

When a knight won his spurs in the stories of old

He was gentle and brave, he was gallant and bold.

With a shield on his arm and a lance in his hand

For God and for valour he rode through the land.

No charger have I, and no sword by my side Yet still to adventure and battle I ride. Though back into story land giants have fled And the knights are no more and the dragons are dead.

Let faith be my shield and let joy be my steed

Against the dragons of anger the ogres of greed

And let me set free with the sword of my youth

From the castle of darkness the power of the truth.

READINGS

Revelation 12: 7-12 **P250** John 15: 18-21 **P106**

St George's Patronal Festival 21st April 2024

In every generation God calls his saints to forge A sword to combat evil as once he called St George.

A champion of the helpless, a saviour of the weak,

Who had no shields to guard them or advocate to speak.

The fight against injustice persists from age to age

The church's proclamation to all on pilgrimage. We need the cross to lead us, red for a saviours' blood

And white for his disciples who follow where he trod.

A fisherman St Andrew, who won the martyrs crown

Sweet harpist was Saint David who sand of God's renown.

The preaching of the gospel was Patricks' claim to fame,

Whilst George rode out 'gainst evil to conquer in Christ's name.

Saint George do not desert us, the dragon lurks today.

It threatens not our bodies, our vision is its prey. O grant we shall not lose it, to see the heav'nly land.

The tale of saints is reckon'd, and there, behold, we stand.

PARISH DIARY		
Saturday 20 th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat. Meeting Room. Harnham Community Network.
Sunday 21 st	10.00am	Communion at St George's.
-		Patronal Lunch in the Parish Hall.
Tuesday 23 rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer. All Saints.
Wednesday 24 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer. St George's.
_	10.00am	Coffee and Chat. Meeting Room. Harnham Community Network.
Thursday 25 th	2.30pm	Mothers Union. Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.
Saturday 27 th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat. Meeting Room. Harnham Community Network.
Sunday 28 th	8.00am	Said Communion. All Saints.
-	9.30am	Communion service with baptism. St George's.
	10.45am	Coffee followed by a Service of the Word. All Saints.

Ayesha Nickols' Funeral will take place on Thursday 2nd May, at 3.00pm at St George's (live-streamed also). Wake at the Riverside, 70 Harnham Road, SP2 8JL. Please kindly let Annabel know if you are likely to come, so catering can be planned (annabel.nickol@ndm.ox.ac.uk WhatsApp/ Text to +44 (0) 779 356 3358). With much love and thanks for your friendship to my mother, and lovely messages to our family. Annabel, Mary-Anne, Tina, Brian, Rupert, Harriet, Imogen and Charlie.

Vicar:	Revd Becky	01722 333564 (Day off - Saturday)
Assistant Priest:	Revd Julian	01722 334272 (Day off - Saturday)
Assistant Curate:	Revd Mike	07803 167889 (Day off - Saturday)
Parish Administrator:	Linda Baker	07925 108856 or harnhamparish@btinternet.com
Lift Coordinator:	Pat Clegg	07450 217091 or Harnhamparishliftsx1@gmail.com

Please PRAY for:

- peace between Russia and Ukraine and Palestine and Israel those who have died, those who mourn, those who seek refuge. Wisdom for all who lead.
- the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially Rt Revd John Deng, Assistant Bishop of Malakal in South Sudan.
- all the parishes in the Stonehenge Deanery.
- Christians Against Poverty.
- Wiltshire Council and our Salisbury District Councillors.
- Ecological Education initiatives in businesses and schools.
- Harnham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and their leaders.
- those who live in Wavell Road and Radcliffe Road.
- Harnham C of E Junior School and the recruitment and appointment of a new headteacher.
- those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Kath G, Simon W, Pam J, Anne B, Margaret R, Sharon S, Sam, Princess of Wales and King Charles III.
- those who have died especially Mary White and Ayesha Nickol. All who have died in war/ famine.

BOOK EXHIBITIONS Sarum College Library Thursday 25th April to Sunday 28th April, 10.00–5.00pm.

COMMUNITY TEA - Sunday 28th April 3.00 - 5.00pm

There is no charge but donations are welcome. We especially welcome those who live alone though others who would be glad of companionship are more than welcome. Should you need transport contact Katharine Callard on Tel: 01722 501200.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS - Wednesday 1st May, 7.30pm in Parish Hall

The speaker will be David Baker who will be talking about Slavery Past or Present and the part his Great Great Grandfather played in the struggle for its abolition. Illustrated by vivid illustrations and stories the evening promise to be both shocking and affirming – with some startling surprises. Tickets are available from Michael Turner, 12 Berkshire Road, email: sarum.turners@ntlworld.com or 01722 504000.

5th May Rogation Sunday There will be a pilgrim walk around the parish Boundary after the united service in All Saints at 10am.

12th May Christian Aid Sunday with guest preacher. St George's. 10.00am.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024 revised by 12th May

The Church Electoral Roll is **revised** this year. This means that if you are on the 2023 Roll you will automatically be included in 2024. There is no need for any action on your part.

Are you new to our congregations? You are warmly invited to fill in one of the application forms. (available in church at the Sunday services or from the Electoral Roll Officer at the address below).

To be eligible for membership of the Roll, you should be over 16 years of age on 26th May 2024 (the date of the APCM), have been baptised and live in the Parish or, if you do not live in the Parish, have been worshipping here regularly for the last six months.

Please return the application forms to a Churchwarden or to me by **Sunday 12th May**. David Curzon, (Electoral Roll Officer), 23 Folkestone Road, SP2 8JP.

Sunday 26th May ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A united service in the Parish Hall will take place at 10.00am on Sunday 26th May followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.00am. Please put the date in your diaries.

As announced in St George's two weeks ago, Charles Woodd is stepping back as Churchwarden after 6 years of service. Ian Hobday was serving on the PCC and in 2023 there were two spaces. So there will be four spaces on the PCC from the APCM. If you are interested in what goes on behind the scenes, why don't you join

the Parochial Church Council, and be involved with some of the decisions that affect the parish. If you would like further information or have any questions regarding this have a chat with one of the church wardens or Revd Becky.



