

## PARISH DIARY

The Parish Office is closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December and opened again at some point on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.**

### **SUNDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

10.00am Communion at St.George's.  
(Please note this is the only service today).

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **MONDAY - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

3.30pm Communion at Harnham Croft.

### **WEDNESDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**

11.00am Holy Communion at Brympton.  
7.30pm Standing Committee in the Meeting Room.

### **THURSDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

10.00am Holy Communion at St.George's.

### **SATURDAY - 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

10.00am Coffee at All Saints.

### **Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

8.00am Communion (BCP) at All Saints.  
9.30am Communion at St.George's.

## **Bible Study**

The Thursday evening Bible Study group will be meeting again on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in Brympton House.

Christmas design is by Bronwyn from Juniper Class at Harnham Junior School.

**Parish Website:**

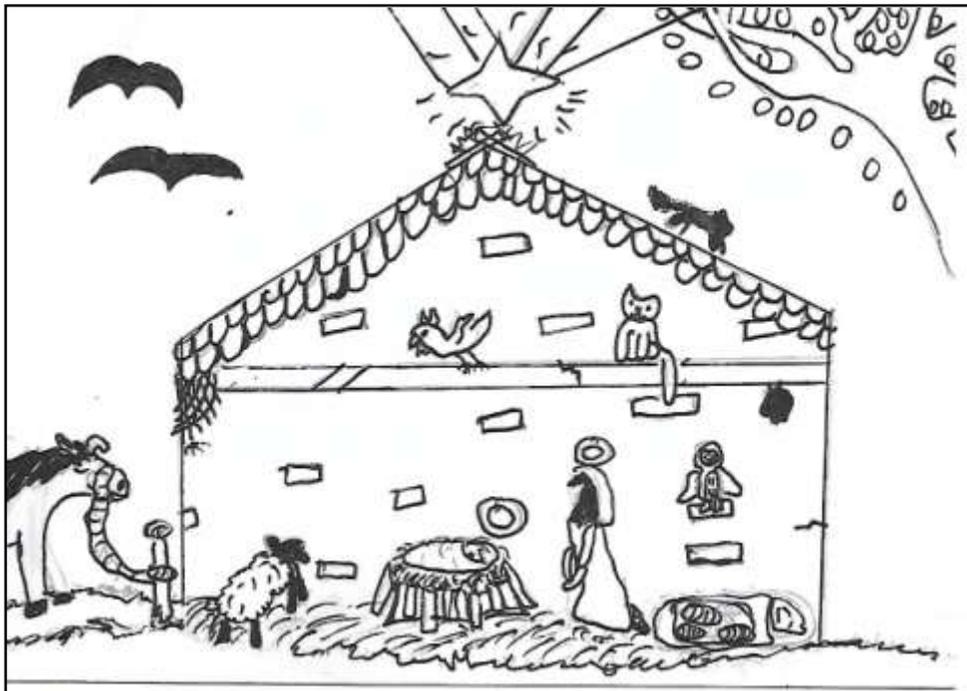
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**Happy Christmas  
and Best Wishes for 2018**



### **Notice Sheet for Christmas Day and New Year's Eve**

Welcome to our churches.

If you are attending a communion service, we invite you to receive communion with us. If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please bring a book with you to the altar rail.

A collection will be taken during our offertory hymn today.

If you would like to know more about our parish then please fill in a welcome card so that we can introduce ourselves to you more personally with a visit.

We keep quiet, in preparation for the service, once the organ stops playing.

***A big “Thank You” to all those who have prepared our churches for the Christmas season.***

**Christmas Day**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

**God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**READINGS:**

**Christmas Day:**

Isaiah 9: 2-7 (P648)  
Luke 2: 1-20 (P55)

**New Year’s Day**

Galatians 4: 4-7 (P186)  
Luke 2: 15-21 (P56)



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018,  
7.00pm in the Church Hall.  
Quiz evening for teams of 6,  
beginning with a ploughman’s  
lunch and hot soup. Tickets £7.50  
available from Linda Baker.

**Message from the Curate**

I am looking forward to being back with you from Wednesday 3rd January, 2018.

On returning, my regular day off will be on a Tuesday.  
Dominic, Isaac and I wish you all a peace and joy filled  
Christmas, and a happy New Year.

With love, Reverend Heather.

## **Would you please PRAY for:**

### **Christmas Day**

- ❖ all who are sad and lonely this Christmas.
- ❖ The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Pope, the Ecumenical Patriarch and the leaders of the Protestant Churches.
- ❖ the Queen, her family and the Commonwealth.
- ❖ the homeless and those unable to be with their families over Christmas.
- ❖ our own churchwardens, sidespersons, organists, cleaners, flower ladies and helpers.
- ❖ Salisbury District Hospital.
- ❖ all the parishes in the Wimborne Deanery.
- ❖ the diocese of Yola in Nigeria.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially John Rumens, Revd. Becky Roberts, Richard Evans, Jessie Sibthorp, Daphne Davis, William Knight, Ann Baker and Angela Mould.
- ❖ those who passed away during the year and all who mourn their loss.

### **New Year's Eve**

- ❖ all who are sad, lonely or find the start of a New Year difficult.
- ❖ the diocese of Zululand in Southern Africa.
- ❖ residential homes for the elderly, Salisbury carers, Age Concern, Alzheimer's Support, Luncheon Clubs and Day Centres.
- ❖ the residents of St.Nicholas Hospital.
- ❖ those who live in Rowbarrow Lane & The Crescent.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially John Rumens, Revd. Becky Roberts, Richard Evans, Jessie Sibthorp, Daphne Davis, William Knight, Ann Baker and Angela Mould.

## **Take this light**

Take this light, let it shine:  
call of God, love divine,  
summons old Abram's line,  
hope for all the nations  
gift of God's salvation.

*Shine, O candles, shine,  
Burn with love divine, to the night,  
comes the light of the Father's glory.*

Take this flame, let it burn:  
prophets called: "From sin turn,  
come to God, evil spurn:  
God will love and pardon,  
bear away your burden."

Take this wick, let it glow  
for the one come to show  
way of God, Christ to know:  
baptise in the river,  
new life to deliver.

Take this spark, let it blaze,  
Mary's called: girl amazed,  
now says yes, God be praised.  
In the womb of woman,  
God's Word now is human.

Take this fire, let it flame,  
God is born in our frame,  
sinless child tastes our shame,  
sin's might he is breaking;  
new the world is making.