

COMING UP...

November

Tuesday 25th - PCC Meeting. If you have any items you would like the PCC to discuss please let either Penny or Sue Colborne have the information in writing as soon as possible. By 23rd November at the latest.

Saturday 29th Church Christmas Fayre

We would welcome donations of Christmas goodies: Tombola, gifts, good condition soft toys, children's toys and puzzles, raffle prizes. Bottles of wine for the Water into Wine stall. Please bring your donations to the church office. If you are able to help out on the day there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. **Many Thanks!**



St George's Church,

Darbys Lane, Oakdale

Saturday 29th November 2025

10.00am—1pm



Entry: Adults £1, to include a hot drink and biscuit.

Free entry for children!



Hidden Voices Choir Parkinsons UK

Performing from 11.30

Festive Food

Book Stall



Christmas Stalls

December

Wednesday 10th Prama Christmas Carol Service
2pm in church. Refreshments served in large hall afterwards. All welcome

THIS WEEK

Sunday 16 November

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



Monday 17 November

Please pray for General Synod as they meet today,
Cherita Court and Chorley Close
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 18 November

Please pray for innovative ways to recycle
Christopher Crescent and Cobbs Lane

Wednesday 19 November

Please pray for those struggling with the dark evenings
Collwood Close and Connell Road
10am Holy Communion in the Choir vestry
2-4pm St George's Fellowship Group in the small hall
6.30pm Choir Practice

Thursday 20 November

Please pray for World Children's Day and especially for
our children who attend JaM
Curliou Road and Daisy Close
12 Noon Lunch Club in the small hall

Friday 21 November

Please pray for those in our community suffering seasonal
illnesses
Dale Close and Dale Valley Road

Saturday 22 November

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
Darbys Lane and Darbys Close

Sunday 23 November - The Sunday Next Before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10am Altogether Morning Worship in Church and Zoom



THIS WEEK AT
OAKDALE ST GEORGE
Sunday 16th November 2025
2 Before Advent

Dear Friends,

Our theme for this week is endurance.

Our faith is constantly being tested by events that are occurring in various parts of the world. Warring factions that seem to have only violent agendas ending the lives of innocents, and using that violence as an ongoing weapon of fear. The priority it seems to gain control, to submit the people to their agenda, and take what resources there are, to enrich their own lives.

This evil seems never ending, and we can understandably question at times, "where is God in these situations".

Well God is in the courageous faith, that is the enduring strength, in many who are in the front line of the conflicts. Those who despite the daily threat to their own and their family's lives, keep Gods promise of hope and salvation, in the forefront of their minds. May we who pray earnestly for peace in our world, remember the endurance of the faithful, and despite our own trials in this life, emulate their example.

Blessings

Tom

Next Sunday—Christ the King
The Sunday Next before Advent

Readings: Colossians 1. 11—20
Luke 23. 33—43

	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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21.5–19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.' When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons,

and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour **Amen**

Please pray for

Worldwide: Episcopal Province of Alexandria

Diocese: Creekmoor, Poole Deanery

Local: Bright Road and Bushell Road

Immediate Prayer: Tony Bursey, Bethany Cook, Hilary Henson, Jacob Mason, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Carrie Spencer, Alison, Jean, Judith, Nancy, Tilly, Willow.

Continuous Prayer: Mandy Barrington, Carol Burridge, June Chappell, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Jim L, Peter Hooper, Ginny Williams, Alan, Chris, Dorothy, Gordon, Julie, Kezia, Laura, Noah

Also we remember those who have died recently RIP **Margaret MacFarlane**, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Jim Moore, Ann Rigden, Gordon Elsworth**



Could you be our social media star? We are looking for someone to take this role on. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to Penny.



Foodbank needs:

- Pasta sauce
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Minced beef
- Shampoo
- Washing up liquid
- Nappies size 4/5/6
- **Also Christmas goodies**

Donate online

Poole Foodbank

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

Or donate online

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

Thank you!

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL OAKDALE

CAFÉ CHURCH



Christmas story with Carols

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 2pm

ALL WELCOME

Come and join us, on your own or bring your friends, and meet new ones, for an afternoon together listening to the Christmas story and singing carols.

Followed by refreshments - cake, mince pies, tea or coffee.



St George's office
01202 660612

Community Afternoon Tea: 7th December

The Community Tea Team would like to thank the congregation for their continuing support with donations of food and help for the teas which is very much appreciated by all those who attend.



Currently donations from those who attend go in to our general funds. A generous grant from The Co-op means that the Team have sufficient funds to pay for the Christmas Tea and they will not be asking for donations from the congregation. If you are able to help out on the day, or help out with lifts please speak to Penny.