



From the Vicarage

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Thankyou

I am writing to thank you for your continued support as I continue to recover from my Functional Neurological Disorder. I am progressing well towards full time work in the Parish. I would not be enjoying better health and work in the parish without your prayers and patience, for which I am grateful.

Looking ahead, this autumn will be a time of transition in the Parish, with Revd Heather Leppard leaving firstly for maternity leave and secondly to find a new post having completed her curacy here in Harnham. Over the past three years her role within the Parish has developed; as she steps back, time will be needed to evaluate the connections she has made within the community and the Parish work which she has led. Please do come along to her leaving service on November 25th at 10am at St George's Church, followed by 'Thank you' cake and drinks in the Parish Hall. If you would like to make a donation to our 'Thankyou' collection, please leave an envelope marked 'Heather's Thankyou collection' in the church or through the Parish office door, Lower Street.

Vision

Some of you have asked how the different services on a Sunday will continue as there have been some changes whilst I have been off. Please find the attached service rota for October to December. The service provision will be revised as part of the vision for the parish, for which the Mission and Vision Committee and PCC are taking time to consider. In September the PCC adopted the format of 'PRAY, SERVE, GROW' to focus our attention in both our meetings and parish work. We will continue our thinking, considering the things we do well now and future provision from November onwards. Please be assured that the PCC will ask for feedback and keep you updated.

Good News

The Pet Festival brought the community together for the fourth year running. Links were made with over 120 people, most of whom do not attend our churches. Many enjoyed the Pet service, at which Revd Heather preached about God's love for each of us and each animal, using her bird puppet.

Pause for Prosecco – a discussion group for women- now meets on the second Thursday of each month between 7.30 and 9pm at the Harnham Sports and Social club. Our October meeting is actually on *Wednesday* 17th, with the theme of Remembrance. A mixture of church and non-church, different age groups from the 30s to 80s attended the first discussion about Fair Trade. All women welcome!

Messy Church continues to attract families and teach both adults and children about Jesus, through craft, worship and discussion. If you are available to help assist with refreshments please contact Jean Mercer
Tel: 01722 324229

The results of the learning about faith questionnaire show that congregation members would like more sermons and talks on the subjects of Prayer, the disciplines that enable us to follow Jesus, serving creation, and 'letting go' amongst others.

The PCC has supported a sub-committee whose aim is to work towards the ECO church goals.

Eleanor, who has been attending St George's church with her family for the past six months, will be confirmed in the cathedral in October.

Future events

Harvest Celebrations will take place in All Saints and St Georges on 7th October. We will be supporting the Women's refuge with items such as toiletries and tea and coffee.

Revd Heather will be leading a Pilgrim course on Tuesdays from 16th October exploring how Christians know and worship God. 2.30-4pm or 7.30-9pm. Please contact her if you would like to attend. Tel: 07745 731729 curateheather@gmail.com

Prayers of Remembrance and Peace.

Our Churches will be open to view the World War One Silhouette Soldiers and participate in prayers.

November	St George's	All Saints
Sun 28 th October	Blessing and prayers for the silhouettes in the morning services 9.30am	8.00 am
Mon 5 th	9.15-9.45	7- 7.30pm
Tues 6 th	-	9.15-9.45 and 7- 7.30pm
Weds 7 th	9.15-9.45 and 4.00-4.30 pm	-
Thurs 8 th	10am Service of communion	-
Fri 9 th	-	12 noon
Sat 10 th	-	12 noon
Sunday 11 th	Procession from St George's to the Memorial Hall 10am	8 am Service of communion 10.45 am memorial Hall Remembrance Service

Advent and Christmas

Advent reflections These will be held on Tuesday 27th November, 4th 11th and 18th December in St. George's Church at **7.30 pm**. (A new time, as a result of the learning questionnaire feedback). There will be short guided reflections on gospel readings followed by Compline.

December	St George's	All Saints
Mon 10 th	Uniformed Organisations carol service led by Canon David Durston	
Sunday 16 th	Carol service in Willow Croft	
Mon 17 th	Toddler Nativity	
Tues 18 th	Harnham C of E Junior School carol service 6-7pm St Thomas Church	
Weds 19 th	Carol service in Harnham Croft and Brympton	
Thurs 20 th	Music for the MIND carols in Saint George's	
Sunday 23 rd	9.30 am Communion service	8.00am Communion service 6.30pm Harnham Parish carol service
Mon 24 th Dec	7pm Blue Christmas- a short service for those who find Christmas time difficult 11.30pm Communion Service	2.30pm Children's Nativity 4.00pm Children's Nativity
Tuesday 25 th Dec	9.30am Christmas family communion	11 am Christmas family communion

50 years of Christingle

Messy Church will hold a Christingle service for Messy Church, Christening families, and our regular congregations in The Parish Hall and St George's Church in January.

**Thank you,
Revd Becky Roberts**