

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

**Hymns**

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**Choir Anthem**

My spirit longs for thee by John Downland

**Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Intercessor**

Margaret Symonds


**Readers**

June Chapman and Andrew Clark

**Liturgical Gifts**

The liturgical gifts have been given today by Rosemary, Eileen and Bee in memory of Peter Oades whose birthday was the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Happy Birthday today to**

Sonja Barrand.  This week to Craig Handy, Inara Nijkar, Simon Lloyd (1<sup>st</sup>), Eva Underdown and Alice Pitney (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Retiring Collection**

The Blendworth Centre

**Parish Office**

The Parish Officer is Sarah Brewer . Next week is Helen Wilkes and Marian Haughton.

**THIS WEEK'S DIARY**

**Today**

8.00am Eucharist  
9.45am Sunday School  
**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Monday**

9.00am George's Men Work Group  
8.00pm Pastoral Committee

**Tuesday**

10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group  
7.30pm George's Men

**Ash Wednesday**

**10.00am Eucharist and Ceremony of Ashing followed by refreshments**  
**12.00md Lent Lunch in the Hall**  
**7.30pm Parish Eucharist with Ceremony of Ashing**

**Thursday**

6.30pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall  
2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St John's Purbrook

**Saturday**

7.30pm The Elvis Presley Convention  
Murder Mystery

**Next Sunday**

**Theme: Lent 1**  
8.00am Eucharist  
9.45am Sunday School  
**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
**With open Sermon**  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Next Week's Readings**

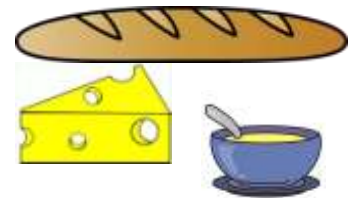
Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7  
Romans 5: 12-19  
Matthew 4: 1-11



**Lent, Holy Week & Easter** Lent begins on Wednesday with both a morning and an evening Eucharist. Both services will include the Ceremony of Ashing. Please make sure you get a copy of the Lent 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.

**Lent Lunches** are starting this Wednesday – from midday until 1.00pm in the Church Hall. Come and enjoy soup and a roll and at the same time help Christian Aid.



**Next Sunday** is the first Open Sermon. The Parish Eucharist will be shorter than usual – ending about 10.45, and after a small gap it will be followed by the sermon. You will be invited to sit nearer the front of the Church so that you can ask questions or make a comment about the sermon. Next week's theme is: "Are Sacraments still needed?" The session will end by 11.15am at the latest with coffee in the Hall. If you have a question about this subject please let Fr. Mike have it in advance if possible. Either email him or write it down and pop it in the box on the Book Table. Once Sunday School has finished, the children are welcome to come into Church for the sermon, or to stay in the Hall and wait for their drinks.

**Churchwarden** It was announced at PCC last Tuesday that Rosy Stone is to step down as one of our Churchwardens at this year's Annual Parish Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Her daughter, Becky, and granddaughter live in Salisbury and Rosy needs to be there more and more as Becky is not well. At the APCM a new Churchwarden will need to be elected for one year as Rosy has already served for 3 of her 4 year term. We will, of course, have a chance to express our thanks to Rosy then.

### **Fr. Mike to retire**

It was announced last Sunday that Fr. Mike and Lynda are to retire from St. George's Church at the end of June. Along with the shock and surprise, it's only natural that members of the Church have asked what happens next? The Churchwardens have already met with the Archdeacon, who has assured us that Fr. Mike will be replaced, but it won't be straight away. The PCC now has to draw up a Parish Profile, which will be used by the Bishop when he advertises the post or offers it as a Bishop's Nominee. The Profile is extremely important as it lays down what the PCC is looking for in a new incumbent. It will take time and a lot of prayer to write it and members of the PCC would like to hear any comments you may have. In the meantime the services will continue of course, and the Area Dean is to work with the Churchwardens and Fr. Ray in drawing up a list of available clergy. Although there will be some changes and may be some challenges ahead, St. George's is a vibrant and happy place to live and worship. Please pray for the Churchwardens and those responsible for making a new appointment.

**Tomorrow Morning** it's hoped the new Church notice board will be erected at the front. It's been sponsored by Northwood Estate Agents, and although it's taken a long time to get permission from the Diocese, it will be a real improvement to our publicity. The old board looks tatty and has faded very badly. In some lighting conditions, it can't be read at all. Thanks to Northwood and to the team who will be erecting it.

**Pastoral Committee** Tomorrow evening this committee is meeting as part of the new Mission Initiative in this parish. The members are to look through the Church Electoral Roll from the last few years to see if anyone has stopped coming to Church, and if necessary to try and establish why.

**George's Men** meet at Dick Handy's home on Tuesday evening for indoor cricket. All gentlemen who worship at St. George's Church are welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** this week is next Sunday evening at 6.00pm. The service lasts about 45 minutes and concludes with a simple Eucharist.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**Children's and Families Leader** is needed at Waterlooville Baptist Church. The post will be part time, 3 year fixed term - 24 hours per week. Salary: £13,800 pa, reviewed annually. If you are interested, please see Fr. Mike for the details.

**Defibrillator** With thanks to a very generous grant from Councillor Ann Briggs of Hampshire County Council, a defibrillator is to be put outside the Church Hall. The total cost is around £1,700. Over the next few weeks George's Men are going to install it and Jacksons have kindly offered to do the electrical work free of charge. The defibrillator will be available to the public 24 hours a day and the code to open the box will be given when someone dials 999. This is an excellent way for St. George's Church to serve its community. Thank you to all concerned, especially Jane Cook and Barbie Lloyd who have worked behind the scenes to secure the funding.

**Happy Birthday** and congratulations to Len Palmer who was 90 on Wednesday. Please join him in the hall for wine and cake after the service today.

**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 Barrand for tickets. (Presley fancy dress is entirely optional.)

**THE  
ELVIS PRESLEY  
CONVENTION**

*Murder  
Mystery*



**Parish Breakfast** The next breakfast will be on Sunday 19th March between 8.30am and 9.30am - in aid of the Food Bank. Please sign up at the back of Church.

**Retiring Collections** In January £169 was collected for Canine Partners, which provides assistance dogs to injured and disabled people. Thank you.

**Congratulations** to Daniel Palmer who was part of the Hampshire Indoor U25 bowls team that won the inter-county 2 wood triples competition beating Kent, Sussex, Surrey & Essex.

**Len Palmer** would like to thank everyone who sent him cards and good wishes on the celebration of his 90th Birthday.

**Baskets for bulbs** If anyone has any baskets for potting up bulbs to sell for Mothering Sunday, please can they let David or Len Palmer have them.

**John and Lindsay Hood** thank you all for your prayers and many kind expressions of sympathy following the death of John's Mother Joan Currie. It is a great comfort to experience the kindness and generosity of St George's family.

**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, Richard Tickner, Danny McMurdy, June Webster, David Skinner, Eric Walker, David Summers, Rose Hurry and Rene Mayne.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently**



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

Linda Hayward, Joan Currie, Jim Loverick and David Starr

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

Please pray for the souls of:



Dennis Herbert and Joan Shepherd

**School of the Week**



Please pray for the staff and students at:  
Hart Plain Infant School

| <b>PARISH DIARY</b>               |   |
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| 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                       |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March     | Parish Breakfast 8.30am to 9.30am                           |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | MU led Lady Day Service 10am at All Saints Church Denmead   |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March    | St. George's Book Club – Anne Morgan                        |
| 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.        |
| 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:  
[parish.office@stgeorges.church](mailto:parish.office@stgeorges.church) Alternatively leave a note in the admin pigeon hole at the back of church.**

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