



SUNDAY 16th April
Easter Day

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY
AND BLESSED EASTER! ALLELUIA!**



TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns

110 BBC 100 BBC 83 124 105
113 115 BBC 212 120

Choir Anthem:

Hallelujah Chorus by GF Handel

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
* and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for
evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Intercessor

Readers

Amber Gadd

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts have been given by
Eve, Dawn and family in loving memory
or Ted Inwood whose anniversary is on
the 20th.

Happy Birthday this week to

Malcolm Gonzales, Doreen Sweet,
Arnost Kopecky, Rosa Miller and Sandra
Edwards.

Retiring Collection

PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)

Parish Office

The Parish Officers today are Lynne
Winter and Sheilah Hall. Next week is
Marian Haughton and Sarah Brewer.

EASTER WEEK'S DIARY

Today

8.00am Eucharist
**10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST with
procession**
5.00pm Servers' rehearsal
**6.00pm FESTIVAL EVENSONG and
DEVOTIONS**

Monday

Bank Holiday – Church closed

Wednesday

10.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall

Friday

7.30am Walsingham Pilgrims depart
10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall

Next Sunday

Theme: Easter 2
8.00am Eucharist
10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:14a 22-32
Peter 1:3-9
John 20: 19-31

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AT LUNCHTIMES BECAUSE OF THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Our Easter celebrations began last night with the lighting of the New Fire symbolising the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The new Paschal Candle was lit which this year has kindly been given by Norman Linney. The green cross on the Candle has a purple cloth over it which symbolises mourning. This gives way to a blooming white Easter garden – the sign of a new beginning. When Christ rose from the grave, he overcame death so we may live forever in eternity with him. In Christian imagery white lilies represent innocence, purity and mercy, which is why they are often used as a symbol of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. The Paschal Candle will be used this morning to bless the water of Baptism and will be lit at every service in St. George's Church over the next year.

Thank you During Lent and Holy Week so many people are involved in preparing for this Easter weekend - a big thank you to them all. Especially Rod Starr and the choir; Don Lloyd and the band; the excellent team of servers; June Diaper and her ladies for designing the Easter Garden and for the flower decorations in Church; Lesley Handy and Sandra Hewett for making Thursday evening's Garden of Repose; Lynda Sheffield and her team for last night's Seder Meal and to Adrienne Bridger for preparing the services – it's good that Adrienne is now back after her operation.

Defibrillator training will take place on Saturday 3rd June starting at 1.00 pm and lasting for about an hour in the Church Hall. We have arranged for a trainer to come down from Reading so it would be nice to get as many people there as possible to make his journey worthwhile. If you would like to attend please add your name to the sheet on the table at the back of church. Barbie Lloyd and Jane Cook



Next Weekend is the annual Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. 48 people from this Church and from St. Faith's Church, Havant, are leaving very early next Friday to travel to this north Norfolk village. Please remember the pilgrims in your prayers as they will be praying for you. They will light a candle for this Church which burns all year in The Shrine. People have been going to Walsingham since the 11th century when Mary appeared to the Lady of the Manor in a vision. The first Shrine was built in 1061, and although it was destroyed during the Reformation, pilgrims continued to go and a new Shrine was opened nearly 100 years ago.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is St. George's AGM when reports are given and the accounts shown. More importantly, Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected by those on the Electoral Roll, which should be everyone who comes to Church regularly. In a year when a new Priest is to be appointed, it's really vital to make sure all the vacancies are filled. We need to appoint:

++ 2 Churchwardens – John Hood is standing again and Anne Morgan has been nominated;

++ 2 reps for Deanery Synod – this meets about 3 times a year and is St. George's link with the Diocese and the wider Church;

++ 5 PCC members – PCC meets almost monthly to discuss and approve all matters relating to worship, finance, the upkeep of the building and this year to advise on a new appointment.

If you would like to stand for any of these positions, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please use the forms available on the book table and hand it to the PCC Secretary, Jane Cook. The APCM is after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday April 30th and is then followed by the Parish Lunch. We will also be celebrating our Patronal Festival on the same day.

Parish Lunch If you come to St. George's Church, you are very welcome to come to this annual lunch, which is a three course meal with aperitif and wine throughout. Families and children are welcome too! Tickets are available from Lynda Sheffield - £10 adults, £3 children. Evensong will be sung in the Hall at the end of the meal. **Easter Day is your last chance to buy tickets!**

Gift Day Thank you for taking the envelopes addressed to you last Sunday. Inside is a letter from the Churchwardens thanking you for your great support of St. George's and inviting you to take part in this year's Gift Day. The Gift Day envelopes can be put in the collecting plate anytime up to the APCM. If you didn't get your letter, please check in the pigeon holes today or ask the sidesmen for a copy. They were addressed to everyone on the Electoral Roll.

Confirmation Amber Gadd and Marilyn Atkins are both being Confirmed by the Bishop of Portsmouth on Saturday May 6th, 4.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Hayling Island. You are very welcome to come and support them and please pray for them as they prepare for this special day.

Iceland Wall You will probably see people climbing all over the wall of Iceland soon as they clear away the ivy and bushes. A platform will be erected in our Garden of Rest to allow this to happen, but no graves or memorials will be moved or touched. This is really good news for the Church as a lot of litter gets caught in the gap between the fence and Iceland's wall and it will make our Garden much neater once the undergrowth is removed.

Did you know.....? Our annual budget for fund raising is £10,000. Various items contribute towards this sum including shop, 100 club, bonus ball, gift day etc. However £10,000 is a high figure to aim at. Today you will have received your request for the special gift day donation. This is a once a year fund raiser. Please be generous.

PCC Members Wanted Forms are available on the table at the back of church for new PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwarden. If you are interested in doing any of these please take a form, complete it and let Jane Cook have it back before the APCM on 30th April.

St George's Parish trip to Windsor takes place on July 22nd. We are leaving at 9am to get to Windsor in time for the changing of the guard. Cost is £33 per adult and £31.50 per senior citizen/student and children £25.50. You are welcome to take a packed lunch or there are cafes just down the road from the castle entrance. We will return at 5pm. Please put your name down on the list at the back of church if you would like to come.



PARISH DIARY

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| 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. |
| Tuesday 9 th May | St. George's Book Club at Pat Mitchell's House |
| 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 |
| Friday 3 rd June | Defibrillator training in the hall – 1pm |
| 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 |
| July DTA | 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 2nd September | . Coffee morning at Margaret Deal's home.. |
| Sunday October 8th | Harvest thanksgiving |
| Saturday 28 th October | Opera Comique concert |
| Saturday 2 nd December | Christmas Bazaar at 9.30am |
| Monday 4 th December | Schools Christmas Concerts at 4.00pm |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Schools Christmas Concerts at 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Schools Christmas Concerts at 4.00pm |
| Saturday 23 rd December | Waterlooville Christmas Carols midday at Bandstand |

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, Evelyn Summers, Audrey Mentor, Alison Sheppard, Jeremy Kenward and Marian.

Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Remembering Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls At This



Time

Please pray for the souls of:

Douglas Shepherd, Ted Inwood, Ruth Symonds and Jim Cole

School of the Week



Please pray for the staff and students at:

Queen's Inclosure Primary School

CCL 16505

www.stgeorges.church

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The annual Music Festival is just 8 weeks away!
On the Sunday evening the Town Centre
Churches of Waterlooville are hosting Songs of

Praise, led by the Portsmouth Citadel Band of the Salvation Army. The Combined Church Choirs will sing some anthems during the concert, which will be in St. George's Church at 7.30pm. Like all the evening concerts during the Festival, audience tickets will be needed and these are cheaper if purchased in advance either on-line or from the town ticket offices which open on May 1st.

You can choose what hymns are sung, and the evening will finish with the announcement of Waterlooville's favourite hymn. Please choose your hymn on line or by using this form. Tear it off and place it in Fr. Mike's pigeon hole at the back of Church.

MY FAVOURITE HYMN

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| Your Name |
| Your Church (if not St. George's) |
| Your Favourite Hymn (and tune if there is a choice) |
| Reason for choosing this hymn |