

COMING UP...

Saturday 21st February - Jumble Sale

10 –12noon in the large hall. Helpers needed on the day. please speak to Sue Colbourne if you can help. Please bring donations of clothes and shoes to the office. **NO BRIC A BRAC**. Thank you

Sunday 22nd February - Lent Lunch 12 Noon



Come and enjoy homemade soup and a dessert. Tickets £5 from Barbara Graves or the Parish Office
All proceeds to St George's Church.

Tuesday 24th February—PCC Meeting

If you have any items you wish the PCC to discuss please let either Penny or Sue Colborne have the information in writing at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Lent Course - This year we will be following the Diocesan course which runs over five sessions.

Sessions will run on:

Monday evenings from 23rd February

7-9pm in the small hall and

Tuesday afternoons from 24th February

2-4pm in the choir vestry.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Sunday 1st March - Community Afternoon Tea

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you can help with provisions towards the tea. As always, your donations are very much appreciated by all who attend.



THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 February - 2 Before Lent

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

Monday 9 February

Please pray for those affected by recent floods
Dale Close and Dale Valley Road
7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice

Tuesday 10 February

Please pray that we be blessed with the fruits of the spirit, Darbys Lane and Darbys Close

Wednesday 11 February

Please pray for wisdom for our local councillors
Dingley Road and Dorchester Road
10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry
2-4pm Knit and Natter in the small hall

Thursday 12 February

Please pray for all home care workers in our community
Dorchester Gardens and Enfield Avenue

Friday 13 February

Please pray for those who have not yet come to know Jesus, Enfield Crescent and Enfield Road

Saturday 14 February

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUVIPXU0VwUzFISwp3WHZNTGpWdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213
Please pray for all St George's services
Fleets Lane and Foxholes Road

Sunday 15 February - 2 Before Lent

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Holy Communion and Zoom
Prayer Ministry after this service
JaM in the small hall

THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE

Sunday 8th February 2026

2 Before Lent



Dear Friends,

Our readings today are summed up beautifully in this Joseph Scrivens hymn.

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!"

May we always take time to pray, especially when life is tough or we have worries, because as the hymn concludes:

"Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there."
Amen.

Penny

Today 5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday

Sunday Before Lent - 15th February

Readings:

2 Peter 1. 16 - end

Matthew 17. 1-9



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Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Romans 8.18–25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25–34

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?"

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.



Diocese: Ridgeway, Marlborough Deanery

Local: Curlieu Road and Daisy Close

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

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

Also, we remember those who have died recently
RIP Barbara Hanlon, Stuart Hough, Rita Roberts
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

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Ash Wednesday 18th February at 7pm

This year's evening service will be at
Christ Church Creekmoor.

The funeral service of
**Rita Roberts will be held at
St George's on
Friday 13th February at 1pm**

All are welcome. Refreshments in the
hall after the service



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Advanced Notice - Mission Gift Day 8th March
Please prayerfully consider and place your gift in an enveloped marked 'Mission Gift Day'.

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Revision of Church Electoral Roll - will take place between 4th February and 4th March this year. If you wish to have your name added to the roll, please speak to either Penny or Jenny Read (Electoral Roll Officer). Forms are available at the back of church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Is on 22nd March after the 10am service.

A REMINDER!

Sue Colborne is standing down as Honorary Secretary to the PCC at this year's APCM. If you feel that you would be able to take on this role or would like to know more, please speak to either Sue or Penny.

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A BIG THANK YOU!

To all who came to the Craft and Chat day last Saturday.

The final total raised is a whopping £400!

The next Craft and Chat
is on 16th May,
Put the date in your diary!