



READINGS

Luke 2 v 22-40
Hebrews 2 v 14-end

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 28th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
	10.00am	Tree Planting on Parsonage Green.
	7.00pm	Quiz in the Parish Hall.
Sunday 29th	10.00am	United Communion Service in All Saints.
	10.00am	Prayer walk begins at All Saints.
	6.00pm	Pop Up Youth in the Parish Hall.
Tuesday 31st	9.00am	Morning prayer in All Saints Churchyard today.
Wednesday 1st	9.00am	Morning prayer in St George's Church.
	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room, and Wellbeing Walk.
	11.00am	Brympton House Communion.
	7.30pm	Pause for Thought at the Rose and Crown. Theme: "What can the church do today that's useful?"
Thursday 2nd	11.30am	Funeral in All Saints.
	2.00pm	Bereavement Course in the Meeting Room.
Saturday 4th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Communion in St George's.
	11.00am	Communion in All Saints.

A NOTICE FOR THE PRAYER WALKERS! - Sunday 29th January

There is a prayer walk as an alternative to indoor worship. My hope is that we will walk, worship, read, chat, and also pray for our parish following up some of the themes raised at our exploration of vision on Sunday 15th. For those who would like to join with this, please meet me in the graveyard at the back of All Saints at around 9.50am. We will congregate then aim to set off just after 10.00 and to return by 11.30 am. I suggest wearing some shoes suitable for off road footpaths and clothing appropriate for the weather, whatever that might be! We will be walking up Harnham Bank, but for those who might struggle with that, we will provide transport from All Saints to the top of Bishops Drive where there is a cut through to the footpath at the top where we can meet up. Hope to see you then! Revd. Mike.

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Please PRAY for:

- ❖ the people of Pakistan and Somalia, Aid agencies, the World Food Programme and the Disasters Emergency Committee.
- ❖ peace between Russia and Ukraine - pray for peace, for all those who have died in the war, those who mourn, those who seek refuge, and wisdom for all who lead.
- ❖ the parishes in the Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery.
- ❖ The Church of Pakistan (United).
- ❖ the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially The Most Revd Moses Anur Ayom, Archbishop and Bishop of the Diocese of Bor in South Sudan.
- ❖ Christian Education and further learning: Bridge Project, Sarum College, house groups, Alpha courses and Café Alabare.
- ❖ the World Food Programme and people who live hand to mouth reliant on the land.
- ❖ all the shops and businesses in Harnham.
- ❖ those who live in Romer Road and Highlands Road.
- ❖ those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Caroline, Paul James, Ann Parry, Kath Glover, Jill Jacob, Revd Simon Wilkinson, Bill, Barbara Laws, Pam James, Anne Baker, Patricia P and Anne Paterson.
- ❖ those who have died especially Stan Baker, Kathleen Picton, Peter Brignall and Karen Stockley.



RSPB BIRD WATCH WEEKEND - 27-29th January. Help the RSPB monitor the UK bird population as it faces the climate crisis; all you need to do is watch the birds around you for one hour (can be in a park or even a churchyard if you don't have a garden). Count the most of each species of bird you see at any one-time land in your garden or outdoor space and keep a note. Submit your results at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch. You can download a bird ID guide and tally sheet in advance if required.

TREE PLANTING IN WEST HARNHAM - SATURDAY 28th JANUARY Harnham Community Network Environmental Group is about to take the first steps in implementing its Green Corridor Project, (planting 9 young lime trees on the eastern (hedged) section of Parsonage Green) on Saturday 28th January. Can you help to dig the holes and help with planting and protecting the young trees? Meet at 10.00am on Parsonage Green - finish lunchtime. All are welcome - but please bring a spade (if possible), gardening gloves, and your own hot/cold drinks. If you can help, please contact Charles Woodd at harnhamcommunity@gmail.com or on 07962 213494, or Pam Rouquette on 01722 334209. Thank you very much.

"Pause for Prosecco" Thursday 9th February and Thursday 9th March in the meeting room at 7.30pm. We are exploring the themes of **Growing Old Boldly**, and **Come Let us Play!** This group for ladies is a discussion group that provides fellowship and humour all with a glass of prosecco or wine! If you'd like to come along just email: reverendbecky@gmail.com. If you cannot come along - you may like the book we are using, **'Come, Let us Age!' by Wanda Nash**. Wanda was a great spiritual writer, who rooted her wisdom in prayer within a down to earth approach. The book is accessible and provides, insights, questions, prayers and exercises to aid thinking and faith. It's only 19 chapters of approx. 4 pages each that are easily digestible and applicable. It is published by BRF online. Revd Becky

Living in Love and Faith As you may know, for the past 6 years the Church of England General Synod has been exploring how to be more inclusive about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage, including what pastoral service provisions can be offered. Clergy in the Salisbury Diocese received a letter from the Bishops of Salisbury this week containing information about the decisions made which amongst others include special prayers and blessings but not marriages of same sex couples in church. As Bishop Steven rightly says, "For such a sensitive subject matter it is really important that we all fully understand this rather than just react to headlines. The reality is that there will be a mixed reaction to these recommendations, just as there is a diversity of opinion in the College of Bishops. We are not all one on this, but we are one in Christ through the primacy of Holy Baptism and have all agreed that the proposals offer the greatest unity for the Church. At the Diocesan Synod on Saturday 4th February, we will speak more openly as your bishops about the process and our reactions to it. Obviously, we each hold slightly differing views, but we are united in commending these recommendations and we stand by them alongside the whole College of Bishops. Please care for each other, especially those who, from either end of this debate, are disappointed. However, this is a first for the Church in welcoming same sex couples with prayers for those who wish to exercise this ministry in conscience, and for those who do not wish to do so, with integrity. We also own and offer the apology made within these recommendations. Thank you for the support of your prayers from so many within the diocese throughout these days." More information can be found on [Draft prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and for God's blessing for same-sex couples published | The Church of England](#) Revd Becky.