

Advent in Harnham 2025

Services and Prayer times to aid this time of reflection and preparation.

Advent themes for sermons.

Advent Sundays week 1, week 3, and week 4

During Advent this year, the sermons will be exploring names of Jesus. Jesus is described as 'The Son of Man', 'Messiah' and 'Emmanuel' Where do these names originate and how do they help us understand who Jesus is and our relationship with him?

If you would like to explore these themes in your own time then you could watch the following short clips about 10 minutes each.

Son of Man Biblical Theme www.bibleproject.com/videos/son-of-man

www.bibleproject.com/videos/messiah

www.bibleproject.com/classroom/rise-of-the-messiah/sessions/7

(A longer 45 minute bible study on Emmanuel from the makers of the Bible Project)



Advent guest speaker Advent 2 December 7th 10am St George's Church.

Revd Andrew Gough, C of E Priest in Salisbury, retired after 27 years as Boys' School Chaplain. Member of College of Archbishops' Evangelists. CVM Area Coordinator Salisbury. Chaplain The 59 Club. Chair of Trustees Wilton Men's Shed, will be speaking to us about his work with Men's Sheds and Bikers- not the hairy ones! He will share his understanding of mission through 'communities of men' in relation to Joseph's work as a carpenter.



Christingle Sunday 14th December 3pm. St George's Church. Followed by tea in the hall.

A service for all ages, accompanied by our local band- guitar and violin! Make a Christingle and join in the Light procession.



Advent Prayers

9am Morning prayer Tuesday in All Saint's Churchyard.

9am Morning prayer Wednesday at 9am in St George's Church.

8pm Evening prayer Tuesdays 2,9,16 in St George's Church, Lower St.

This will be preceded by a talk on the theme of the Many Voices of Mary. The trainee Lay Worship Leaders have prepared thoroughly for us. So do come and learn and support them. (Also book the date, January 18th 3.30pm St Michael's Church, Bemerton Heath, for their commissioning with Bishop Andrew)

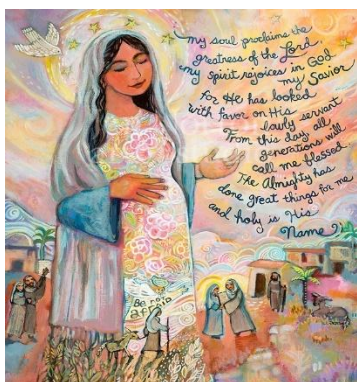
Week 1 A Voice Crying in the Wilderness- Isaiah and Mary- Debbie Musselwhite

Week 2 The Many voices of Mary- Jacqui Brown

Week 3 Praise and Protest- the Magnificat- Neil Turpin

Online Prayer – evening prayer with Matt Stone LLM will be uploaded to Harnham Parish YouTube and website on a Friday, to pray at your convenience.

Advent Art and Meditation 12 noon to 1.15 in Field View next to Parish hall.



On Fridays 5th, 12th and 17th Revd Becky will be leading a time of meditation in the style of Lectio Divina. Listening to God through the reading of a passage of scripture and responding to it by noticing what we are drawn to by God. We will explore the themes raised in the Tuesday evening talks with a personal response to the scriptures. The sessions will include a short piece of Taize music to help us settle into listening to God, followed by the scripture reading, followed by 10 minutes of silence, and 20 minutes of use of art materials to write, draw or paint a response. We end by taking it in turns, with anyone who wants to share, their thoughts of how God has spoken to them in the session.

All welcome- it is not about artistic ability but the desire to listen to God and respond.

Carol Service Saturday 20 December 6.30pm All Saints' Church. Reflect on the varied readings read by members of the Harnham Community and beautiful music with our special guest choir conducted by Libby Poppleton.

Blue Christmas Sunday 21 December 6.30pm St George's Church. A ¾ hour service of light for those who find Christmas difficult- a time to remember loved ones together.