

COMING UP...

OFFICE CLOSED:

The office will close at noon on 23 December, and will re-open at 10am on Tuesday 5 January 2026.

Between Christmas and New Year the main gate will only be open when there is a hall user present.

The **Garden of Remembrance** will be accessible from 9am-4pm every day.

*We wish you all a
Happy Christmas
and a
Peaceful New Year*

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I thought this poem says all we need to know this
Christmas time.
Penny,

The Coming by R. S. Thomas

And God held in his hand
A small globe. Look he said.
The son looked. Far off,
As through water, he saw
A scorched land of fierce
Colour. The light burned
There; crusted buildings
Cast their shadows: a bright
Serpent, A river
Uncoiled itself, radiant
With slime.

On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 December - Advent 4

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

Monday 22 December

Please pray that we remember the 'Reason for the Season'
10am Funeral in church - RIP Laura Mackenzie
11am Advent Course in small hall

Tuesday 23 December

Please pray for St George's worshippers living outside the parish

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve

Please pray for holiday visitors worshipping with us
10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry
6pm Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day

Please pray for all in the world who don't know Jesus
Bailey Crescent and Brampton Road
8.30am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion and Zoom

Friday 26 December Stephen, deacon, first martyr

Please pray for all martyred for their faith
Bright Road and Bushell Road

Saturday 27 December

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

Sunday 28 December - Christmas 1

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Holy Communion and Zoom
Please note there will be no refreshments after this service.

Wednesday 31st December

NO SERVICE



THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE Christmas 2025 Edition



Dear Friends,

We often have a very romanticised view of the nativity, and a baby sleeping amidst peace and calm. But it probably wasn't like that. Remember Bethlehem was crowded with travellers, and I don't think anywhere that houses animals would be considered quiet and peaceful.

Our Crib and Christingle Service will be exploring a far from quiet Nativity, together with lots of fun and creativity.

As we think about our peaceful Christmas, or maybe not so peaceful with excited children at home, let us pause to think about those places where Christmas is remembered amidst the devastation of war torn homes, abject poverty or quietly and furtively in underground and oppressed church groups.

Penny

Christmas Eve
6pm Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
8.30am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

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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	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 21 December - Advent 4



Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Romans 1.1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1.18–end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocese: The communities of the Avon River

Local: Wingfield Avenue and Worgret Road

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

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol Burrige, 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: **Heather Lacey and Andrew Corrigan**

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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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Thursday 25 December 2025 - Christmas Day

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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

Titus 2.11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and

Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Luke 2.1–14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

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Next Sunday 28th December

Christmas 1

Readings:

Hebrews 2. 10-end,

Matthew 2. 13-end

Please note

There will be no refreshments after the 10am service on 28th December.