



# SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## Advent 1

<b>Please welcome today's Celebrants</b>	8.00am Rev Sandra Edwards 10.00am Rev Sandra Edwards 6.00pm Canon Arthur Dean
<b>Please welcome Wednesday's Celebrant</b>	10.00am Fr Ray Chapman
<b><u>TODAY'S SERVICES</u></b>	
<b><u>Hymns</u></b> 11 66 5 390 388 9  <b>Motet:</b> Teach me, O Lord by Thomas Attwood.	<b><u>Acclamation</u></b> Praise to you oh Christ, King of eternal glory. Prepare the way of the Lord, *make his <u>paths</u> straight, and all flesh shall see the <u>salvation</u> of God. Praise to you oh Christ, King of eternal glory.
<b><u>Intercessor</u></b> Richard Spurgeon	<b><u>Readers</u></b> Nigel and Anne Morgan
<b><u>Liturgical Gifts</u></b> If you would like to donate the liturgical gifts in memory of a special celebration or to remember a loved one, then please let Lesley Handy know.	<b><u>Happy Birthday today to</u></b> John Measham. This week to John Dickie, Sarah Brewer and Finley Rollison.
<b><u>Retiring Collection</u></b> The Children's Society	<b><u>Parish Office</u></b> The Parish Officers today are Marian Haughton with Sarah Brewer. Next week is Helen Wilkes and Lynne McNeill.
<b><u>THIS WEEK'S DIARY</u></b>	
<b><u>Today</u></b> 8.00am Eucharist 9.45am Sunday School <b>10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <b>6.00pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE</b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b> 1.00pm Funeral of Alison Gregory 7.30pm Finance and Fabric Meeting

<p><b><u>Tuesday</u></b>  10.00am Parent and Toddlers Group  7.30pm Tweenies at Candy's Home</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b>  10.00am Said Eucharist  10.30am Refreshments in Church Hall</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday</u></b>  6.30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b><u>Friday</u></b>  10.00am Coffee &amp; Cake in Church  6.00pm George's Men Skittles</p>
<p><b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>  <b>Theme: Advent 2</b>  8.00am Eucharist  9.45am Sunday School practise the Nativity  <b>10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST</b></p>	<p><b><u>Next Week's Readings</u></b>  Isaiah 40: 1-11  2 Peter 3: 8-15  Mark 1: 1-8</p>

**Advent Sunday** Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Christian year. Advent lasts for 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas Day with the twelve day celebration of Christmastide ending at Epiphany on January 6th.



**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

First Sunday of Advent: Expectation of Hope

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“The days are coming, ’declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.”

**Candle Lighting:**

Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and everyone one of us of God’s great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is our Saviour.

**Prayer:**

Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfilment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

## **Advent Ring Hymn**

Come and light the candles on the Advent ring,  
scattering the darkness till the world shall sing.

We are all God's people, waiting in this place,  
hoping that in Jesus we shall see God's face.

**Advent Ring** Thank you to Eileen Oades and Eve Inwood who have prepared the Advent Ring and the first candle will be lit today. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four **candles** stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of **Advent**. In the centre of the circle is a fifth **candle** (traditionally white), the Christ **Candle**, which is lit on Christmas Day.

**Travelling Nativity** Today the Holy Family begin their journey and will be sheltered by different families every day throughout Advent. They will return on Christmas Eve ready to greet children and their families at the Christingle Service.

**Help in Bereavement Christmas Coffee morning.** Monday 11th December 10am to 12 noon at St George's Church Hall, Waterlooville. We would like to invite all of the people who come to St George's Church to come to this very enjoyable event. We have entertainment, stalls and the Mayor of Havant, Councillor Elaine Shimbart and her Consort Gerry Shimbart attending. The cost is £2 on the door to cover refreshments. Help in Bereavement has been supporting bereaved people for nearly 40 years and Christmas time can be an especially difficult time of year. Please support us on the day or by donating a prize for our Christmas raffle. Thank you. Please contact Linda Smith on 07834457284

**Pompey Chimes** The current December 2017\January 2018 edition of Pompey Chimes is the last one to be issued in the monthly format. Please note this diocesan publication will be replaced by a new quarterly magazine, with the first edition due out in March 2018.

**George's Men** meet this Friday for their annual Christmas Skittles evening at the Barley Mow in Walderton. Arrangements have already been made for transport but if you have any questions please speak to Colin Monk.

**Please find below a list of priests celebrating at services in St. George's.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	8.00 Eucharist	The Rev Sandra Edwards
	10.00 Eucharist	The Rev Sandra Edwards
	18.00 Advent Carol Service	Canon Arthur Dean
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Eucharist	Rev Ruth Loveman
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	6.00 Carol Serv.	Canon Arthur Dean
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 Memorial	Fr Ray Chapman
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30 Mill Hill Sc.	Lisa Lale
Christmas Eve	8.00 Eucharist	
	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
	5.00 Christingle	Anne Morgan & Lesley Handy
	11.30 Midnight Mass	Fr Ray Chapman
Christmas Day	8.00 Eucharist	Fr Mike Beaver
	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Eucharist	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	8.00 Eucharist	
	10.00 Eucharist	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.00 Eucharist	Fr Ray Chapman
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00 Eucharist	Fr David Lindsay
	10.00 Eucharist	Ven. Joanne Grenfell
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 Eucharist	

**Parish Breakfast** Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Breakfast. £61 was raised for the Food Bank.

**Congratulations** to Eve Inwood who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday. Please join her in the hall after the service today for cake and wine.

**Mince Pies** Will be needed for after the Carol Service on December 17th. If you can bring a box along to the church hall on the Sunday morning (17th) it would be really helpful. Thank you.

**Christmas Baskets** If anyone has any baskets they do not need, please can they let either Len or David Palmer have them for planting up with Christmas Bulbs. They will also be taking orders between now and Christmas for planted up baskets.

**Women's World Day of Prayer Representative** would you be interested in being the Women's World Day of Prayer representative for St. George's? There are 2 meetings a year, in January and a November. Please let Anne Morgan know.



**Waterlooville Food Bank** Have you done your Christmas list yet? Can you add a "little something" as a present for an adult that we could include in the Food Hampers? Wave 105 Radio are donating children's presents - but a little something for their mum or dad would really make someone's Christmas. It should only be a small thing as it really is the thought that counts - but please note we are unable to give out anything containing alcohol - including liqueur type chocolates. We need to have donations by 10th December in order to make the parcels up for collection during the week before Christmas. Please leave your donations in the Blue Food bank baskets - or give them to Barbie Lloyd to take if you prefer.

**St. George's Players** will be putting on a show on February 10th. If you have an act you would like to perform please see Jane Rice-Oxley. You will be required to do your own rehearsing and getting together for a couple of dress rehearsals at the beginning of February.

**Christmas Vouchers for the Homeless** is a scheme being organised by local churches and groups. If you would like to donate a money voucher that could be used in exchange for food, then please pass to Lesley Handy or the Churchwardens. These will be passed to agencies who support the homeless over the Christmas season. A chance for us to share a "gift" with others.

**St George's Prayer Group** will meet in church at 10:40am on Wednesday 6th December. If you have any prayer requests please get in touch with Margaret Symonds on 92 252338.

## Christmas Services in St. George's

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Children's Nativity
	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	Christmas Tree Memorial Service
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	12.00 md	Carols in the Precinct
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Christingle Service for Families
	11.30pm	The Midnight Mass followed by mince pies and wine
Christmas Day	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist followed by mince pies and wine



**Havant**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Small Business Saturday is Back

Christmas will come early for shoppers using Havant Borough Council owned car parks on Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The first Saturday in December, motorists will receive three hours free parking to encourage shoppers to support local businesses. **So how does it work?** Display don't pay – simply, visit the ticket machine to receive your free ticket and display it in your vehicle. After Christmas – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December, Havant Borough Council car parks will be “buy one hour, get one free” to give shoppers the chance to spend time looking for those post Christmas bargains.

**Tweenies** meet at Candy's home on Tuesday at 7.30pm for a Christmas theme of fun and games. If you can provide a raffle prize for the snatch raffle that would be great or a game that all the ladies could participate in would be appreciated.

**Doggy Medicine** Jane Rice-Oxley has the following medicine which she no longer needs: Levetiracetam 1000mg and Libromide 325mg. If you are interested in having the tablets, please let Jane know. Thank you.



**Waterlooville Events Team** are organising a Christmas Grotto in the library for children. First date of opening is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am-3pm.

**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:**

Margo Farrell, Peter May, Maureen and Ray Gregory, Anna Chapman, Richard Fogelberg, Sarah, Shelley Lazlet, Margaret Buckland, Stephen McMurdy, Susie Shearer, Larry, Gerry Shimbart, Elma Gibson, Sally Spurgeon, Tudor, Charlie George and Margaret Boxall.

**Remembering Those Who Have Died Recently**



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

Alison Gregory

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

Please pray for the souls of:



Annie Mann and Freda Hewett

**School of the Week**



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

PARISH DIARY	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent Carol Service
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Finance & Fabric – 7.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Tweenies Christmas theme at Candy's
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	George's Men Annual Skittles and Buffet
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit Father Christmas in his grotto – Library
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Help in Bereavement Coffee Morning PCC Meeting – 8pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Two Beeches Christmas Carols – 4pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Horndean Brass Band Concert
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Memorial Tree Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Mother and Toddlers Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Mill Hill Primary School Christmas Carol Concert:9.30am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Waterlooville Christmas Carols midday at Bandstand
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Pop Up Cinema "Another Mother's Son" in Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Havant and Waterlooville Cell committee meeting at St. John's Rowlands Castle – 7.30pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Havant and Waterlooville Walsingham Cell cream tea at St. Faith's Havant – 3.30pm

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

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