

COMING UP...

January

Sunday 18 - Community Afternoon Tea 3-5pm

a list of provisions is at the back of the church. Please consider what you are able to donate. If you are able to help on the day with laying up, clearing up or by providing lifts please speak to Penny.

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).

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.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 January - Epiphany 1

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



THIS WEEK AT

OAKDALE ST GEORGE

Sunday 11th January ~ Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1

Dear Friends,

We have had so many children and adults celebrating their baptism here at St George's Church.

Baptism is a rite of passage for Christians, and our faith is hallmarked by the sacrament of Baptism. Our relationship with God is transformed by it, as we become the children of God's family, brothers and sisters together. Just like the baptism of Jesus, God looks at us and says 'this is my son or daughter, my beloved with whom I am well pleased'.

We become part of the living God and receive the power of the Holy Spirit to live for God. We are called and blessed into a life of service with the body of Christ in our church and community through our baptism and this becomes a life of commitment that we share together.

Every blessing,

Pam

5pm Iona Service in The Lady Chapel or Lounge

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Next Sunday

18th January ~ Epiphany 2

Readings:

**1 Corinthians 1.1-9
John 1. 29-42**

Please do stay in touch

01202 660612 Tuesday to Thursday 10am-12 noon. Church open for private prayer during office hours

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DONATE

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.

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
3-5pm Community Afternoon Tea in the large hall

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 3.13–end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: The Anglican Church of Central America



Diocese: Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston, Devizes Deanery

Local: Mellstock Road and Middle Road

Immediate Prayer: Bethany Cook, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, 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: **Don Welch and Eric Carry**

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Sunday 11 January 5pm
Iona Service in
The Lady Chapel or Choir Vestry

The Wise Men seek Jesus

All Welcome to join for a quiet reflective service



CHURCH COSTS £££

Just a reminder that in order to pay our **full** Parish Share in 2026 and meet other expenses such as salaries and energy costs we need an income of

more than £2,500 per week..

Please pray for our ongoing financial situation.

Thank you

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.

