

# SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Lent

### TODAY'S SERVICES

#### Hymns

All BBC: 401 399 396 357

#### Choir Anthem

O Lamb of God – Basil Harwood

#### Intercessor

Margaret Symonds

#### Liturgical Gifts Sunday

The liturgical gifts have been given today by Carolyn Westbrook in loving memory of Violet Nicklen, who passed away 6 years ago on 23rd February. From her daughter Carolyn Westbrook.

#### Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Readers

Rosemary Monk and Colin Monk

#### Liturgical Gifts Wednesday

The liturgical gifts have been donated by Len Palmer in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### Happy Birthday today to

Ellen Deal and Andy Graham.

This week to Len Palmer (90 on 22<sup>nd</sup>) and Wendy Clark (25<sup>th</sup>)



#### Retiring Collection

The Blendworth Centre

#### Parish Office

The Parish Officer today is Candy Williams. Next week is Sarah Brewer.

### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

#### Today

8.00am Eucharist  
10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

7.30pm Eucharist followed by PCC

#### Wednesday

10.00am Said Eucharist  
10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall

#### Thursday

6.30pm Choir Practice

#### Friday

10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall

#### Next Sunday

**Theme: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
8.00am Eucharist  
9.45am Sunday School  
10.00am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

#### Next Week's Readings

Exodus: 24: 12 – end  
2 Peter: 1: 16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9

## **From the Bishop of Portsmouth**

This note has just been received from our Bishop following this week's vote at General Synod which re-affirmed the Church's traditional teaching that Christian Marriage is the union between a man and a woman. It has left many people feeling angry, upset or that they have no place within the life of our Church. Bp. Christopher writes:

“All people must be valued by the Church as they are by God. Whatever the disagreements about how we formally express that - and further thinking is clearly needed – I'm committed to using the maximum freedom, which was encouraged by all the bishops in their report, to welcome and affirm everyone, regardless of gender, sexuality, nationality or any of the ways in which people can be so hurtfully differentiated. I'll be exploring how this inclusion can be supported in our diocese including some guidance to clergy and lay leaders.”



### **Lent, Holy Week & Easter** Lent begins in less than 2

weeks! Please make sure you get a copy of the programme, take it home with you and keep it safe. The programme lists every service taking place throughout Lent, which includes Sunday evenings and weekly Stations of the Cross. It also has all the information about the Sunday morning Open Sermons, when you're invited to take part. These will follow a shortened Parish Eucharist. If you already have a question on one of the sermon themes, it will help if you could write it on the back page of the programme, tear it off and hand it to either Fr. Mike or Fr. Ray. On these Sundays coffee will be served in the Church Hall at 11.15am.

**On Ash Wednesday**, which is next week, there will be two services – 10.00am and 7.30pm. The evening Eucharist will be sung and both will include the Ceremony of Ashing.

**School Holidays** This week is Half-Term. The Church will remain open all day as usual but please pop in and check that all is well when you pass it. Sunday School starts again next Sunday.

# Waterloo Music Festival 2017

**Waterlooville Music Festival** Don't forget that today you have a chance to purchase your tickets from John Johnson following the Parish Eucharist. You can buy tickets for individual concerts or you can get a Passport which allows you to come every evening for a much reduced price. Please note that the Last Night is now sold out.

**Murder Mystery Evening** On Saturday 4th March, in St. George's Church Hall. You are invited to the 'Elvis Presley Convention'. A full meal is included, and you will see competitors battle it out to be crowned "The King" for the evening. But somebody takes the rivalry too far, and you will have to put your detective skills to the test to identify the murderer! The Convention kicks off at 7.30pm, and costs £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s. Please see Sonja Barrant for tickets. (Presley fancy dress is entirely optional.)

## THE ELVIS PRESLEY CONVENTION

Murder  
Mystery



**Congratulations** to Mo Peters and Lisa Toft who are both starting new jobs: Mo at Horndean Primary School and Lisa at QA Hospital's Simulation Suite. Our good wishes to them both. Also congratulations to Fleur Williams and her fiancé Chris, who have announced they are getting married at St. George's Church next year on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Hardback Books** If you have finished with any good quality, hardback books, please let Anne Morgan have them for the Music Festival Book Stall. Biographies are especially welcome.

**Palm Branches** Each year these are purchased for Palm Sunday and often they've been bought in memory of a loved one. Would you like to donate the Palm Branches? A memorial sentence will be placed in the Bulletin at the time. Please see Lesley Handy or Fr. Mike.

**Waterlooville Foodbank** Thank you for your continued generosity. Rather than asking for donations of Easter Eggs this year (we have a good supply of sweets / chocolate at present and not much storage room), could you consider donating shampoo, conditioner, or other toiletries, all of which we are short of? It would be good to have some nice toiletries to include in the parcels for families in the week before Mothering Sunday. Thank you.

**Travelling Nativity** No, it's not Christmas time yet, but thanks to Sue Andrews for offering to organise this year's Nativity when it starts at Advent, and who also knits all the angels which travel around with it. Thanks also to Jane Cook, who has planned its journey over the last decade or so, and is now taking a break.

**Anniversaries List** The names of the departed which are usually included in the Sunday morning intercessions, are taken from the Anniversary List which is kept up to date by Lesley Handy. The names are not transferred from the Memorial Book. If you're not sure which list a name is on, please check with Lesley.

**The Mothers' Union** members thank all those who supported the recent Coffee Morning. £142:45 was raised for the projects of the Mothers' Union.

**Havant Women's Refuge** Any items of clothing [women's and children's ] single bed bedding, towels, toiletries etc would be gratefully received for the Havant Women's Refuge. Please contact Margaret Symonds on 92 252 338.

**Prayers for Schools** Following a Diocesan initiative names of local schools are to be included in the Bulletin. They will be schools in Waterlooville as well as those which Church members either attend or work in. You may like to pray for the teachers, pupils, governors and parents at home, and if you lead the intercessions in Church, it would be good to include these schools on occasions. If you would like a particular school included in the "School of the Week" list, please let Fr. Mike have the name.

**St. George's Book Club** The next book for discussion is "A Different Class" by Joanne Harris and will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March at Anne Morgan's house.

**Ash  
Wednesday**

**1<sup>st</sup> March**



**Services:**

10am & 7.30pm  
Both Services with  
Signing of Ashes

**Praying for those in need** Please let us know if you need to have someone included on the prayer list. Also let us know if that person has got better so we can celebrate their recovery.

**Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Anna Chapman, Sally Spurgeon, Richard Tickner, Danny McMurdy, June Webster, David Skinner, Eric Walker, David Summers.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently**



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Linda Hayward, Barbara Williams and Joan Currie

**Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time**

Please pray for the souls of:



Harry Ross, Bob Higginbottom, Violet Nicklin and Baby Jack Inwood

**School of the Week**



Please pray for the staff and students at:  
Cowplain Community School

**PARISH DIARY**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	George's Men Work Morning
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	George's Men Indoor Cricket – 7.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday + Christian Aid Lunch
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Murder Mystery Dinner
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	George's Men Cribbage and Scrabble
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Tweenies. Career convention - Jo Bunch
	Christian Aid Lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Meditation with Fr Ray Chapman
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	MU led Lady Day Service 10am at All Saints Church Denmead
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Social Committee meeting - 10.45am
	Christian Aid Lunch
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Christian Aid Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Seder Meal
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER DAY
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Walsingham Pilgrimage
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tweenies Film Night
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Mothers' Union. Sue Kanavan talk on Faith in action.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	St. George's Book Club
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	APCM and Parish lunch
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Confirmation by the Bishop at St. Mary's Church, H.I.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	George's Men – trip to Irvings Brewery
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers' Union – presentation on 'Stella's Voice'
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tweenies – Summer chocolate heaven
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	ASCENSION DAY
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Garden and Cream Tea
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Churches Together Musical to be held at St. George's Church
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tweenies – Summer Walk
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete and Music Festival Begins
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Wave of Prayer service
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mothers' Union Outing

**NB** Please email items for the bulletin to Lesley Handy at:

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