

Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023

NOTICES

*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*

READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 **P702**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **P202**
Psalm 126 **P584**
John 1:6-8,19-28 **P88**

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly
gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Saturday 16 th	10.00am 4.15pm	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Candlelight Vigil for a permanent Ceasefire for Gaza, Israel and the West Bank Palestinian Territories outside Salisbury Library for 30 minutes. Please bring candles, jars and lanterns.
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>
Tuesday 19 th	9.00am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at All Saints. Advent Talk followed by Compline in St George's. <i>Theme: Reconciliation within our community and families.</i>
Wednesday 20 th	9.00am 10.00am	Morning prayer at St George's. Christmas Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room.
Saturday 23 rd	10.00am 6.30pm	Coffee and Chat in the Meeting Room. Carol Service at All Saints. <i>A traditional nine lessons and carols service with guest choir. This year we will have a BSL interpreter present. We will fundraise for our Christmas charities Save the Children and the Parish work with children.</i>
Sunday 24 th	8.00am 4.00pm 11.30pm	Communion at All Saints (BCP). All Age Nativity Service with carols. <i>An interactive fun Nativity service with carols and songs and some dressing up! Pop along for the pop up Nativity.</i> Midnight Mass with carols. <i>The first communion of Christmas Day.</i>
Christmas Day	9.30am 11.00am	All age communion at St George's. All age communion at All Saints.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
- the Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan, especially for the Most Revd Joseph Atem, Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop of Malakal.
- all the parishes in the Lyme Bay Deanery.
- Counselling Services: Samaritans, Salisbury Mediation Service, Listening Place and Lighthouse.
- thanksgiving for light in the dark - for the beauty of the night sky and all animals who are nocturnal.
- the Pause for Prosecco group.
- those who live in Wellworthy Road and Halfpenny Road.
- 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 especially Norman Waspe and those who have died in Israel and Palestine.

For information

Revd Becky has Dengue, having contracted it from a mosquito bite when she was away. It is akin to malaria. She is being well looked after and looks forward to seeing us all soon.

Parish Office and Notices

The Parish Office will be open on **Thursday** this week from 3-4.30pm. Linda will be taking a break from Friday 22nd until 3rd January 2024. Office will open again on Friday 5th January. Next weeks' notice sheet will cover Christmas weekend and the New Year.

FWT

FWT wishes you a good Advent and Happy Christmas and looks forward to seeing you just before Lent on **7th February 2024** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.



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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