

FOR YOUR DIARIES



Carols

Come along to sing at our carol services in the community.

Sunday 15th December TODAY - Willowcroft

3.00pm.

Weds. 18th December - Harnham Croft 3.00pm. Brympton - 4.00pm.

Sunday 22nd December Parish Carol Service at All Saints - 6.30pm.

Crib Services Christmas Eve at 2.30pm and 4.00pm at All Saints. Children are welcome to come dressed as a Nativity Character.

Blue Christmas – Christmas Eve – 7.00pm at St George’s. Reflections, music and a quiet space for those who find Christmas difficult.

Midnight Mass – Christmas Eve – 11.30pm at All Saints.

Christmas Day – Family Christmas Communion.

9.30am at St George’s. 11.00am at All Saints.

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. Please do use a wooden star decoration in memory of your loved one to decorate the tree in the churchyard.

Christmas Shopping Solved!

There will be a Craft Stall of handmade wooden items at the main Service after 9.30am service at St George’s today. Items include children's toys, lamps, candle sticks, crosses and much more. All at bargain prices! Proceeds for Hall Restoration Fund.

ADVENT

**Music, Reflection and Compline on the theme ‘Born Among Us’
Tuesday 17th at St George’s Church 8.00pm.**



15th December 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME to our church congregations.

If you are visiting or new to the parish do let us know so that we can welcome you more personally. Please join in worship as you feel able. For Holy Communion please come forward to the altar rail. If you would prefer a blessing please come forward and keep your head lowered so that the priest can bless you. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please let a sides-person know *before* the service.

Financial gifts to the church can be gift-aided! Please use the gift aid envelopes. The collection contributes to the work of the Parish. 5% of this collection supports other Christian charities.

COLLECT:

**God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

READINGS Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5: 7-10 and Matthew 11:2-11.

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Would you please PRAY for:

- ❖ Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustin Omole, El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.
- ❖ the Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan especially the Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot, Bishop of Kongor.
- ❖ all the parishes in the Marlborough Deanery.
- ❖ refugees and asylum seekers.
- ❖ the Livestock Market, the people and activities that take place there.
- ❖ those who live in Longhill Drive and Andrews Way.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them especially Rita Jacob, Ann Baker, Marion Webb, Angela Mould, Jane Elliot, Laura Walker, Mike, Revd Brian Coleman, Sister Theresa Mary, Revd Simon Wilkinson, George, Sylvie, Brenda and Peter Riches, Eithme Neame, Brian and Kath Glover.
- ❖ those who have died especially Dorothy Noyce, Richard Hall, Margaret Blackwell, Adrian James, George Sansome, Peter Weight and Baby Esme.

Intercession response for St George's.

To the words 'Longing for Peace, longing for justice', please respond '**Come Lord Jesus**'

Christingle

All adults and children are welcome to come along to the Church Hall on Sunday 12th January at 3.00pm to enjoy a Christingle Service with Messy Church. After the Service you are welcome to stay for tea.

Planning Ahead! Bible study groups

Please can you let Reverend Becky know if you would be interested in the following: *An 8 session 'Pilgrimage through the Bible' that uses video and small group discussion to help us understand an overview of the whole Bible. Choose from Wednesdays 7.15pm – 8.45pm at the Vicarage or Thursdays 2.00pm – 3.30pm in the Meeting Room. Starting on 15th and 16th January.*

TODAY

3.00pm Carol Singing at Willowcroft.

MONDAY 16th December

9.30am 3B's in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAY 17th December

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints.

12.30pm Interment at All Saints.

1.30pm Magazine Collation in the Meeting Room.

2.30pm Interment of the late Adrian James at St George's.

8.00pm Advent reflection and Compline at St George's.

WEDNESDAY 18th December

9.00am Morning Prayer at St George's.

9.30am St George's Toddlers in the Parish Hall.

3.00pm Carol Singing at Harnham Croft.

4.00pm Carol Singing at Brympton.

THURSDAY 19th December

2.00pm Music for the Mind Concert in St George's.

FRIDAY 20th December

10.30am Interment of the late Dorothy Noyce at St George's

1.00pm tbc Funeral of the late Bertram Prescod at All Saints.

NO Lunchtime Prayers at All Saints today.

SATURDAY 21st December

10.00am Coffee at All Saints.

SUNDAY 22nd December

8.00am Communion at All Saints.

9.30am Communion at St George's.

6.30pm Parish Carol Service at All Saints.

Quiz Evening

Saturday 18th January, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall to raise funds for the church. Teams of 6. Tickets £6 to include a Cheese Buffet. Please bring your own drinks. The Quiz master for the evening will be Neil Turpin. If you would like to enter a team or be part of a team please contact Linda Baker 07925 108856 or email harnhamparish@btinternet.com