

# Flarukham

PARISH CHURCHES



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## **THE PARISH OF HARNHAM, DIOCESE OF SALISBURY ST GEORGE'S, ALL SAINTS and MESSY CHURCH.**

**Welcome** to Harnham Parish. We are a friendly, growing, Anglican Christian community that meets in two different church buildings in Harnham: St George's, Lower Street and All Saints, Harnham Rd. Approximately 110 adults and children meet together every week.

We are part of the Messy Church network; our Messy Church meets one Sunday a month in the Hall, Lower Street.

We are a supportive, friendly group of people, who care about our faith lived out in the community: *Living, Learning and Loving through Christ*.

We hope that this Profile will give you a good introduction to our parish and our local community.

### **OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

At the start of 2012 we undertook a Parish Audit. We looked at our Parish in depth and summarised our findings under Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure – The Five Marks of Mission. From this we identified two goals:

- To be faithful representatives of Christ, growing towards maturity and receptive of the Holy Spirit.
- To look up to God, to look inwards to each other in the church congregations, and to look out to the people of Harnham.

In 2014 we summarised these aims in our mission statement:

#### **Living, Learning and Loving**

In God's love, we seek to be an open Christian community where everyone of every age is welcomed and valued. We aim to do this through living, learning and loving through Christ:

##### **Living**

As people seeking faith, we are committed to exploring a living, loving relationship with God

##### **Learning-**

As people of reflection, we learn through asking questions, exploring doubts, through prayer, worship, bible study, and every-day life experience

##### **Loving-**

As people showing love, we actively care for our neighbours, Harnham and the wider world.

We cherish the good things:

- Our local community
- The strong element of God's love and faith in Christ that exists in many of our church-going members
- A strong link with the local schools in particular with Harnham C of E Junior School, where we enjoy an excellent relationship, between staff, pupils, governors and the church
- Our lovely church buildings
- Our occasional services, baptism, weddings and funerals, but also services like our Christmas nativity – all of which show large attendance.

We pray and act on our hopes:

- To pass on to others the strong element of God's love and faith in Christ that is in many of our church-going members.
- To become more confident in our own faith.
- To provide an imaginative range of worship styles, both formal and informal.
- In a city with a variety of worship options, to provide a distinctive and personal style of worship and ministry that draws on the strengths of our community.
- To build fresh expressions.
- To welcome and support the marginalised.
- To serve those in need.
- To develop outreach, especially to new and younger families.
- To develop more effective work with children within Messy Church, our toddler groups and the community.
- To continue to offer support for the schools, encouraging greater contact, particularly as the Church of England controlled Junior School.
- To build on our community links made in our 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with outreach and discipleship opportunities.
- To develop discipleship groups.
- To develop a community choir where faith can be learned and shared.
- To develop musical events that can reach different age groups in our community.
- To build links between the young and old through music.
- To use music in outreach as a way of communicating the hope which our faith brings.

We have held a Mission and Vision day in which over 80 members of the congregation and the local community gathered to explore what it means to be a church in today's world and to explore the questions: If we started a church from scratch what would it look like? What values are important to us and how do we share them? What do we want our 'church' to be like in 5 years' time?

We are in the process of exploring these answers as part of our mission and vision and auditing for mission in the community.

As one person replied: 'I would really like a church in 5 years that caters for all ages, gender, stages of faith and interests. It will be vibrant and full but not a church building full, but by the numbers attending courses, fun church, cafe church, traditional services, talk groups, social events which will be more than we have now.'

**Our values seek to communicate our aims:**

**Celebration-** We celebrate life and the love of God, shown through his Son Jesus. We celebrate the joys of our communities.

**Hope-** We hope in the transformation of ourselves and the world, through God's love, that we can always start again, and that this life is not the end; we work to bring hope in the lives of those around us by committing ourselves to loving our neighbours and to stand with those who suffer injustice.

**Compassion-** We have compassion from God through the reconciliation Jesus brings; we show compassion to our neighbours as we listen and walk with them through life.



## MINISTRY TEAM AND LAY PARTICIPATION

These include:

- Incumbent – Revd. Becky Roberts
- Assistant Priest (who also works full-time at King Edward VI school in Southampton) - Revd. Julian Poppleton
- Curate- Revd. Heather Leppard
- Parish Worker (Religious, and part-time hospital chaplain).
- 2 Licensed Lay Ministers (retired, but able to help with services occasionally).
- 4 Churchwardens, two for each church.
- Parish Administrator.
- A team of retired clergy living in the parish, whose assistance is dependent upon other commitments and health factors.
- An organist (with regular assistance).
- 5 Lay Pastoral Assistants.
- Church Links, each responsible for an area of the parish.
- A baptism visitor's team who make a link between baptism families and the church.
- A team of Sides-people, readers and intercessors.
- Lay people who run Messy Church, Bible study and prayer groups.
- A treasurer, Planned Giving Secretary, Electoral roll officer, Magazine editor and many other volunteers who help with various other tasks that aid the smooth running of the parish.

### Vicar-Revd Becky Roberts

I was appointed as Incumbent in 2013 and I am enjoying enabling the congregation to look forward and engage with the community in a deeper way, as well as nurturing faith within the church.

Harnham is a church of the community and both congregations have a depth of care for each other and the community. Both churches are different in worship style and in their congregation membership. Our recently launched Messy Church has seven regular families and average attendance of 40. The Parish support my work with schools and playgroups and wish to engage with younger community members. Born in 1971, I am a trained teacher and priest. I have lived and worked in various places: East London, Birmingham, Southampton and Salisbury. I taught in Tanzania and three led mission camps with the Church Mission Society. I trained, in 2000 - 2003, at Birmingham Queens Foundation; served my curacy on a large council estate in Colchester; returned to full time teaching and served as assistant curate in Southampton City Centre until Dec 2012.

I believe passionately in fresh expressions of worship that are relevant to our changing world and I am a member of the Society of Catholic Priests. I enjoy both liturgy and extempore worship. I see myself as a person of prayer, who has a warm heart and a good sense of humour and fun. I enjoy caring, leading, encouraging and nurturing the regular congregations through being an imaginative, sensitive leader of worship and pastoral care. As an educationalist, I firmly believe in the teaching and learning of our faith in various forms- good sermons linked to the lectionary, sermon series, group discussion for all stages of faith, visual and active participation in learning so that together we build a deeper sense of discipleship and mission within our churches. I am currently completing a second MA at Sarum College in Christian Leadership.

### **Assistant Priest- Revd. Julian Poppleton**

I am a long-standing Salisbury resident and served my curacy in Harnham before becoming Associate priest. I work in Southampton and Romsey as a teacher and school chaplain, assisting in Harnham especially on Sundays and for the major festivals. I enjoy making music and have done a lot of classical singing as well as enjoying less formal and traditional music in Church and elsewhere. I value music as a means to worship and as a way to involve people of all backgrounds and traditions. Whilst disliking labels, I want to see an inclusive and welcoming Church with a passion for serving others, stewarding Creation and fighting for Justice as the appropriate way to glorify God and be faithful to Jesus' gospel.

### **Curate – Revd. Heather Leppard**

I came to Harnham last summer to serve my curacy and am enjoying being part of the community here. Particular highlights of my first year have been the pet festival, beer and carols at the Old Mill, storytelling with the toddlers, Advent and Lent Compline services which were accompanied by talks. Spiritually, I particularly value contemplative prayer and the Eucharist. I am also interested in new monasticism. I trained at Westcott House in Cambridge, and participated in an exchange with Yale Divinity School. Prior to that, I lived in Bristol, Plymouth, Birmingham and Derby working in pastoral and outreach roles for the Anglican and Methodist churches, and in the voluntary sector. I have twice lived in intentional community houses, and particularly enriching for me was Lyn's House in Cambridge that welcomed people with and without learning disabilities to share in regular prayer, meals and parties together.

Outside of the parish, I am a volunteer chaplain with Alabare, and part of the Diocesan young vocations team. To relax I enjoy dancing, bonfires, chocolate brownies, football and ale!

### **Parish Administrator- Linda Baker**

Linda works from home for about 20 hours per week except on Friday mornings when she is at the Church Office, which is then open for visitors. Currently her work includes: Producing the weekly notice sheet, managing the Church Hall; parish fees and paperwork; running the office and dealing with visitors, calls, emails and letters.

### **The Parochial Church Council:**

This meets approximately six times a year and a number of committees feed into it:

- Standing Committee
- Property Committee
- Mission and Vision
- Communications Committee
- Social Committee
- Worship Committee
- Youth and Children
- Hall Committee

### **Statement from Revd. Becky**

We want to build on relationship with the wider community that has been re-established as part of our 2015 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We have built new relationships with organisations beyond the church such as the local pubs, hotels and community groups and this trust needs to be developed.

We are at an exciting point in our Parish development, which you would be welcome to join and shape. I hope that we can work collaboratively *and* reflectively together and with the Parish to further mission here in Harnham.

### **Statement from the Deanery in 2016.**

The Revd. Paul Taylor Rural Dean

The Deanery wants to encourage a flourishing witness to Christ by ensuring that parish churches have confidence in their faith and strong relationships with their communities. Harnham has a balanced demography and good local resources; we are convinced that sustained growth can be achieved in the future.

We believe that relating to, and encouraging, the local community in all its breadth will be of crucial importance to the future development of the Parish. We would, therefore, encourage the appointment of a Music Missioner with a strong desire to connect with those on the edge of and beyond the life of the church and to encourage their discipleship.

## HARNHAM

Harnham is a linear suburb of Salisbury, with a growing population, currently of about 14,000 people. Harnham lies to the south of Salisbury and is linked to the city by road and by foot via the Town Path across the 'historic and important landscape' of the Harnham Water Meadows in West Harnham.

Harnham boasts several listed buildings, among them the Old Mill Hotel. Dating from the 12th century this Grade I listed building still has some details around its doors and windows dating back to 1250. The building was converted in the 16th century from ecclesiastical use to Wiltshire's first paper mill when the River Nadder was diverted to flow under it. The mill race can still be seen via a viewing window in the hotel restaurant.



Local primary education is provided by Harnham Infant and Junior Schools with good secondary education, including two single-sex grammar schools, within the city or close surrounding area.

Recreational amenities include countryside walks, a thriving lawn tennis club and pitches for local cricket and football clubs.

Accommodation is available at a number of local hotels and bed & breakfasts, making the area popular for both UK and overseas visitors. Apart from the Old Mill, other local hostelrys include The Rose and Crown (hotel), Grasmere Hotel and The Grey Fisher and there is also a social club.

Harnham is within the city of Salisbury but still keeps its identity, even if not quite the village it once was! There are two convenience stores in the parish, a Post Office and a Fish and Chip/Indian Takeaway shop, but people go into the city for most of their shopping and for social life. There are several bus services in and around Harnham and into the city, where you can catch buses and trains elsewhere.

Harnham has a pleasant rural and urban mix. Although there is a disparity of wealth within the parish, and diverse needs, with some isolated and lonely people, Harnham has a good sense of community and is a great place to live.



## CHURCH CONGREGATIONS AND BUILDINGS



The two churches, the 12<sup>th</sup> century St George's, and the Victorian All Saints which was built in 1854, served the twin villages of West and East Harnham respectively which, through housing developments, have merged into one conurbation.

The church electoral roll is 225 and we routinely see a combined total of about 110 people on a Sunday with larger attendances at Festivals, special occasions and in particular our Christmas Nativity. We are a community church with 95% of our members living in the parish. This contrasts significantly with town centre eclectic churches which attract members from a wider area. Because of the close proximity to Salisbury we find that some of the parish attend services at the Cathedral and other city churches.

Facilities in All Saints include a toilet, a carpeted welcome and play area and a kitchenette. A weekly Saturday coffee morning attracts new people and supports the vulnerable in our community and is a time for booking christenings and weddings.

St George's congregation has grown in the last three years. All Saints attracts more families. Both our congregations are generally middle aged/elderly. The congregations from both churches are welcoming to newcomers, friendly and supportive.

We have good links with our Church of England Controlled Junior School and the county Infants School. We have regular Bible study and prayer groups, with additional ones being held during Lent and Advent. Finances are limited but solvent.



## CHURCH HALL



One of our assets is the Church Hall used regularly for Church meetings and by the wider community.

Groups range from the Alzheimer's Society – Singing for the Brain, to Quilters, Guides, Toddler Groups, Fitness groups and more.

Currently, the Church Hall comprises a main hall, a smaller meeting room, the church office, a kitchen and toilet facilities. There are plans to develop and refurbish the hall entrance and building. There is a large adjacent car park.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services at <u>All Saints</u> Harnham Road		Sunday Services at <u>St George's</u> Lower Street	
8.00am	Holy Communion (CW) BCP on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW) 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
11.00am	Informal All age Service On 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP) 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Evening Celtic worship 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
11.00am	Holy Communion (CW) 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	3.00- 5.00pm	Messy Church In the church Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday

### Weekday Services of Holy Communion

Every Thursday 10.00am at St George's

First Tuesday of month, 3.30pm at Harnham Croft Nursing Home.

Third Wednesday of month, 11.30am at Brympton House (Salisbury City Almshouses).

Second Monday of month, 11.00am at Willowcroft Residential Care Home.

### MUSIC

Music plays an integral part of worship, and is valued by the congregations at both churches.

Neither Church has a choir. In recent years we have been fortunate to have a choir of mainly young people, convened by our Assistant Priest, to lead our Christmas Carol Service. We have also held afternoon scratch choir workshops that have 'performed' at our more informal evening services with the purpose of attracting newcomers to faith in an accessible way. Our scratch choir has performed at an 'Angels' themed workshop linking art and music, Christingle service and the local Pub for carols. We have occasional music groups for first Sunday worship, community scratch choir events and at All Saints and Taize style worship.

We hope that the Music Missioner would take this venture forward and develop our links with the range of families and older people in our community to present the message of the gospel in an accessible manner and to develop faith in both those who join in and who watch their performance. You will play a key role in the development of the mission of the Parish.

## PARISH LIFE

**Bumps, Babies and Blessings (3B's)** are a group for expectant mums, pre-school children and those who care for them. It meets every Monday from 9.30 – noon in the Church Hall, Lower Street.

**St George's Toddlers** is a group for pre-school children and their childminders, parents and carers, It meets on a Wednesday morning in the Church Hall from 9.30-noon.

**Mother's Union** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 2.30pm, in the Church Hall, Lower Street and is active with outreach projects at Salisbury Courts of Justice and local Secondary schools with the Virtual Babies project.

### **Bible Study Groups**

Monday afternoons: *Coffee, Cake and Christ* at 3.00 p.m. for Bible Study and prayer in the home of a member of the congregation.

Tuesday lunchtimes: 12.15 – 2.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Church Hall.

Thursday evenings: from 7 p.m. at Brympton House.

Wednesday evening: *Pause for a Pint* men's group- once a month at the Rose and Crown Pub.

### **Prayer Group**

Second Thursday of the month at 10.45 a.m. in homes of those that attend the group.

## MISSION IN THE WIDER WORLD

All Saints' Church porch provides shelter on a regular basis for homeless people in Salisbury. The parish Churches supports a Link with Sudan, Church Mission Society, Church Army, Street Pastors, The Bridge Project and other charities.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We serve our community in a number of ways:

As school governors, community speed watch members, walking for health leaders, litter picking, school clubs and serving coffee on the Junior school community bus, A church links scheme through which we 'keep an eye' on our neighbours.

Some events in the past year have been:

- Pet service and Pet festival.
- Community Fete.
- Historical and musical talks.
- Pancake Party and Harvest Supper.
- Concerts.
- Carol Singing in the Residential Homes for the Elderly.
- Sponsored Cycle Ride.
- Uniformed organisations celebrations, e.g. Scouts, Guides.
- Patronal services and lunches.

## **MISSION AND SERVICE TO HARNHAM C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THE YOUNGER AGE GROUPS OF HARNHAM COMMUNITY**

The school is a flourishing, creative environment where everyone cares for each other – a large village school of 315 children and 40 staff.

*“There is a high level of care and commitment to excellence which ensures that the uniqueness and potential of each child are paramount.”* SIAMS 2011

We undertake a great deal of developmental work in all areas for the school’s further improvement, maintaining emphasis on creating a learning environment and ethos which provides opportunities for learning. The results of our dedication are, *“well-rounded and mature young people,”* according to OFSTED.



“Come and see for yourself,” as a child said. “It’s not just what you see when you come in – it feels special.”

Also on the same site is Harnham Infant School and Puddleducks Pre School, with which the church has an informal relationship.

We want to build on established relationships through the schools, and links with the younger families in Harnham. We want to befriend and be good neighbours and see people learn about and know the love of God.

### **OTHER CHURCHES**

We value our relationship with Harnham Free Church. We enjoy having joint services for all three churches once a year. We deliver to every home in the parish of an invitation/information card at Easter and Christmas, giving details of services at all three churches.

As members of Churches Together, Harnham Churches are represented. The congregations join in ecumenical events, e.g. Good Friday walk of witness, have good ecumenical links with local churches of all denominations, and continue to take part in annual congregation or pulpit exchanges.

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