



SUNDAY 19th March

Lent 3

TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns

73 499 64 83 494

Choir Anthem:

Drop, drop, slow tears by Orlando
Gibbons

Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal
glory.
The Lord is a great God, *O that today you
would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal
glory.

Intercessor

Fr. Ray

Readers

Dan Palmer

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts have been given by
Candy Williams in Loving Memory of
both my parents Edna and Cecil Wilman
who passed away 17th March 2002 and
21st March 2016 respectively. Both
former dedicated worshippers at St.
George's.

Happy Birthday this week to

Lesley Handy, Roger Watson and Hazel
Woodward.

Retiring Collection

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Parish Office

The Parish Officers today are Anne Morgan
and Sarah Brewer.
Next week Sheilah Hall and Lynn Winter.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Today

8.00am Eucharist
8.30am Parish Breakfast
9.45am Sunday School
**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Open Sermon
Are we living in God's
Kingdom?**
6.00pm Traditional Evensong

Monday

9.00am Window Cleaning Group

Tuesday

10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group
7.30pm Fabric & Finance Committee

Wednesday

10.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall
10.45am Hall Committee

<p><u>Thursday</u> 6.30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><u>Friday</u> 10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall 12.15pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 25th March - CLOCKS GO FORWARD</p>	
<p><u>Next Sunday</u> Theme: Mothering Sunday 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST for MOTHERING SUNDAY 6.00pm Evening Devotions</p>	<p><u>Next Week's Readings</u> Exodus 2: 1-10 1 Samuel 1: 20 to end John 19: 25b-27</p>



Lent, Holy Week & Easter Lent has now begun. Each week during Lent there are services every Sunday evening and Stations of the Cross on different days. Please make sure you take home the purple “Lent, Holy Week & Easter” leaflet which gives details of all the services.

The Parish Eucharist today 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. The theme is: “Are we living in God’s Kingdom?” The session will end by 11.15am at the latest with coffee in the Hall. 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.

This Evening there’s a service at 6.00pm, as there is every Sunday during Lent. Today is a traditional Evensong with hymns, prayers and a sermon. Next Sunday it’s Evening Devotions and on Sunday April 2nd, the service will be in the style of Taize.

Stations of the Cross this week is on Friday at 12.15pm.

Lent Lunches The next lunch is Wednesday March 29th from midday in the Church Hall. Bring your friends to enjoy soup and a roll. Donations will be welcomed for Christian Aid.

George’s Men is meeting tomorrow at 9.00am to begin cleaning the inside of the Church windows. This is a project for Lent but will take several mornings to complete. You are very welcome to come along and help – you don’t have to be a man!

Altar Candles Each week throughout Lent a new candle is added on the Altar to show how many weeks we are through the season. Today there are 3 candles.

Passover Seder and Parish Lunch This year on Holy Saturday you're invited to a Seder Meal, which is the meal Jesus was eating just before his arrest and crucifixion. This meal became known as The Last Supper. At St. George's it's a three course meal with wine following Jewish traditions and is on Saturday, April 15th at 7.30pm, followed by the Lighting of the New Fire of Easter. The Parish lunch is on Sunday April 30th straight after the Annual Parish Meeting. This is also a three course meal with aperitif and wine. Tickets are available from Lynda Sheffield and Jane Rice-Oxley and cost £10 for adults and £3 for children. If you buy tickets for both meals, the cost is reduced to £18 and £5.

Sponsor A Lamb Would you consider sponsoring a lamb for the Passover Seder? Maybe if you are unable to come, how about making a donation of £10 for the meat. Please see Lynda Sheffield.

Traidcraft The new, Spring catalogue is now out and available from the book table in Church. It features lots of Easter gifts and the now famous Real Easter Egg. If you'd like to order any items, please see Pam Dinneen.

Lynda is decluttering Lynda Sheffield is turning out all her bits of jewellery that are broken or odd earrings etc. If you have any you wish to get rid of, please give to Lynda. Plus any postage stamps. Last call for these is Easter Day! Proceeds go to Friends of the Earth.

Murder Mystery Thanks to all those people who arranged the Elvis Convention murder evening. It was great fun and £453 was raised for church funds. The competition for the best Elvis was Bryony Bradley, played by Sarah Brewer. Helen Wilkes ended up being the murderer and spent last weekend climbing Ben Nevis as a punishment! She and two friends made it to the summit, despite completely foggy conditions. Congratulations to her on the climb and our best wishes to her as she moves from Portsmouth to Rowlands Castle.

Stations of the Cross Books At the back of Church are some very attractive books about the Stations with meditations to use at each one. If you would like one, please help yourself before they are thrown away.

Havant Symphony Orchestra is playing at Oaklands School on Saturday March 25th. Details are on the fliers available from the porch.

Defibrillator With thanks to a team from St. George's, Cllr. Anne Briggs and Jackson's Electrics, the defibrillator is now fixed outside the Church Hall and operational. If you need to use it, dial 999 for the door code and instructions. Training will be offered shortly for Church and Hall users.

Edwards and Co-Op Funeral Directors have jointly organised a coffee morning and a stall at the Waterlooville Summer Fete to raise funds for repairing the benches in the Church garden. With many thanks to Kelly and Ali, a cheque for £290 has been received.

Can you make coffee? During Mary Hutchings time in Petersfield Hospital following a fall, the Parent and Toddlers group needs a coffee maker for an hour on Tuesday mornings. Can you help? Please see Rosemary Monk or Fr. Mike if you can help for a few weeks.

Pop-Up Cinema Starting on Thursday, the Waterlooville Events Team is showing a film in the Church Hall once a month. This week's is called "Learning to Drive" (cert 15) and is an American comedy starring Patricia Clarkson as Wendy, a successful author with a sharp tongue. After the breakup of her marriage she starts to take driving lessons. Ben Kingsley is her driving instructor. The film begins at 7.30pm - tickets £6 each on the door (cash only please).

Can you help sell bulbs? David Palmer is again organising bulb selling for Mothering Sunday. He'll be outside the Church on Saturday March 25th from 10.00. If you can help, please sign the form at the back of Church.

Message from Bishop Christopher "This year's Lent Appeal is called 'From Slavery to Freedom' and is focusing on the mistreatment of women with a particular emphasis on domestic abuse and human trafficking. We take our many freedoms for granted; but for far too many, human trafficking has turned their lives into a living hell where their work or their bodies are exploited for others' gain. As we focus on this issue of human trafficking, we will focus also on local charities in the diocese that are preventing and responding to the mistreatment of women and girls. Please give as generously as you are able." Donation envelopes are available in Church today.

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

The Electoral Roll is due for update and revision this year. This must be completed by Easter. The roll will be available for inspection at all services during the Lent period. Please check this at sometime and inform Tony Rice-Oxley preferably in writing of any errors or changes which need amending. If you are not on the roll please ask him for a form to complete. All regular congregation should already be on the roll if they are over 16 and need take no action if there are no changes to their entry. The final roll numbers will be announced at the APCM in April.

Tony Rice-Oxley, Electoral Roll Officer

Body Combat Marathon Sandra Hewett and Lesley Handy are taking part in a Three Hour Body Combat Marathon on Saturday 25th March, 10am at Havant Leisure Centre. This is to raise money for Cancer Research. They are doing it together, so there is one form at the back of church if you would like to sponsor them. We really need to keep fundraising to beat Cancer fast. Thank you for your continued support.

Mothering Sunday Flowers - can anyone spare an hour or so to help make the small bunches of daffodils to be given out on Mothering Sunday, please? Pleasant job. Free refreshments included! Please see Lynn Winter

Children's Society Boxes Thank you to all who handed in their boxes. £306.74 was collected from the boxes. Please could you note that as there will be a new pound coin soon and the current one will be obsolete in October, only new £1 coins should go in the box. Many thanks Lynne McNeill

Did You Know..... that we run a weekly bonus ball club as a fun fund raiser. It costs a £1 a week and we have a winner every week. We would love to have more members. Please see Tony Rice-Oxley for more information and a join up form.

Easter Flowers Any donations towards the flower fund would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Please see June Diaper or Lynn Winter

Church Diary If you have any dates for the church calendar such as fund raisers, coffee mornings, social events in any of your groups attached to the church please let Tony Rice-Oxley have them to be included in the weekly bulletin.

Please don't assume that he will know of your event because he probably won't!

Horndean Amateur Theatrical Society (HATS) will be performing Agatha Christie's famous play "And Then There Were None", from Thursday 6th April until Saturday 8th April at Merchistoun Hall in Horndean. Performances begin at 7.30pm, and tickets are priced at £7. Please see Iain Renfrew or Sonja Barrant for more information.

Swimaton Challenge Abi Woodford-Richens is taking part in the Swimaton challenge for Marie Curie with 4 colleagues on 6th April. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks Abi

Any donations to the following link or handed personally to me

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/swimathon-2017-Natsclark?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170217_57012

Mothers' Union The Rev Elizabeth Groves will be visiting the members of St George's MU for prayer and a light lunch afterwards, hoping to meet as many of you as possible. Please arrive at 144 Stakes Hill Road just before 11am on Thursday 23rd March and stay for lunch.

Lent Lunches We are pleased to say that we have already "banked" £135 for Christian Aid. Do come and join us on March 29th and April 12th in the Church Hall between 12 and 1pm. It helps with the shopping if you can sign up at the back of Church (but it isn't essential)

Congratulations to Mary and David Isaacs on celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday March 17th. Mary and David are not only celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary but they got married in the old Church of St. George's in what is now the Lady Chapel.

Thanks to the teams of people who erected the new notice board and fitted the defibrillator cabinet outside the Church recently and to the stand-in Sacristans preparing for the services during Adrienne's absence.

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, David Summers, Rose Hurry, Rene Mayne, Jan Bull and Mary Hurchings.

Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Eric Walker.

Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This Time



Please pray for the souls of:

Cecil Wilman and Peter Oades

School of the Week



Please pray for the staff and students at:
Horndean Technical College

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PARISH DIARY

Saturday 25 th March	MU led Lady Day Service 10am at All Saints Church Denmead
Monday 27 th March	Walsingham Meeting at St. Faiths – 7pm
Tuesday 28 th March	St. George's Book Club – Anne Morgan
Wednesday 29 th March	Social Committee meeting - 10.45am
	Christian Aid Lunch
Wednesday 12 th April	Christian Aid Lunch
Friday 14 th April	Good Friday
Saturday 15 th April	Seder Meal
Sunday 16 th April	EASTER DAY
Friday 21 st April	Walsingham Pilgrimage
Tuesday 25 th April	Tweenies Film Night
Thursday 27 th April	Mothers' Union. Sue Kanavan talk on Faith in action.
Sunday 30 th April	APCM and Parish lunch
Saturday 6 th May	Confirmation by the Bishop at St. Mary's Church, H.I.
Wednesday 17 th May	George's Men – trip to Irvings Brewery
Thursday 18 th May	Mothers' Union – presentation on 'Stella's Voice'
Wednesday 24 th May	Tweenies – Summer chocolate heaven
Thursday 25 th May	ASCENSION DAY
Sunday 28 th May	Open Garden and Cream Tea
Saturday 4 th June	Churches Together Musical to be held at St. George's Church
Saturday 10 th June	Summer Fete and Music Festival Begins
Friday 16 th June	Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service
Thursday 22 nd June	Mothers' Union Outing
Wednesday 12 th July	George's Men – annual cricket match
Tuesday 18 th July	Tweenies – BBQ, Croquet and swim
Thursday 20 th July	Mothers' Union Worldwide Box opening and tea party
Saturday 22 nd July	Parish trip to Windsor
Saturday 28 th October	Opera Comique concert