

Sunday 18th December 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



READINGS
 Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 **P646**
 Romans 1: 1-7 **P147**
 Matthew 1: 18-end **P1**

THEME for advent wreath – **Mary the Godbearer**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY
 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 present age to
 see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ
 our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed
 Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised
 saviour: fill us your servants with your grace,
 that in all things we may embrace your holy
 will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 17th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat. Meeting Room.
Sunday 18th	9.30am	Communion at St George's.
	11.00am	Service of the word at All Saints.
	12noon – 1.30pm	"Open House" at the Vicarage.
	4.00pm	"Blue Christmas" in All Saints Churchyard.
	5.00pm	"Blue Christmas" in St George's Churchyard.
Tuesday 20th	9.00am	Morning Prayer in All Saints Churchyard.
	7.30pm	Being and Doing in Prayer at St George's Church. <i>"How do we use objects in prayer" Icons.</i>
Wednesday 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St George's.
	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
	2.00pm	Carol Singing at Harnham Croft.
Thursday 22nd	7.30pm	Carol Service at All Saints.
Saturday 24th	4.00pm	All Age Nativity Service.
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at All Saints.
Sunday 25th	9.30pm	Family Christmas Communion at St George's.
	11.00am	Family Christmas Communion at All Saints.

Vicarage "Christmas" open house

12 noon until 1.30pm Sunday 18th December. Mulled wine and mince pies. Drop in!
 All welcome. Revd Becky and Neil



Help please

Carol singers are needed for the Harnham Croft Carol service on Wednesday 21st December, at 2pm. If you can come along please let David Callard know. Thank you.

The Church Lift Scheme is sorry but they are unable to provide any lifts on 25th December, Christmas Day, as there are no volunteer drivers available. Please can you make your own arrangements for that day. Inas Miles.

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Please PRAY for:

- ❖ peace between Russia and Ukraine - pray for peace, for all those who have died in the war, those who mourn, those who seek refuge, and wisdom for all who lead.
- ❖ the people of Pakistan, Aid agencies, the World Food programme & Disaster Emergency Committee.
- ❖ the just use of the world's resources.
- ❖ the Anglican Church of Korea.
- ❖ the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially The Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi, Bishop of Port Sudan in Sudan.
- ❖ all the parishes in the Guernsey Deanery.
- ❖ our Pause for Prosecco Group.
- ❖ the Livestock Market, the people and the activities that take place there.
- ❖ our Christmas outreach into the community of Harnham.
- ❖ Counselling services – Samaritans, Salisbury Mediation Service, Listening Place and Lighthouse.
- ❖ those who live in Christopher Close and Harvard Close.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Caroline, Paul James, Ann Parry, Kath Glover, Jill Jacob, Revd Simon Wilkinson, Bill, Barbara Laws, Pam James, Anne Baker, Sheila Turner and Patricia P.
- ❖ those who have died and whose anniversary of death falls at Christmastide.
Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan,
Finlay Butler, Sam Butler, Thomas Stuart and Jack Johnson from Solihull who died last week in the ice, those who have died crossing the Channel.

SALISBURY DIOCESE – ADVENT PRAYER

Faithful God,
your world is full of fear.
Hunger, cold, and loneliness are all around.
Your children are hurting.
Into our darkness comes the child of Bethlehem -
Jesus, the light who cannot be overcome.
He is with us always.
He speaks words of hope and words of truth.
May his Spirit fill our hearts this Advent
and awaken us to your purposes:
making us generous in giving,
active in serving,
and alert to your reign of justice, mercy, and peace,
which he calls us to bring to birth - here, and now.
Amen.

Bereavement course

Thursday afternoons beginning on January 26th
2.00 -4.00pm for 7 weeks.
Harnham Parish meeting room.
Working through grief and the loss of a
loved one takes a long time. The course is
for anyone who is bereaved, whether
recently or dating back several years. Each
week includes some short video clips and
discussion based on a theme linked to 'The
Bereavement Journey'.
We provide a safe space to talk and be
listened to with likeminded people and
refreshments. Contact Katy Carter to book.
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HARNHAM COMMUNITY NETWORK RECOGNISED!

It has just been announced that Harnham Community Network is on a shortlist of three in the category of Community Group of the Year in the annual Wiltshire Life Awards. The winners in all categories will be announced at a gala ceremony in Devizes on Friday 10 March 2023. Chair of the Network, Charles Woodd said: 'This is a wonderful recognition of the initiative, imagination, and sheer hard work that so many of our members and volunteers have committed to the Network, and to the building of community in Harnham, since we got together 3 years ago.

Congratulations everyone!

The organisers have been keen to stress that being shortlisted is 'a tremendous achievement against extremely tough competition. This year there were a great number of entries from across the county, so being shortlisted is an incredible feat.' They are encouraging all finalists to spread the word on social media, using the hashtag **#wiltshirelifeawards**.

You can find more details, and the full shortlist here:

<https://www.wiltshirelifeawards.co.uk/2023-shortlist>.