

COMING UP...

December



Messy Church Tomorrow 15th December! 3.30—5.15pm

Come and have fun with a Messy Nativity.
Booking essential: stgfamilies@gmail.com

Christmas Services

Wednesday 24th - Christmas Eve

10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
6pm Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Thursday 25th - Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Holy Communion and Zoom

Sunday 28th - Christmas 1

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Holy Communion and Zoom

Wednesday 31st - No service

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 December Advent 3

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Holy Communion and Zoom
JaM Family Ministry in small hall
5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel



Monday 15 December

Please pray for Messy Church
Staple Close Lane and Stenhurst Road
10-12 Advent Course in small hall
3.30pm Messy Church in large hall

Tuesday 16 December

Please pray for all teachers in the final week of term
Trigon Road and Tudor Court

Wednesday 17 December

Please pray for the Choir as they sing at our services this Christmas time
Vicarage Road and Waverley Crescent
10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry
10.30 St George's Fellowship in small hall
6.30pm Choir Practice
7-9pm Advent Course in small hall

Thursday 18 December

Please pray for St Edward's Concert
Whitehorse Drive and Wellow Gardens
9am-3pm St Edward's Concert rehearsals in church
12 Noon Christmas Lunch Club in small hall
7pm St Edward's School Concert

Friday 19 December

Please pray for all clergy and lay ministers
Willis Way Industrial Estate

Saturday 20 December

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988pwd=VFpUVlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213
Please pray for all St George's services
Wilmur Crescent and Wimborne Road

Sunday 21 December - Advent 4

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Crib Service with Christingle and Zoom
6pm Nine Lessons and Carols



THIS WEEK AT
OAKDALE ST GEORGE
Sunday 14th December
2025
Advent 3



Dear Friends,

As we progress through these four weeks our thoughts should move from reflection to anticipation, perhaps we can recall when young how long we appeared to wait for Christmas to arrive, from stirring the Christmas pudding to making and putting up paper chains and cutting out Christmas tree shapes in old newspapers to hang on a tree.

Our readings this week urge us to patience while preparing ourselves. Perhaps we can rekindle that sense of wonder and joy we felt as children.

Blessings,

John

5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel



Next Sunday
21st December - Advent 4
10am Crib and Christingle Service

Readings:
Romans 1. 1-7
Matthew 1. 18-end



6pm Service of
Nine Lessons and Carols



Please do stay in touch	
	01202 660612 Tuesday to Thursday 10am-12 noon. Church open for private prayer during office hours
	admin@stgeorgesOakdale.com
	www.stgeorgesOakdale.com
	Search Oakdale St. George on Facebook
	To make a one-off donation please use the card payment machine, cash can be placed in an envelope and handed to the office. If you would like to make a regular contribution to St George's please ask the office for details of the Parish Giving Scheme.
	Hearing loop available in church. Turn your hearing aid to the T switch.

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

James 5.7–10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11.2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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**

Please pray for

Worldwide: Anglican Church in Brazil

Diocese: Clarendon, Alderbury Deanery

Local: Stanley Green Road and Infants Academy

Immediate Prayer: Bethany Cook, Pat Friend, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, Alison, Frances, Jean, Judith, Nancy, Tilly, Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol Burridge, Tony Bursey, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Peter Hooper, Geoffrey Kenyon, Jim L, Chris Moody, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Alan, Chris, Dorothy, Julie, Kezia

Also we remember those who have died recently **RIP Laura Mackenzie** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Betty Martin, Marcelle Perham, Pat Howe**

Please note that from Sunday 28th December 2025 names will be read out on a Sunday for those whose anniversaries fall in the week ahead.

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Mission Giving: So far you have donated enough to gift £755 to each of our three main charities for 2025:

1. Poole Wau Partnership
2. Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance
3. Bournemouth Women's refuge

Don't forget your donations for refreshments add to this total so let's be generous this Christmas season and top up that amount as much as we can. Thank you. **Penny**

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Christmas Eco tips from Salisbury Diocese 'Grapevine':

- * Wrap with care – skip glittery paper, try reusable or recyclable options
- * Shop local – support small businesses and cut carbon
- * Decorate green – use LED lights and natural touches
- * Plan meals – reduce food waste with smart portions and leftovers



St George's featured as the lead article in our Diocesan 'Grapevine' e-Magazine last Thursday when staff, students, family and members of the local community attended St George's for the commissioning service of Mr Chris Barnett as the new head teacher of St. Edward's School. Chris was commissioned by Bishop Stephen Lake and Canon Marm.

Diocese of Salisbury - Re:verse Christmas

The King in a stable, the world in reverse. Each day leading up to Christmas, the Diocese will be playing a carol from parishes, schools and clergy in reverse and asking you to guess the name of the carol. Every day on Facebook and Instagram until 24 December, 9am for the carol and 7pm for the reveal. Watch on Facebook and Instagram.

Foodbank wish list:

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- **Tinned ready meals**
- UHT Milk/Fruit squash
- Pasta sauces in jars
- Tinned fruit
- Washing up liquid
- Ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise

Appeal - £5/ month can support a family in need.

Poole Foodbank

CAF Bank Account
Sort code: 40-52-40,
Account no: 00034948

Or donate online

<https://faith-works.org.uk/>

Thank you!