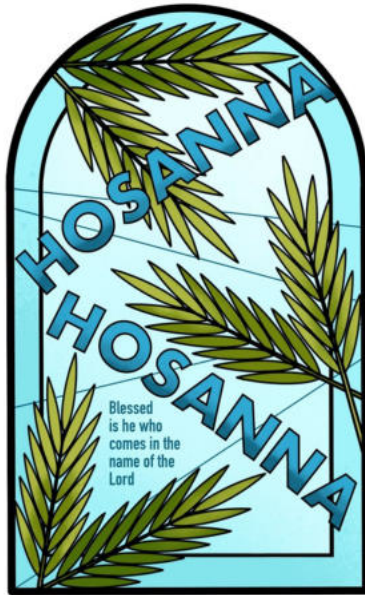


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8	Said Communion	All Saints'	0800
	Sung Communion	All Saints'	1000
15	Sung Family Communion	St George's	1000
22	Said Communion (BCP)	All Saints'	0800
	Sung Communion	All Saints'	1000
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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Sam Cooke sang a beautiful song called 'A Change is Gonna Come'. It was sung as a powerful anthem during the Civil Rights Movement in the United States symbolizing hope and resilience in the face of adversity. Strangely, it was included on an album called 'Ain't that Good News!'

I wonder what news you watch or listen to? The state of the world can often keep us from engaging with it in a constructive way. So much injustice continues to be present in our world and reported in the news. And yet there are Good News stories – just look at podcast lists – The Good News Podcast, The Positive truth, The Optimists Daily Roundup to name a few! We could listen to stories of how people have aided others and transformed the world around them with their charitable acts. If we think about how small changes can come and if we really believe in transformation, then we can remain hopeful despite adversities. Mother Theresa wisely stated, 'I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.'

Lent is a season through which Christians renew their personal devotion to the God of love and justice. The God who sent his Son into the world to understand its trials and temptations and who proclaimed transformation of individuals and society and challenged others to do so. Jesus' own fasting and prayer were paired with concrete action. Lent is a time not to retreat from the world's crises but to enter them with courage, compassion and a commitment to justice.

In Harnham this Lent we explore social justice- in our locality, in rural areas, in education and in healthcare. We know that justice comes from solidarity with the vulnerable and Lent calls us to stand alongside those who are marginalized, oppressed, or excluded and to work for systems that protect their dignity and worth. Together, we can — advocate for fair policies, support community initiatives, and challenge structures that perpetuate inequality.

All this is Hopeful Transformation! A Change is gonna come if we together make it!

With love

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reverend Becky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lent Talks and Compline

Tuesday evenings during Lent in All Saints at 8pm

3 March Social Justice - Community in the countryside
Revd Jonathan Plows. Rector of Wylde and Till Valley Benefice and Rural Dean of Stonehenge Deanery

10 March Social Justice and health
Sir Al Aynsley-Green. Sir Al was the first National Clinical Director for Children and then first Children's Commissioner for England, a post created by Parliament to be the independent voice for the 11 million children and young people of England.. www.aynsley-green.com

17 March Social Justice and education
A local educator (tbc) will lead a talk on justice in education from their local perspective of inclusion and changing demographics

Each talk will be followed by Compline led by one of the Lay Worship Leaders.
Also on Fridays during Lent (6,13,20) between 12pm and 1.15pm in Field View Meditation and Art exploring these themes.

On Tuesday 24 March a devotional prayerful hour exploring inclusive Stations of the Cross will take place at All Saints at 7pm.

Holy Week and Easter

Please note the following arrangements for this year's services during Holy Week and Easter in our Parish

Palm Sunday (29 March) Devotions will begin outside the Old Mill Hotel at 10am with the Palm Sunday Liturgy followed by a procession to St George's Church for a Sung Communion service.

Maundy Thursday (2 April) A Communion service with foot washing and prayer and anointing will take place at 7pm in All Saints followed by a prayerful Watch until 10pm.

Good Friday (3 April) A contemplative Service of Reflection on the Cross at 9.15am in St George's.

There will also be a Good Friday Families Workshop in the Parish Hall from 9.30am-11.00am with Crafts, Easter gardens and Hot Cross Buns.

Holy Saturday (4 April) Our Churches will be open for private prayer.

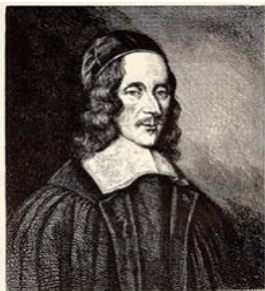
On Easter Sunday (5 April) there will be an Easter Fire and *Said* Communion service at 8am in All Saints' Church.

There will also be a United All Age Communion service with hymns and songs at 10am in St George's Church.

NB. There will **not** be an 11am Easter service in All Saints Church.

First Wednesday Talks

This year's series has started with quite a bang. We've had two marvellous talks; on Jerusalem and on local Harnham archaeology and we've had record numbers of people attending. This is good for our community and also for Parish funds so a big 'Thank you' to everyone who has attended, and also to those who have generously provided the wine that has become such an important part of every FWT. I hope you're enjoying all this.



In March we celebrate a true local hero. George Herbert was Vicar of Bemerton and Fugglestone from 1630 to 1633. He is remembered as an exemplary Parish Priest and also as the author of some very influential books on the practice of Christian ministry. Most of all though, he is remembered for his many poems, some of which are described as being of great beauty. For most Christians our encounter with Herbert has been through his hymns: "Let all the World in Every Corner Sing" and "Teach me my God and King" spring to mind as a couple of examples.

Perhaps we'll sing a bit on 4 March!

Do come along to the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 4 March to hear Peter Webster tell us loads more about George Herbert.

Michael Camp

michaelmcamp@gmail.com ; 07734424996

With Mothering Sunday in mind

One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters. – *George Herbert*

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BUT operating the scheme depends on having a pool of approved drivers who can be available, with a second person as chaperone, when needed. At the moment, the scheme is very short of drivers – this means we don't dare promote the opportunity to new users.

If you are a driver, and you have a car, and also someone who could accompany you, can you help? It could make a real difference to someone who may not be able to get to church otherwise, or to another event.

If you could consider it, please contact the Scheme Co-ordinator, Revd Pat Clegg, on 07450 217091 or harnhamparishlifts24@gmail.com, and she will explain what is required. Thank you.

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Ephesians 2:10

For a century and a half faith has been at the heart of our movement and unites us together across time, continents and cultures. As we celebrate the contribution of women this month, we are reminded of the courage shown by Mary in the Bible when told she would bear the Son of God. She accepted knowing that it would cost her everything – her reputation, her comfort and perhaps her safety. Mary's courage reminds us that saying 'yes' to God often means stepping into the unknown. May we be inspired as we put our faith into action to build strong and flourishing communities.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6 March 2.30pm World Day of Prayer – Salisbury Baptist Church. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women, uniting participants from over 170 countries in prayer and action for peace, justice, and the well-being of women and children.

This year the service is prepared by the women of Nigeria, the theme being 'I will Give You Rest : Come' (Matthew 11:28-30). May we be inspired by the women of Nigeria and their faith, amidst the hardship and turmoil in their country as they are supported by Mothers' Union projects to help transform their lives.

Sunday 8 March International Women's Day. A day to give thanks and pray for women throughout the world who are building up their own communities.

Sunday 15 March Mothering Sunday

Tuesday 24 March 12 noon - Communion Service in the Cathedral.

Thursday 26 March 2.30pm Parish Hall - Revd Pat Clegg, one of our members, will lead us in a preparation for Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome to join us.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, visitors always welcome. If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200

With love
Pat Davidson

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“God said, ‘let there be.....’ and after each created event, “God saw it was good”

Prof. Natalie Seddon says, “Nature is not a ‘nice to have’; it is critical national infrastructure”.

When we destroy nature, we increase floods, heat deaths, food insecurity, economic instability, to name a few of the consequences. Sadly, the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries on Earth, being in the bottom 10%, and only 53% of our biodiversity remains, with one in six species facing extinction. This loss, not just of beauty, but of vital functions – pollinators, clean water, and only 14% of our rivers are in good condition.

Fortunately, there is something we can all do to address this situation. We all like to have clean hygienic homes, but what do you use to achieve this?

Many of our cleaning products contain chemicals such as PHOSPHATES, often found in dishwasher detergents. These can cause various problems including:- increased purification costs, algae toxins leading to loss of aquatic life, further oxygen depletion, and the death of our fish (which I witnessed when in Australia last year). AMMONIA, found in many disinfectants, is toxic to many aquatic invertebrates, which form the base of many of our food chains. TRICLOSAN, found in many antibacterial agents: - soaps, detergents, can disrupt the hormonal system in wildlife. It can accumulate in fish tissues, which reduces their ability to find food and respond to their predators. CHLORINE, although used and beneficial in water treatment, when discharged into our rivers and lakes can be harmful to aquatic life, as its reaction products are toxic for our fish, invertebrates and some plants.

Do we have ‘free choice’ for the products we purchase to clean our homes? I would suggest that if we are concerned for restoring nature, then we can **only** choose ecological cleaning products. May I urge you to read carefully the list of contents of your cleaning products and avoid those which are harmful. Yes, eco products do cost more, but is not nature worth those few more pence or even pounds?

March 9-15 is the **Big Plastic Count**, and I would encourage you to sign up. There is now a micro-plastic washing machine filter, which can filter out the vast amounts of micro-plastic from synthetic clothes. It can be purchased from BOSH, sadly not cheap.

See https://www.bosch-home.co.uk/bosch-innovations/microplastic-filter?intcid=imgtxt_microplasticfilter_Page_dec25

Other dates to note this month: - 18 Global Recycling Day,
13-29 Great British Spring Clean
21 International Day of Forests
22 World Water Day
28 Earth Hour

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Joana Woodd



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Harnham Film Night

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Wednesday 18 March,
March's feature film is **The Roses**.

Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing – as Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The Roses is a reimagining of the 1989 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

Entrance £5, no booking necessary, bar open all evening. You can book a free lift to the Social Club, courtesy of All the Sevens Taxis, by contacting Charles Woodd at Harnham Community Network on 07962 213494, or at harnhamcommunity@gmail.com

February First Wednesday Talk – Alistair Barclay

Alistair is an archaeologist working with the Costwold Archaeology team to investigate the sites of the new housing estates on the Nethehampton Road before the building started.

Salisbury, he told us, often suffers from the 'Stonehenge Effect'; we are in its shadow and tend to think that all the really interesting prehistoric remains must lie to the north of the city. But the initial aerial survey of the area around Harnham revealed all kinds of interesting features including barrows and field systems many of which needed closer investigation on the ground. Normally only the remains of men are found in barrows, but here they found the majority were women and children. Some dated back to about 3500 BC, older than Stonehenge itself, and one part appears to have been a 'cemetery' with remains of burials over a period of 700 years. In one pit were found 5 crouched bodies in a group, mostly children; in another place the remains of a young woman 18-25 years old holding a new-born baby, all raising so many unanswerable questions.

They dug up some interesting artefacts as well, from all periods from Neolithic to Saxon including two almost intact pots with handles and a shard of brilliant blue glass possibly from Kent. Research continues, and no doubt there will be more fascinating discoveries.

This is only the beginning of the story. In due time many of the discoveries should be on view in the Salisbury Museum, and we will be able to find more information on the Museum website.

Revd Barney Hopkinson

Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week. – *Joseph Addison*

Christian Aid

Salisbury Christian Aid will be holding a short ceremony around the rowan tree which has been planted in Churchill Gardens to commemorate Christian Aid's 80th anniversary.

Children from St Osmund's and St Martin's Primary Schools will be participating through poetry and song.

Do please join us – Thursday 19 March at 2.30pm.

Tim Clayden
Harnham Christian Aid Rep

What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament

Jeremiah

Jeremiah is described as *'a true, honest, and God-revealing companion for the worst of times.'* (Eugene Peterson). He was a priest from the village of Anathoth, near Jerusalem. His ministry to Judah began in 626 BC and continued until after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

Jeremiah brought a message of judgment and hope: *'See, I have set you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.'* (1:10).

During Jeremiah's ministry, Judah had rejected the Lord for idols (2:13). They claimed to be God's people, yet they refused to heed God's word by refusing to be corrected and following false prophets who spoke what the people wanted to hear. Therefore, Jeremiah was the prophet of judgement. He called Judah to repent, but they refused (6:16-17). However, he also brought a message of hope. He preached that they should trust God (9:23-24) and that a faithful remnant would be restored to the land (23:3; 31:7-9).

Jeremiah was a reluctant prophet, who felt compelled to speak God's word (20:9). His life was characterised by sorrow, *'O my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.'* (8: 18). His people continually refused to listen to him, rewarding his labour with rejection and persecution.

Much of Jeremiah's message remains relevant today, because we still fall into idolatry, whether it is wealth, talents or social standing. Sin requires repentance and restoration; obedience brings blessings and joy with it. However, Jeremiah also points to Christ, as the one who makes this possible. He showed great compassion for His people and shed tears for them. He suffered their ingratitude, but still forgave them.

An Invitation

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From Wiltshire Police Community Messaging

We are aware of several reports from surrounding police forces of criminals pretending to be bank staff or police officers on telephone calls, attempting to steal money or personal information.

These scams can be very convincing, but you can protect yourself by following the advice below:

- If someone claims your bank account is at risk

Criminals may tell you your account has been compromised or that your money needs to be moved for “safety”. Banks will never ask you to transfer money or reveal your PIN.

- If you receive a call, text, or email like this:

Do not share any personal or banking information.

Hang up immediately.

Report the incident to www.reportfraud.police.uk/reporting-a-fraud or by calling 0300 123 2040.

- If someone claims to be a police officer

Criminals sometimes pretend to be officers investigating “fraud” involving your account or bank card.

If this happens:

Real police officers will never ask you to withdraw money, transfer funds or hand over your bank cards.

Additional Prevention Tips

- ◇ Never allow remote access to your computer or phone following an unexpected call.
- ◇ Speak to friends, family, or neighbours if unsure. Criminals rely on isolation and urgency.
- ◇ If in doubt, stop, hang up, and check independently.

Stay alert, stay safe, and please report anything that doesn't feel right.

Wiltshire Police Comms Officer

Winter and Spring

Lord, end my winter, and let my spring begin. I cannot with all my longings raise my soul out of her death and dullness, but all things are possible with Thee.

I need celestial influences, the clear shinations of Thy love, the beams of Thy grace, the light of Thy countenance; these are the Pleiades to me.

I suffer much from sin and temptation, these are my wintry signs, my terrible Orion. Lord, work wonders in me, and for me.

By *Charles Haddon Spurgeon* 1834 – 1892

From the Parish Pump website

St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 that the Spirit speaks within our hearts to call out our gifts, so that we may use them to build up the Church. But we must learn to hear the Spirit's voice; it is like a gentle whisper, a song, and it can easily be overwhelmed by our doubts, our lack of faith, and the cares of the day. Yet the song of the Spirit can make the ordinary person extraordinary. But it is our job to listen out for God's Spirit, as He sings:

The Song of the Spirit

O when Your Spirit softly sings
Within our hearts of stone
Lord, speak to us of godly things
And make our hearts Your home.

Sometimes our doubts like briars grow
Sometimes our faith is weak,
O Spirit, sing, that doubt may go,
Lord, help us hear You speak.

Transform us through Your Spirit's voice
And set our hearts alight,
So truly may our hearts rejoice
And shine with Godly light.

For those who hear the Spirit's song,
Are filled then with His power!
Their light shall shine the whole day long
And praise fills ev'ry hour!

by Nigel Beeton



An Afghan Musical Evening – Salisbury Arts Centre

4 April 6pm

John Baily *rubab* and *dutar* (types of Afghan lute),
Veronica Doubleday vocal and *daireh* (frame drum)
Sulaiman Haqpana *tabla* drums

This concert of traditional music from the court and folk repertoires will feature instrumental pieces and songs. Veronica will introduce the instruments and explain the context and meaning of each piece.

Between 1973 and 1977 John Baily and Veronica Doubleday lived in Herat, in western Afghanistan, where they studied with local musicians and undertook detailed ethnomusicological research. Until recently, John was Emeritus Professor of Ethnomusicology, and Head of the Afghanistan Music Unit at Goldsmiths, University of London, and author of several important books on Afghan music. Veronica is known for her acclaimed memoir, *Three Women of Herat*, and other publications on Afghan women's music. As a duo, or working with other noted Afghan musicians, they have given concerts all around the world.

Sulaiman Haqpana is from a Herati family. He learned to play *tabla* in Pakistan, following his family's migration there in the 1990s. He has seven years of professional experience working for the United Nations and international NGOs in Afghanistan and has just become an academic Doctor from Brunel University's Department of Education. He has previously performed in concerts at the British Museum, SOAS University, the House of Commons, and Oxford's Holywell Music Room.

The concert will be followed by a short Q & A..

For further information and to get tickets see www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk

Earth Hour 2026 – a time to turn off your lights

The Earth Hour 2026 takes place on Saturday 28 March, when at 8.30pm in their local time millions of people worldwide will turn off their non-essential lights for one hour.

Organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the 20th anniversary of this global initiative will aim to raise awareness of the earth's climate crisis, and to encourage environmental action through sustainable, actionable lifestyle changes.

The first Earth Hour was held in Sydney, Australia, on 31 March 2007, and has since become a global movement. The 2025/26 theme is 'Giving an Hour for Earth' is encouraging people to adapt sustainable habits in their daily lives. And while our lights are off for an hour, Earth Hour will encourage us to spend the time in nature, or stargazing, or engaging in environmental, educational, or sustainable activities.

More info at: <https://www.earthhour.org>

Out of the mouths of.....!

Who is God?

During a youth service, the minister asked if anyone could tell her who God is. One youngster waved a hand, and ventured: "Isn't God the man who saves the King?"

How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left-handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, He must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at church last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Ten

Asked to name one of the Ten Commandments, one little girl replied: "Do not admit adultery."

Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and so he smiled. "And when will you be six?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy

On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car.

Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet.

Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Spire u3a

TEA AT THE RITZ?

Not quite - but Spire u3a are trying a new venture in Field View (adjacent to the Parish Hall). Afternoon tea, with cake, sandwiches and a brief entertainment.

(We will tell you how it went in due course). This is just one of the advantages of joining Spire u3a. Most activities take place here in Harnham; one of the Book Clubs and Creative Writing is held in Salisbury Library.

The website will explain lot more - <https://spire.u3asite.uk>

WILDLIFE TALK Eagles Have Landed.

Monday 9 March, Bob Rogers will offer an insight into birds of prey. Expect owls, eagles, peregrines and vultures to be covered in this talk arranged by Spire u3a:

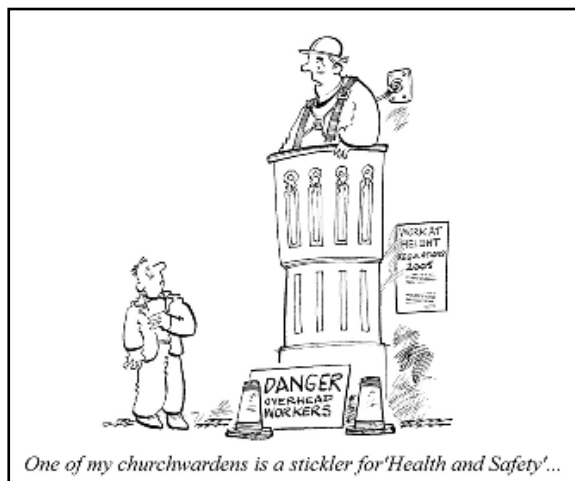
Doors open at the Memorial Hall at 10am for refreshments. Non-members welcome; donations appreciated.

ALSO ON OFFER

Benefits of Spire u3a include regular newsletters, a glossy national magazine (often with travel discounts), options for residential summer schools, a network of learning advisers and access to many online learning groups - alongside the local monthly meeting, with a guest speaker, in Harnham Memorial Hall.

Iain Cassidy, u3a CEO, says: *“Older adults have just as much stake in society’s future as everyone else, and perhaps an even greater perspective on what’s worth standing up for. The combined experience, insight and creativity within u3a is a force to be reckoned with.....As champions of curiosity, we in the u3a are uniquely placed to model that active citizenship - to show that engagement doesn’t end with retirement, but rather it deepens.”*

At Spire u3a we agree, absolutely.



Gardeners' Sharing Table

Spring is on the way! It's time to begin thinking about what to plant in your garden or allotment for the summer, and what seeds, plants or tools you might have spare to share with your neighbours and others. Once again, Harnham Community Network is holding a Gardeners' Sharing Table in the Parish Hall Field on Saturday 25 April from 10 am 12 noon. As with all the Network's Sharing tables, it's 'Bring what you can spare - take what you can use'. It's all free – just sharing. Why not stop for a cup of coffee or tea at Coffee and Chat in the Hall at the same time?

Ideally, bring anything you have to share on that morning, but if you need it collected in advance, please contact Charles Woodd on 07962 213494 or harnhamcommunity@gmail.com.

That day, information will be available about times and venues for this summer's Harnham Harvest Table, where you will be able to share any surplus fruit and veg that you have, and also benefit from the surplus that others have produced.

Great British Spring Clean

Between March 13 and 29 Wiltshire is promoting the Great British Spring Clean (www.keepbritaintidy.org). Harnham Community Network is very happy to co-ordinate any litter picking activities individuals or organisations are willing to do as part of this initiative.

Please let us know asap via email to harnhamcommunity@gmail.com if you or an organisation you represent would like to get involved and what area of Harnham you would like to cover. Once we have ideas of numbers we will organise plastic sacks, grabbers and waste disposal and manage which locations are being covered.

Twelve boxes left over? A day spent recycling!

Huge thanks are due to everyone who supported the Electronics Recycling Day at Harnham Parish Hall on 31 January, A steady flow of people brought us overwhelming numbers of computers, screens, printers, laptops and phones (over two hundred phones before we lost count!),

We tried to sort things as they came in, but ended up with a large box marked "Other," where we put modems, satnavs, audio equipment, digital cameras and even heart monitors. In addition, we had twelve large boxes left over, full of nothing but cables.

The total collection filled Field View Room and proved too much for the van from Jamie's Computers, which had to come back for a second load.

It wasn't a day you could measure in terms of money raised, only in experiences, and the knowledge that there are so many people out there who really want to support our efforts to recycle.

Paul Butler (SMC)

Harnham Neighbourhood Association

New Horizons – Where now?

Harnham Neighbourhood Association (HNA) was formed as Harnham Neighbourhood Council in 1974 to campaign for Harnham becoming a civil parish. Both Netherhampton and Britford enjoy parish status, avoiding City rates. Harnham (approx. 1300) enjoys little more than its excellent community groups. But it is a target for further housing developments often of dubious value and worst of all not for first time buyers and our young people.

Elected representatives do much on a personal level but their voice on our concerns is swamped and even community policing is not apparent. FOI notices and complaints to The Police and Crime Commission simply produce evasive answers.

I was contacted by Chris Hilldrup, National Highways Officer responsible for South Wiltshire, some three years ago. Writing to him about the problematic A36 Southampton Road and the equally problematic Harnham roundabouts his response was he had no influence on Wiltshire Council (WC). The Chief Officer for Highways resigned following the political change of WC in 2024. The Government proposes to scrap the Police and Crime Commission and reduce the number of police forces by amalgamation and introduce more Mayors.

Support for joining Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire is well documented but seemingly ignored by Government. I am of a mind that an effective solution to, for example, our dangerous Harnham roundabouts will only emerge if National Highways and neighbouring authorities jointly work together and get the funding. We lie on a route from Southampton Container Port to south-west cities and towns, the A354 within 3 miles goes through 3 counties and feeds the A36 and is a main route to A&E. Our one main bridge is also a main link to A&E.

I am looking to introducing an HNA app and having Zoom meetings but at some stage, being 82, I need support and eventually replacing.

A message on the above lines has been sent to the new WC leader with Cllr Dalton.

Gregor Condliffe Chair HNA

Journeys: A Diocese of Salisbury podcast

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You can now listen to the Revd Canon Tim Heaton discussing this year's Lent course in conversation with Steve Inglis.

Enter this link in your website browser : <https://pod.link/1794753083/>

All in the month of March

It was

150 years ago, on 10 March 1876 that the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell used his telephone to call his assistant, Thomas Watson, after spilling acid in his laboratory. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

100 years ago, on 30 March 1926 that Ingvar Kamprad, Swedish businessman, was born. He founded IKEA, the furniture retail company, in 1943, when he was just 17 years old. (Died 2018)

90 years ago, on 4 March 1936 that the German airship *Hindenburg* made its first flight. It was the largest airship ever constructed, and was destroyed in a fire in May 1937, ending the era of airship travel.

80 years ago, on 11 March 1946 that Rudolf Hess, former Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp, was captured by the British forces in Germany. At the Nuremberg tribunals in April, he admitted to being responsible for the deaths of the 2.5 million people who had been killed at Auschwitz. He was executed on 16 April 1947.

Also 80 years ago, on 25 March 1946 that London's Heathrow Airport first opened as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow Airport in 1966.

75 years ago, on 15 March 1951 that Dennis the Menace first appeared in the British children's comic, *The Beano*.

70 years ago, on 23 March 1956 that Pakistan became the world's first Islamic Republic.

65 years ago, on 6 March 1961 that George Formby, the 'Ukulele King,' comedian, singer and actor died. Known for his comic songs.

40 years ago, on 3 March 1986 that Queen Elizabeth II signed the Australia Act, severing Australia's legal ties with Britain and granting it independence.

Also 40 years ago, on 17 March 1986 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and Sarah Ferguson. They married in 1986 and divorced in 1996.





30 years ago, on 13 March 1996 that the Dunblane Massacre took place in Scotland. Thomas Hamilton, a former Scout leader, entered Dunblane Primary School, shot dead 16 children and a teacher, wounded 15 more, and then committed suicide. As a result, the private ownership of handguns was banned in the UK.

25 years ago, on 26 March 2001 that the UK Post Office was rebranded as Consignia, at a cost of around £2million. The name was so unpopular that the following year it was renamed The Royal Mail Group

20 years ago, on 21 March 2006 that Twitter, the online social networking/micro-blogging service, was founded. Its website went live on 15 July that year.

10 years ago, on 31 March 2016 that Ronnie Corbett, Scottish film and tv actor, comedian, screenwriter and broadcaster died.

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Meetings held in Harnham Memorial Hall,
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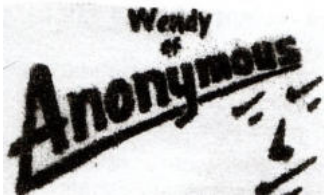
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Parish Prayer Diary for March

- 1 World Day of Prayer (Friday 6)
Butler Close and Dryden Close
- 8 Friends of Harnham Slope, Lime Kiln Down and Middle Street
Meadow Nature Reserves.
Britford Lane and St Clair Road
- 15 Mothering Sunday
Harnham Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and leaders
Buttercup Close and Harnleigh Green
- 22 Harnham Community Network
The Church Urban Fund
Burford Avenue and Burford Road
- 29 Palm Sunday and start of Holy Week
The residents of Harnham Croft and Willowcroft
Cecil Avenue and Meyrick Avenue

Prayer for March

(based on John3:21, John 14:6, John 8:12, John 16:33, Hebrews 13:5)

Lord, In these weeks leading up to Easter, many of us spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for us and how he can help us live our lives.

But we live in a harsh, confusing world, where traditional values are upended and we can hardly believe some of the things we hear from powerful world leaders. Truth seems to be lost in the darkness.

Lord, your word tells us that, **whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.** Jesus says He is **the Truth.** He also says He is the **Light of the world.** Help us to hold fast to these facts. Help us to remember that Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble – so we shouldn't be surprised – but that He has overcome the world – so we should be encouraged.

Whatever is going on in the troubled world around us – we can live by the real Truth – and in the real Light – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who will never leave us or forsake us.

Thank you so much.

In Jesus name. Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

Feather Dusters and Polish! SPRING CLEANING ST GEORGE'S

On Saturday 28 March we plan to give St George's a Spring Clean ready for Holy Week and Easter. We would love your help!

Do come any time between 10 and 12 noon.

Katharine Callard
Tel.501200



The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19



Across

- 3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60
- 7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32
- 8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24
- 9. **Jesus' mother**
Acts 1:14

Down

- 1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 2. **Solomon's** mother
1 Kings 1:11
- 4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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READINGS FOR MARCH

1	Second Sunday in Lent Psalms 134 and 135	John 3:1-17
8	Third Sunday in Lent Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
15	Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday Colossians 3:12-17	Matthew 18:1-5
22	Fifth Sunday in Lent Passiontide begins Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
29	Palm Sunday Matthew 21:1-11	Psalm 118:1-2,19-end Matthew 27:11-54



WHATS ON IN MARCH (E&OE)

REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Field View Room 1000 –1200
 Wellbeing Walk (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall
 Pause for Prosecco in Field View Room 2nd Thursday 7.30pm

FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES AND PLACES SEE I/S FRONT COVER

3	Lent Talk and Compline at All Saints	2000
4	First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall	1930
6	World Day of Prayer service at Salisbury Baptist Church	1430
8	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500
9	Spire u3a meeting in Memorial Hall	1000 for 1030
10	Lent Talk and Compline at All Saints	2000
11	Salisbury Folk Club at Harnham Social Club	1930
13-29	Great British Spring Clean	
15	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
17	Harnham WI lunch	
17	Lent Talk and Compline at All Saints	2000
18	Ecumenical Prayers in Cathedral Trinity Chapel	1200 -1230
18	Harnham Film Night at Harnham Social Club (Doors open 1900)	1930
20	Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall	1900 for 1930
23	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall	2000
	'Unsung Heroes of Salisbury'	
24	MU Diocesan Communion in Salisbury Cathedral	1200
24	Magazine Collation in Field View Room	1330
24	Stations of the Cross at All Saints	1900
26	MU meeting in Parish Hall	1430
28	Spring Cleaning at St George's	1000-1200
29	PALM SUNDAY	
	Note. BST begins. Clocks go forward one hour at 1am	
	Start by Old Mill Hotel and process to St George's	1000

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