

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Scout Christmas Post The last date for posting in the special boxes is Friday 6th December but in both churches it is today.

Wednesday 11th December – 7.00pm



Beer and Carols at the Old Mill. Join us as we enjoy a drink and sing-a-long to our favourite carols & Christmas songs. All



welcome. The scratch choir rehearsal for this event will take place in All Saints on Saturday 7th December at 11.30am (There is to be a Christmas Market at the Mill during the afternoon).

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

Sunday 15th December - 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 All Saints. Christmas Eve at 2.30pm and 4.00pm. 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.

ADVENT

Music, Reflection and Compline on the theme ‘Born Among Us’

Tuesdays Dec 3rd, 9th, 16th at St.George’s Church 8.00pm.



Advent Sunday
1st December 2019

WELCOME to our church congregations this ADVENT / GIFT SUNDAY.

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.

Gift Sunday for the Salisbury Women's Refuge. We are collecting gift vouchers/ cards for those who are resident to choose their own Christmas gifts for their children. Please place your voucher in the collection basket at the back of church – they will be brought forward at the offertory. **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.

Advent Choir. A choir drawn from our two congregations will sing at the 11.00am service at All Saints today and the 9.30am at St George's on Sunday 15 December. An introit will be sung, as well as a special setting of the Agnus Dei which has been composed by Ian Davidson.

COLLECT:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

READINGS: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44

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Would you please PRAY for:

- ❖ World Aids Day today.
- ❖ mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.
- ❖ Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Thomas Tut Gany, Bishop of Duk.
- ❖ the parishes in the Bradford Deanery.
- ❖ the many arts and craft groups that meet in Harnham.
- ❖ those who live in Ancient Way and Rowbarrow Close.
- ❖ 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, Eithme Neame, Sister Theresa Mary, Revd Simon Wilkinson, George, Sylvie, Brian and Kath Glover.
- ❖ those who have died especially Eileen Budger, Justin, Robert Batstone and Jane Pelly.

Planning Ahead! Bible study groups

Please can you let Reverend Becky know if you would be interested in any of the following:

- a. an 8 session 'Pilgrimage through the Bible' that uses video and small group discussion to help us understand an overview of the whole Bible, in the Spring 2020 afternoon or evening.
- b. the final part of the Pilgrim course on the theme 'the Church and the Kingdom' in June 2020 afternoon or evening.

Christmas Shopping Solved!

On the first three Sunday's in December there will be a Craft Stall of handmade wooden items at the main Service:

Sunday 1st Dec. - before the 11.00am Service in All Saints

Sunday 8th Dec. - after 9.30am Service at St George's

Sunday 15th Dec. - after 9.30am Service at St George's

Items include children's toys, lamps, candle sticks, crosses and much more. All at bargain prices! Proceeds for Hall Restoration Fund.

Safeguarding Training

If you would like further information on how to do this please pick up a flyer in church today.

TODAY

3.00pm Children's Christmas Party in the Parish Hall.

6.00pm Pop Up Youth Event in the Parish Hall.

MONDAY 2nd December

9.30am 3B's in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAY 3rd December

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints.

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

WEDNESDAY 4th December

9.00am Morning Prayer at St George's.

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

THURSDAY 5th December

2.30pm MU Meeting in the Parish Hall with Advent service.

FRIDAY 6th December

12.00noon Lunchtime Prayers at All Saints.

SATURDAY 7th December

10.00am Coffee at All Saints.

10.30am "Living Churchyards" talk at All Saints.

11.30am Rehearsal for Beer & Carols choir.

SUNDAY 8th December

8.00am Communion at All Saints.

9.30am Communion at St George's.

3.00pm Messy Church in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY 11th December - Advanced notice

11.00am Christmas Communion at Brympton.

Living Churchyards

Help make our churchyards more Eco Friendly, providing homes for more birds, bees and insects. Do come and share your views on how we create a Living Churchyard, fit for both the living and the dead.

Saturday 7 December 2019 10.30 – 11.30am All Saints Church.

Saturday 14 December 2019 12.30 – 1.30pm St George's Church.