

Second Sunday of Advent 10th December 2023 NOTICES

READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11 **P677**
or 2 Peter 3:8-15a **P235**
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 **P555**
Mark 1:1-8 **P33**

*Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli.
Pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together in our hearts.*

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus was known as a teacher, and in his name we foster the very best teaching and learning for all in our school. We give you thanks for Luke Coles' service as our headteacher and commend into your hands the process of appointing his successor. Keep our hearts and minds open to the presence of your Spirit among us; grant us wisdom and discernment that Harnham Church of England Junior School may flourish, and nurture life in all its fullness; through Jesus Christ our teacher. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that,
when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 9 th	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Practice for "Beer and Carols" at All Saints. All welcome.
Sunday 10 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	Communion at All Saints. Communion at St George's. Service of the Word at All Saints. Christingle Service at St George's with Messy Church. <i>A service for all ages during which we will make Christingles, sing carols and have a small procession of light. Followed by tea in Parish Hall. We are partnering with the Children's Society and will collect for their charity.</i>
Monday 11 th	7.00pm	Scout and Guide Carol Service at St George's.
Tuesday 12 th	9.00am 6.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at All Saints. Junior School Carol Service at St Thomas'. Advent Talk followed by Compline in St George's. <i>Theme: Reconciliation within ourselves and our own losses.</i>
Wednesday 13 th	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Morning prayer at St George's. Christmas Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Worship Committee at the Vicarage.
Thursday 14 th	10.30am 7.00pm	Carols at Willowcroft Beer and Carols at The Old Mill. <i>A fun outdoor carol singing event with traditional and modern carols and Christmas Songs. Why not grab a beer or a special drink at the outdoor bar and join in.</i>
Friday 15 th	2.30pm	MU in the Parish Hall.
Saturday 16 th	10.00am	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Sunday 17 th	9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm 4.00pm	Communion at St George's. Service of the Word at All Saints. Carols at Harnham Croft. Blue Christmas Service at St George's. <i>A reflective service, with beautiful music and candles for those who find Christmas difficult. We gather to remember a loved one or a difficult situation as Christmas nears.</i>



ANGEL TRAIL

In Harnham we are trying to create an "Angel Trail" - please make an angel to hang in our churches and around Harnham ready for Christmas. Please bring to church on Sunday if you have not already dropped off your creations.

Please PRAY for:

- peace between Russia and Ukraine - those who have died, those who mourn, those who seek refuge. Wisdom for all who lead.
- the people of Palestine and Israel.
- the Church of Pakistan (United).
- the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially for the Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang, Bishop of Wernyol in South Sudan.
- all the parishes in the Jersey Deanery.
- refugees and asylum seekers.
- thanksgiving for light in the dark – for the beauty of the night sky and all animals who are nocturnal.
- those who live in Andrews Way, Christopher Close and Harvard Close.
- those who are sick, and all who care for them, especially Kath G, Jill J, Simon W, Pam J, Anne B, Margaret R and Sharon S.
- those who have died that we know and those who have died in Israel and Palestine.

Harnham Junior School

This week we said our formal goodbyes to Luke Coles, Head of Harnham Junior School for 23 years. The PCC showed their appreciation for his contribution to Harnham's community life by donating and serving the Prosecco and wonder cake. We pray for both him and the school community at this transitional time.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to:

1. All who contributed vouchers last Sunday. We donated over £550 worth to The Women's Refuge.
2. Those who came along to Brympton to sing carols. We made mini Christingles as the story of Christmas was retold. Several members of the community commented on how peaceful the service was. So thanks to all who enabled this. Revd Becky.



SCOUT POST - URGENT

Thank you to those who have used the Scout Christmas Post. If you posted a card to an address in Tisbury and one to Fonthill Bishop please ring 01722 421882 asap. These areas are not covered.

Also if you inadvertently put an unstamped card to an address in Kentish Town, London please ring same number. Thank you.

December Advent Talks - Short talks on the theme of '**Reconciliation**' followed by a quiet evening service called "Compline". Tuesday evenings 12th, 19th, 8.00pm St George's Church.

Reconciliation is about people or groups coming together again after an argument or disagreement or painful loss of some kind. Advent can help us reflect on our relationships with the wider world, with our own losses and within our communities and families as we prepare for Christmas.

Candlelight Vigil

There will be another Candlelight Vigil for a permanent Ceasefire for Gaza, Israel and the West Bank Palestinian Territories on **Saturday 16th**

December 4.15-4.45pm outside Salisbury Library. Please bring candles, jars and lanterns.

FWT What do you mean, you've never heard of **FWT** ? - It begins on **7th February 2024 !**



This year, our Christmas Appeal will be supporting children, both here in Harnham through Harnham Parish, and across the world through Save the Children's Emergency Fund. Please give generously, so that Save the Children can respond quickly to emergencies such as the crisis in Gaza and Israel, and in Afghanistan, and the Parish can develop its work with the children of our community. Scan the QR code to give online on the Harnham Christmas Appeal page, or donate by cash or cheque payable to PCC Harnham (writing Christmas Appeal on the back), or by bank transfer to PCC Harnham, sort code: 30-97-41, account no: 00557482, ref: Christmas Appeal.

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