



SUNDAY 30th April

St. George the Martyr

TODAY'S SERVICES

Hymns

162 Leader now on earth 205
209 206 478

Choir Anthem:

For All Thy Saints by Alan Bullard

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

Family Service

Readers

Martin Lloyd

Liturgical Gifts

The liturgical gifts have been given by

Happy Birthday this week to

Jo Bunch, Wendy Dancer, Shirley Martin,
Daniel Palmer and Shelley Baxter.

Retiring Collection

PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)

Parish Office

The Parish Officers today are Marian
Haughton and Sheila Hall. Next week is
Candy Williams and Anne Morgan.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Today

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST
APCM and PARISH LUNCH
Followed by Evensong in Hall

Monday

Bank Holiday – Church closed all day

Tuesday

10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group
3.30pm Church Wardens' Meeting
7.30pm Extraordinary PCC meeting

Wednesday

10.00am Said Eucharist
10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall

Thursday

6.30pm Choir Practice

Friday

10.00am Coffee & Cake in Hall

<p><u>Saturday</u> 4.00pm Confirmation Service</p>	<p><u>Next Week's Readings</u> Acts 2: 42-47 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10</p>
<p><u>Next Sunday</u> Theme: Easter 4 8.00am Eucharist 9.45am Sunday School 10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST</p>	

THE FONT AND PASCHAL CANDLE

It was a great shock, extremely disappointing and very upsetting for many people to learn of the attack on St. George's Church last week. Thanks to the team of people who turned up last Saturday to clear up the mess and to patch up the Candle. The PCC is to hold an extra-ordinary meeting on Tuesday to decide what happens now, but in the meantime a new Paschal Candle is to be blessed this morning with the old one being placed in the Lady Chapel for the rest of the year. Owing to the cracks and splits, it's not safe to use it regularly. The small font on which St. George stands at present is to be moved so that Baptisms can still take place until a new or refurbished font is installed. St. George's has received a huge number of supportive messages via facebook and email from places such as Erith, Harrow, Norwich, Basingstoke, Berlin and Canada and countless people in Waterlooville have expressed their dismay and hurt, especially those whose families have been Baptised in the font. We've had 3 offers of fonts which are no longer used; one local firm offering to build a new font and another offering to help with the installation of CCTV. The reaction to the attack has been very generous and encouraging. Although the Church will make a claim against our insurance, there are likely to be further expenses, and to allow those from both inside and outside the Church to make a donation, a fund will be set up shortly. Alongside the anger and hurt, please remember in your prayers those who carried out the attack and who maybe need help.

Confirmation Amber Gadd and Marilyn Atkins are both being Confirmed by the Bishop of Portsmouth next Saturday, 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.

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 collection plate today. Your gifts are very much appreciated.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW PASCHAL CANDLE

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us worship the Lord:

All praise to his name.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on Easter Eve we recalled our Lord Jesus Christ passing from death to life, and as we stood to greet the risen Christ we lit this candle as a symbol of his resurrection. It is with sadness that we now move this flame to a new candle; it is with joy that we continue as Easter people to worship our risen Lord and to experience for ourselves the new life of Christ in our lives.

**Eternal God,
who made this Easter flame
to shine with the brightness
of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance
of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Paschal Candle representing the risen Christ is blessed

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

The incense studs are added representing the wounds of Christ

By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!

Salute your king in glorious symphony!

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!

Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!

The night is past; the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!

The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!

Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore!

Let all God's people shout the long Amen!

May the light of Christ, rising in glory:

Dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Parish Lunch Thank you to the team of people who spent yesterday setting up the hall for our lunch today and to those who are preparing and cooking it. The Lunch will end with Evensong sung in the Church Hall.

Choose your favourite Hymn Today is your last opportunity to choose a hymn for the Waterlooville Music Festival Songs of Praise evening. This is to allow the Salvation Army Band time to learn them! Please use the special form on the back of this bulletin and pop it into Fr. Mike's pigeon hole at the back of Church. Waterlooville's favourite hymn will be announced and sung during the evening.

Church Photograph Straight after the Parish Eucharist this morning a photo of the whole congregation will be taken. If you attended the 8.00am service, why not come back to be in it?

Congratulations to Eileen Oades and Pam Dinneen. Last Thursday they both received a certificate marking their long membership of the Mothers' Union by the Diocesan President, The Rev. Elizabeth Groves. Eileen has been an MU member for 70 years and Pam for 60 years.

Pigeon Holes These sit at the back of Church and are often filled with messages and envelopes addressed to Church members. Please check regularly to see if there's anything for you.

Church Lay-By Recently a number of cars have been parked straight outside the Church making it very difficult for those with less mobility to get into Church. This is a reminder that the lay-by should be kept clear for people who need it.

J Edwards Funeral Directors is holding an open today on May 10th as part of the national "Dying Matters" week. Feel free to pop in and have a no obligation chat to Linda or Kelly to discuss any aspect of the work they do and to see the services they offer. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the day.

Green Tokens For a second year running Waitrose has been kind enough to put us forward for some money from their green token scheme. The Waterlooville Music Festival gets a share of £1000 shared with two other charities, directly proportionate to the number of tokens we get. It runs for the whole of May so please do all your shopping at Waitrose and be sure to put your green tokens in the WMF tube!

Body Combat Marathon Sandra Hewett and Lesley Handed completed the marathon in support of Cancer Research at Horizon Leisure Centre Havant. They raised £443. Sandra and Lesley would like to thank everyone who supported them. They couldn't have done it without your support.

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.

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

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.

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, Jeremy Kenward, Marian, Fr. Malcolm, Ruby Trimby and Pratima.

Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Bob James and Hazel Davies

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:
Springwood Infant School



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PARISH DIARY

Sunday 30 th April	APCM and Parish lunch
Tuesday 2 nd May	Extra ordinary PCC Meeting
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



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