

ADVENT SUNDAY Gift Sunday 3rd December 2023 NOTICES

READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9 **P704**
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **P162**
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 **P552**
Mark 13:24-37 **P48**

*Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli.
Pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together in our hearts.*

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus was known as a teacher, and in his name we foster the very best teaching and learning for all in our school. We give you thanks for Luke Coles' service as our headteacher and commend into your hands the process of appointing his successor. Keep our hearts and minds open to the presence of your Spirit among us; grant us wisdom and discernment that Harnham Church of England Junior School may flourish, and nurture life in all its fullness; through Jesus Christ our teacher. Amen.

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.

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 2 nd	10.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Christmas Sharing Table in the Hall. Familiarising session for New Communion Setting in St George's.
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	ADVENT SUNDAY: United Communion Service at St George's. Also Gift Sunday - We will be collecting Gift Vouchers in units of £5 and £10 for the Women's Refuge. All welcome. Last opportunity to post your Christmas Cards in the Scout Posting box in the churches will be 5th December.
Tuesday 5 th	9.00am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at All Saints. Advent Talk followed by Compline in St George's.
Wednesday 6 th	9.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Morning prayer at St George's. Christmas Wellbeing Walk – meet at the Parish Hall. Christmas Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Saturday 9 th	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Practice for Beer and Carols at All Saints. All welcome.
Sunday 10 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	Communion at All Saints. Communion at St George's. Service of the Word at All Saints. Christingle Service at St George's with Messy Church



ANGEL TRAIL

In Harnham we are trying to create an "Angel Trail" - please make an angel to hang in our churches and around Harnham ready for Christmas. It can be a paper folded angel or embroidered or made of felt. Time to get creative during the darker evenings!

Just bring them into our churches on 3rd or 10th of Dec so we can arrange them! Alternatively bring them to the Parish Office, Parish Hall, on 8th Dec between 3-4.30pm.

December Advent Talks - Three short talks on the theme of 'Reconciliation'

Tuesday evenings 5th, 12th, 19th, 8.00pm St George's Church.

Reconciliation is about people or groups coming together again after an argument or disagreement or painful loss of some kind. Advent can help us reflect on our relationships with the wider world, with our own losses and within our communities and families as we prepare for Christmas.

Dec.5 Reconciliation within in our world today.

Dec.12 Reconciliation within ourselves and our own losses.

Dec.19 Reconciliation within our community and families.

Following each talk there will be a quiet evening service called "Compline", led by Revd Canon David Callard, Anne Long and Margaret Gill. All welcome.

Please PRAY for:

- peace between Russia and Ukraine - those who have died, those who mourn, those who seek refuge. Wisdom for all who lead.
- the people of Palestine and Israel.
- The Church of North India (United).
- The Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially for the Rt Revd Joseph Yoal Yol, Bishop of Akobo in South Sudan.
- all the parishes in the Jersey Deanery.
- Orthodox community and Alabare Christian Community.
- work towards sustainable energy.
- Our Messy Church Team.
- those who live in Viking Way, Millennium Close and Longhill Drive.
- those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Kath G, Jill J, Simon W, Pam J, Anne B, Margaret R, Sharon S and Joanna N.
- those who have died especially Molly Hawksworth, Owen Harding and those who have died in Israel and Palestine.



MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS – WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER, 7.30 PM

This year's Magic of Christmas concert given by St John Singers is in St Thomas's Church. As usual, it promises to be a wonderful mixture of traditional and contemporary carols, with the choir supported by Gallery Brass, and Mary Chelu on the flute. Tickets £15, to include an interval glass of wine and a mince pie, obtainable from Casa Fina in the High St, or ring 01722 326428. All proceeds to Alabare.

Christingle 'Light' service for all

Sunday 10th December 3.00pm St George's.

A service for all ages during which we will make Christingles, sing carols and have a small procession of light. Followed by tea in Parish Hall. We are partnering with the Children's Society and will collect for their charity

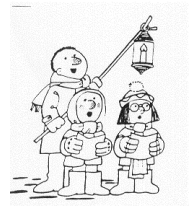


#Christingle Service

Carols in the Community

Anyone interested in helping sing Carols at Brympton, Willowcroft or Harnham Croft to contact Linda Baker or Revd Becky. All are welcome to Beer and Carols, and Parish Carols.

- Wednesday 6th December Brympton 11.00am.
- Thursday 14th December Willowcroft 10.30am.
- Beer and Carols** at the Old Mill 7.00pm
- Sunday 17th December Harnham Croft 2.00pm
- Saturday 23rd December **Parish Carols** at All Saints, 6.30pm.



There is to be a rehearsal for Beer and Carols at All Saints on 9th December at 10am. All Welcome.

Will FWT change my life ?

Can FWT really always be enlightening and entertaining ? Come and see: **February 7th 2024.**



This year, our Christmas Appeal will be supporting children, both here in Harnham through Harnham Parish, and across the world through Save the Children's Emergency Fund. Please give generously, so that Save the Children can respond quickly to emergencies such as the crisis in Gaza and Israel, and in Afghanistan, and the Parish can develop its work with the children of our community. Scan the QR code to give online on the Harnham Christmas Appeal page, or donate by cash or cheque payable to PCC Harnham (writing Christmas Appeal on the back), or by bank transfer to PCC Harnham, sort code: 30-97-41, account no: 00557482, ref: Christmas Appeal.