.

SUNDAY - 30th December 2018

10.00am United Service at All Saints.

3.00pm Community Tea in the Parish Hall.

Do ring 01722 324229 or 01722 501200 if you would like to come.

Remembering Stars

Christmas is a difficult time for many people especially for those who have lost loved ones either through death or because they are missing. We are planning to decorate trees with stars in the churchyards again for Christmas so that this group of people can add named memories on stars and place them on the tree.