



READINGS

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	8.00am: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 P290 Romans 16:25-27 P161 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 P557 Luke 1:26-38 P54
	11.30pm: Isaiah 9:2-7 P648 Titus 2:11-14 P212 Luke 2:1-14(15-20) P55
<u>Christmas Day</u>	Hebrews 1 v 1-4 P215 John 1 v 1-14 P88
<u>New Year's Eve</u>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 P702 or Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 P186 John 1:14-18 P88

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Christmas Eve

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Day

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

New Year's Eve

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Note

- The gate to the Church Hall car park will be locked after midday on Sunday 31st December and opened during the day on Monday 1st January 2024.
- Linda is taking a break from her main administrative tasks between 22nd December and 2nd January 2024. Calls and emails will be checked. Phone: 07925 108856
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PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Christmas Eve

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

New Year's Eve

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A HUGE THANK YOU from Clergy and Churchwardens.

To all who have enabled our many different worship services, Advent learning and Messy Church during Advent and Christmastide. Thank you to those of you who work behind the scenes cleaning linen, cleaning the church and flower arranging, those who warden and prepare our prayers of intercession or music and tech. Thank you to those who have joined in the carol singing in the community and have joined our carol service choir or displayed posters and delivered Christmas cards to the whole parish. And thank you to those who have quietly prayed for our mission. It is very much appreciated.

Happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2024

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 23 rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Carol Service at All Saints.
Sunday 24 th	8.00am 4.00pm 11.30pm	Communion at All Saints (BCP). All Age Nativity Service with carols. <i>An interactive fun Nativity service with carols and songs and some dressing up! Pop along for the pop up Nativity.</i> Midnight Mass with carols at St George's. <i>The first communion of Christmas Day.</i>
Christmas Day	9.30am 11.00am	All age communion at St George's. All age communion at All Saints.
Tuesday 26 th		There will be NO Morning Prayer today.
Wednesday 27 th	9.00am	Morning prayer at St George's. There is NO Coffee and Chat today.
Saturday 30 th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	United said communion service with poetry for the new year at St George's followed by drinks.
Tuesday 2 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer at All Saints.
Wednesday 3 rd	9.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	Morning prayer at St George's. Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Standing Committee in the Meeting Room.
Saturday 5 th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Sunday 7 th	10.00am	United communion service at All Saints.

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.
- those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Kath G, Jill J, Simon W, Pam J, Anne B, Margaret R and Sharon S.
- those who have died and whose anniversary of death falls at Christmastime.
- those who find this time of year difficult.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.
- The Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially for the Rt Revd Richard Aquilla, Bishop of Nzara in South Sudan.
- all the parishes in the Dorchester Deanery.
- our Christmas outreach into the community of Harnham.
- those who live in Maple Close, Poplar Close and Hawthorn Way.

New Year's Eve

- for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.
- the parishes in the Dorchester Deanery.
- Ecumenical Chaplaincy.
- Peace on earth and an end to environmental damage caused by weapons and war.
- those who live in Riddell Way, Magnolia Close and Walnut Close.



Traditions of Christian Spirituality

22 January, 19 February, 18 March, 15 April & 20 May
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This five-part series will consider five major strands of the Christian spiritual tradition. Each is led by an expert who will introduce the tradition and its contribution to spirituality today.

<p>Desert Spirituality 22 January</p> <p>With Laura Swan OSB, author of <i>The Forgotten Desert Mother: Lives, Sayings, and Stories of Early Christian Women</i>.</p>	<p>Benedictine Spirituality 19 February</p> <p>With Rowan Williams, author of <i>The Way of St Benedict</i>, former Archbishop of Canterbury.</p>
<p>Franciscan Spirituality 18 March</p> <p>With Michael Hahn, author of forthcoming <i>Bonaventure</i>, Angela of Foligno and Early Mystical Theologies.</p>	<p>Ignatian Spirituality 15 April</p> <p>With Gillian Ahlgren, specialist in Christian mystical tradition.</p>
<p>Quaker Spirituality 20 May</p> <p>With Madeleine Pennington, author of <i>Quakers, Christ and Enlightenment</i>.</p>	



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.