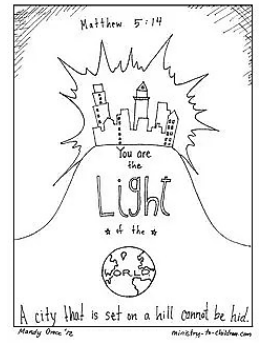




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5th February 2023
3rd Sunday before Lent

READINGS
Isaiah 58 v 1-9a **P698**
Psalm 112 v 1-9 **P574**
Matthew 5 v 13-20 **P4**



PRAYER FOR THE DAY
Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

PARISH DIARY

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. Practice livestream too.
Tuesday 7th	9.00am	Morning prayer in All Saints Churchyard today.
Wednesday 8th	9.00am	Morning prayer in St George's Church.
	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
	7.30pm	"Pause for Thought" at the Rose and Crown. Theme: "Poverty. Should we give away all we own?"
Thursday 9th	2.00pm	Bereavement Course in the Meeting Room.
	7.30pm	"Pause for Prosecco" in Meeting Room (see below).
Saturday 11th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Sunday 12th	8.00am	Communion at All Saints.
	9.30am	Communion at St George's.
	11.00am	Service of the Word at All Saints.
	3.00pm	Messy Church in the Parish Hall.

The Ecumenical Pilgrimage will take place in Juba South Sudan 3rd to 5th February, when The Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland representing the Presbyterian and free churches will be meeting the national leaders of South Sudan and the respective congregations. The gathering is to focus on Peace, Unity and Justice and Reconciliation. Please pray for the visit.

Quiz night

The quiz night last Saturday had a lovely fun communal atmosphere, lovely soup and 9 teams of quizzers. Our brains were tested in various rounds from mountains and lakes to celebrity pictures. We managed to raise £494 towards Parish funds. A huge Thank you to all involved and all who came along to support us. Revd Becky.

"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.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
- ❖ the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially the Rt Revd Michael Deng K Bol, Bishop of Abye in South Sudan.
- ❖ St Thomas' and St Martin's churches in Salisbury.
- ❖ Salisbury District Hospital.
- ❖ sustainable development throughout the world.
- ❖ those who live in Harnwood Road, Coombe Road and Folly Close.
- ❖ 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 and Patricia P and Joanna Mair.
- ❖ those who have died especially Stan Baker, Kathleen Picton, James Bowey, Karen Stockley.

The funeral for Stan Baker will take place at St George's Church on Friday 10th March, 1pm and will be followed by a wake in the Parish Hall, in a style that Stan would have approved. Stan had not been able to attend church recently due to ill health but was churchwarden at St George's and Chair of the Parish hall for several years (also project manager for the last extension to the hall). The family welcome anyone who wishes to attend and would be delighted to share memories with you.

As the Parish Administrator will be at the funeral, the Parish Office will not open on Friday 10th but on Thursday 9th, 3-4.30pm instead.

THE PARISH HAS A DEFIBRILLATOR!

Thanks in part to a generous donation from a parishioner, the PCC recently agreed to the purchase of a defibrillator. We think the most appropriate location will be on the outside wall of the Parish Hall by the main entrance. However, to make space for it there, we need to remove the overgrown pyracantha bush on the south eastern corner of the Hall. I will be attacking it this Saturday afternoon at 11 am. If anyone would like to help, please let me know and turn up with gardening gloves and suitable tools. I would hope we can clear it, and get the cuttings to the tip on Saturday. ALSO we need to raise another £600 to meet the full cost. If you would like to contribute to this, please make a donation to Harnham PCC in the normal way, reference Defibrillator (more details on request). Charles Woodd.

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.

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