



The Parish Church of
Saint George the Martyr
Waterlooville

Sunday January 10th Baptism of Christ

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DIARY

<u>Today</u>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	PARISH EUCHARIST followed by rehearsals
<u>Tuesday</u>	7.30pm	Social Committee
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am	Eucharist followed by coffee
	2.00pm	Film Club in the Church Hall
<u>Friday</u>	9.30am	Refreshments in the Hall
	7.30pm	Youth Club
<u>Sunday</u>	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	11.30am	Baptism of Emily Donnelly
	6.00pm	Sung Evensong

TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns 12, Psalm, 352, Motet, 302, 55
Readers Lindsay Chalk and Winifred Mancz
Intercessor Fr. Ray
Alleluia, Alleluia.. Christ was revealed in flesh,
* proclaimed among the nations and believed in
throughout the world. Alleluia!

The Flower Arrangement at the Lectern is in memory of Roy Huggett, Carol Mckells' father, whose 5th anniversary of death is later this month.

Palm Crosses Please bring your cross back to Church shortly so that it can be burnt in preparation for the Ash Wednesday service on February 17th.

Christmas Traditions Many people take their decorations down as soon as Christmas is over and others wait until twelfth night. This follows the tradition that it is unlucky to have decorations up after the Feast of Epiphany, although there is some confusion which night is the "twelfth". Some books give it as Jan 5th and others as the evening of Epiphany itself - Jan 6th. To add to this confusion most Western Churches have moved Epiphany to the nearest Sunday, and at the same time extended the Christmas season until Candlemass on February 2nd. At St. George's we follow the now established pattern of keeping Epiphany both on the Sunday and also on the day itself, and the decorations remain until Candlemass so keeping the season going. The Eastern Churches in Greece and Russia keep their main Christmas festival on January 6th when Jesus was revealed to the Gentiles. Some northern European countries have their family occasions on December 6th on the feast of St. Nicholas - (Santa Claus), so making Christmas itself a mainly Church festival.

Christmas Cards If you would like to recycle your cards but have nowhere to take them, please bring them to Church and they will be taken to Morrisons where there is a recycling bin.

Travelling Nativity -The diary is on the table at the back of Church. It's well worth having a read of it.

Waterlooville Music Festival 2010 Tickets can be bought online www.stgeorgesnews.org/wmfboxoffice There is a January sale with 10% discount on selected evening concerts. Get your tickets now for the Last Night! If you don't have internet access there will be an opportunity later this month to purchase tickets after the 10.00am Parish Eucharist.

Congratulations to Margo Farrell on the birth of her first granddaughter. She was born on Wednesday in Nice, Italy, to Patricia.

Happy Birthday to Phoebe Burt and Rod Dawson..

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Following the outbreak of swine flu last summer, the Archbishops issued instructions to the Church on how Communion should be received.

They stated that the Chalice should be withheld and that intinction should be banned.

As the immediate threat of swine flu appears to have passed, all the new rules put in place by the Archbishops have now been rescinded.

At St. George's Church you may now receive Communion as you used to prior to the outbreak but please note the following points:

- 1 it helps the Lay Assistants if you use one hand to guide the Chalice to your lips and please avoid leaving lipstick on the Chalice.
- 2 if you intinct please do not let your fingers go **into the wine and make sure you don't drip the wine** as you take the wafer to your mouth.

Charities Committee Owing to the snow this group didn't meet last week. If you would like to suggest a charity for inclusion please give written details to Fr. Mike as soon as possible.

Next Sunday is the first Sung Evensong of the New Year. It starts at 6.00pm and lasts about 40 minutes.

St. George's Film Club is on Wednesday at 2.00pm for the film "The Duchess" starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes. Members and guests welcome.

Please check your pigeon hole regularly as some post remains there for a long time. It is very unwise to put valuable items or cheques in the pigeon holes. Items have gone missing over the last few months.

George's Men A date for your diary! Come to The Vicarage on Monday January 25th at 8.00pm to hear Audrey Mentor talk about her experiences with "Save the Children." Bring your own drink - nibbles provided.

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