

COMING UP...

January

Tuesday 20th January Churches Together in Poole—Church Unity week event 7pm at St Edwards School Keynote speaker Gareth Sherwood Chief Executive of Bournemouth YMCA, Vice President of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and member of the Dorset Police Ethics Committee and associate pastor at the Elim Church. With contributions from Abi Balachandran (responding to loneliness and mental illness in BCP) and Andreas Cosma of the Dragonfly Trust (domestic violence in our community).

24th January at Oakdale Library—Win on Waste collection, and on the 4th Saturday every month.

CRAFT AND CHAT DAY

Saturday 31st January 2026
10 till 3

St George's Church,
Darbys Lane, Oakdale,
Poole.

Tickets £5 to include tea and coffee.
Available from the Church office
01202 660612

Bring your favourite craft and spend the day with friends doing something you enjoy.

Cake Stall

Bring and Buy Stall for all those craft goodies you bought and never quite got round to using!

Bacon Rolls available to purchase
(vegetarian option available)

All Proceeds to St George's Church.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 18 January - Epiphany 2

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom

JaM Family Ministry in the small hall

Prayer Ministry after the service

3pm Community Afternoon Tea in the large hall

Monday 19 January

Please pray for our church visits to local schools

Rose Crescent and Rowlands Avenue

7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice

Tuesday 20 January

Please pray for the Churches Together Event at

St Edwards School this evening.

Sherrin Close and Simmonds Close

Wednesday 21 January

Please pray for local uniformed organisations meeting in

our HQ. Shottsford Road and Somerby Road

10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry

2-4pm Fellowship Group in the small hall

Thursday 22 January

Please pray for wisdom in the use of our world resources

St Edward's School and Stanley Court

Friday 23 January

Please pray for those who are housebound in our

community. Stanley Green Road and Infants Academy

Saturday 24 January

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

Sunday 25 January - Conversion of St Paul

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Morning Worship and Zoom

Fair Trade stall in the hall after the service

Sunday 25th our annual Ecumenical Service with St Mary's RC and Longfleet Baptist Church at St Mary's at 3pm.

Penny would like two people to read at this service. She would also like volunteers to make a cake to take to the service. If you are able to help with either of these please speak to Penny.



**THIS WEEK AT
OAKDALE ST GEORGE
Sunday 18th January 2026
Epiphany 2**

Dear Friends,

Today it is easy to seek understanding at the push of a button. Our computers and mobile phones provide answers in seconds. But are the answers we receive always trustworthy?

In our readings today we are called to come and see. We are not called to come having already learnt and understood everything. Instead we are called to encounter Jesus in a meaningful way, entering into a lifechanging relationship of deepening understanding, truth and faith.

And as we learn and are changed by his Spirit, may God strengthen and enable us to call others to come and see how a relationship with Jesus can provide real answers and change lives.

Penny

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**Next Sunday
25th January
Conversion of St Paul
Morning Worship**

**Readings:
Acts 9 1—22
Matthew 19 . 27—end**

	Please do stay in touch
	01202 660612 Tuesday to Thursday 10am-12 noon. Church open for private prayer during office hours
	admin@stgeorges oakdale.com
	www.stgeorges oakdale.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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings

1 Corinthians 1.1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1.29–42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are

you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: Anglican Church of the Congo

Diocese: Wellsprings, Devizes Deanery

Local: Preston Road and Rectory Road

Immediate Prayer: Bethany Cook, Michael Hawkyard, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, Rita Roberts, Alison, Frances, Jean, Judith, Nancy, Stuart, Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol BurrIDGE, Tony Bursey, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, 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 **R.I.P. Tilly**, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Gordan Flay, Ron Banks and Michael Perry**

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Ash Wednesday 18th February

This years evening service will be hosted by Christ Church Creekmoor. They have asked if someone from St George's could do the intercessions. Please could someone volunteer if you are able and speak to Penny.

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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 and would like to know more please speak to either Sue or Penny.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2026 starts today

Go and Do:

Day 1 Sunday 18th

Reflect upon what your Christian tradition means to you and write a short diary entry about it.

Day 2 Monday 19th

Personal: Consider local initiatives that require perseverance and consistency and explore ways to become usefully supportive/pray for them.

Day 3 Tuesday 20th

Personal: Identify and pray about an area of tension within your local church community, or the community at large, and consider how practically to bring true peace to that situation.

Day 4 Wednesday 21st

Personal: Go and share your experience of God with one person.

Day 5 Thursday 22nd

Personal: Reflect on the meaning of your baptism or Christian initiation.

Day 6 Friday 23rd

Personal: Explore ways to express the love of God to a neighbour.

Day 7 Saturday 24th

Personal: Pray about what gifts you have and explore how you might invest in them and use them for God.

Day 8 Sunday 25th

Personal: Reflect on where you are afraid to go, and attend the Ecumenical Service joining St. George's C of E with St. Mary's RC and Longfleet Baptist Church at St. Mary's RC, Wimborne Road at 3pm.

Tuesday 27th January—Churches Together in Poole general meeting at St Marys Longfleet Church Centre 12 noon to 2pm
coffee/tea provided, bring your own lunch.