



SUNDAY 23rd April

Easter 2

TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns

234 197 231 294 394

Choir Anthem:

Come ye faithful by RS Thatcher

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

Rod Dawson

Readers

Pam Dinneen and Tressy Alison

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts were given on
Wednesday by John and Margaret
Symonds in celebration of their 60th
Wedding Anniversary.

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts have been given today
by Angela Burtenshaw in loving memory of
her father, John Edmonds, whose
anniversary falls at this time.

Happy Birthday this week to

Elaine Shimbart (24th), Pam Dinneen (25th),
Carole Walker (26th), Sandra Hewett (28th)
June Blythe (28th) and Patricia Byrne (29^h)

Retiring Collection

PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)

Parish Office

The Parish Officers today are Lynne
McNeill and Helen Wilkes. Next week is
Marian Haughton and Sarah Brewer.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Today

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

10.00pm Return of Walsingham
Pilgrims

Tuesday

10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group

7.30pm Tweenies

Wednesday

Thursday

10.00am Said Eucharist 10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall 7.30pm Social Committee Supper	6.30pm Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u> 10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall	<u>Saturday</u> 4.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal
<u>Next Sunday</u> Theme: St. George the Martyr 8.00am Eucharist 10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST 11.00am APCM and Parish Lunch followed by Evensong	<u>Next Week's Readings</u> 1 Maccabees 2 59-64 2 Timothy 2 3-13 John 15 18-21



This Weekend is the annual Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. 48 people from this Church, St. Faith's Church, Havant, Rowlands Castle and others, left very early on Friday to travel to this north Norfolk village. Please remember the pilgrims in your prayers this morning 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.

Thank you to Fr. Michael Bever and Fr. Tyrone Hillary for celebrating the Eucharists this morning whilst Fr. Mike is away with the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

From Fr. Mike

Thank you for the Easter Cards and good wishes you sent to Lynda and myself. It's a real privilege to be at St. George's for Holy Week and Easter, which has been an excellent time and with so much help from Church members. Special thanks to the Good Friday team for providing breakfast, coffee, lunch and tea - and all with Hot Cross Buns! The team included Rosemary Monk, Dawn Hyett, Linda Wainwright and Anne Morgan. Also thanks to June Diaper, Yvonne Jones, Lynn Winter, Sue Hodgens and Dawn Hyett for the wonderful Easter Garden and flower decorations in Church.

Job vacancy for a Schools Building Assistant? If you are interested please refer to the link below if you wish to apply.

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/vacancies/>

Summer Fete Did you know it's less than 7 weeks to St. George's Summer Fete on Saturday June 10th? Please make sure you have the date firmly booked in your diary and be prepared to offer help for this major fundraising event.

Tweenies meets on Tuesday evening, 7.30pm at Anne Morgan's home. Go along, relax and enjoy the film "Phantom of the Opera," some of which was recorded in Portsmouth. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided but please take your own wine if you wish. Anne lives at 2, Everglades Avenue, Cowplain.

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.

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 before the meeting. The APCM is after the Parish Eucharist next Sunday and is then followed by the Parish Lunch. We will also be celebrating our Patronal Festival next week.

Gift Day You should have received 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 sidespeople for a copy. They were addressed to everyone on the Electoral Roll.

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.

Congratulations to John and Margaret Symonds who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last Thursday. John and Margaret Symonds thank you all for your kind messages and congratulations on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Please join them for cake and wine, to celebrate in the hall, after today's 10 am Eucharist.

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

Congratulations to Ben Trimby on being given the "Young Slimmer of the Year" award at his slimming club for losing 2st 10lbs.

Musical Delights is a concert featuring close harmony choirs, soloists and a comedian. It's in aid of Life Pregnancy Matters and is on Friday, 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. More details on the notice board.

Lent Lunches - many thanks to everyone who supported the Lent Lunches. £330 has been sent to Christian Aid.

APCM Report - this report is now on the website. www.stgeorges.church Please print off a copy to bring with you to the APCM meeting on Sunday 30th April. Thanks Jane Cook

Parish Photograph Next Sunday please come prepared to have a parish photo taken directly after the service and before the APCM.

St. George's News deadline for the Festival 2017 edition of St George's News is 1st May. Please pass material for publication to John Johnson – feedback@stgeorgesnews.org

PCC Members Wanted Forms are available on the table at the back of church for new PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives and Churchwarden.

Did you know.....? that being on the electoral roll allows you to vote at the APCM for your Churchwarden, your PCC members and any other items which arise at that meeting which require a vote. It also gives you a special rate should you want to hire the hall and allows the office to keep in touch with you and update you by phone, mail and, where applicable, email. Finally it contributes towards the national figures for church attendees which we hear so often quoted.

If you are a regular church attendee you should be on that roll. Please refer any queries to Tony Rice-Oxley.

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.

The Mothers' Union meets on Thursday 27th April when Sue Kavavan will speak about this years theme, 'Faith in Action'. She is an excellent speaker and will be accompanied by two special visitors. Please come and make it a memorable occasion.

Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Anna Chapman, Richard Tickner, Danny McMurdy, David Skinner, David Summers, Rose Hurry, Rene Mayne, Audrey Mentor, Alison Sheppard, Jeremy Kenward, Marian, Fr. Malcolm, Ruby Trimby and Pratima.

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:



School of the Week

Please pray for the staff and students at:

South Downs College



PARISH DIARY

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
Saturday 3 rd June	Defibrillator training in the hall – 1pm
Sunday 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
Sunday July 2 nd	Glendene Cricket for all
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

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

parish.office@stgeorges.church Alternatively leave a note in the admin pigeon hole at the back of church.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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The annual Music Festival is just 7 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

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