

Saturday 12 January 2pm Build@ Church

Saturday 19 January 2pm Messy Church



23 December 2018
4th of Advent

**Next Sunday 30 December 2018
First of Christmas**

- 8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection : Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: Amber VP ,Reader: Sheena Day, Intercessor: Simon Lemieux
- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: Amber VP, Reader: Robert Crook, Intercessor: Amber VP

The readings for 30 December are 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 and Luke 2.41-52. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul

**For your prayers this week:
23-29 December**

- Loving Father, as we celebrate the birth of your Son, Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus our Saviour, So we pray for Christians the world over. May we be renewed in faith, hope and love.
- For our local police and magistrates
- For Petersfield Deanery led by Jane Ball
- For Springfield School
- For residents of Highlands Road and Hilary Avenue
- For those who have died recently
- Anniversaries: Moira Abbott, John Blatt, Francis Brown, Douglas Cotterell, Marian Cowan, Alan Cox, Mike Dent, Zena Harvey, Win Pearce, Christine Rayner, Andree Silsby

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If you have any information for inclusion in pew sheets, please contact Kathryn Gunns by **Thursday 5.30pm** on 023 9237 3019
email: kgunns@gmail.com.

Welcome to our worship, especially if you are here for the first time.

A large print version of this sheet is available. Please ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Sunday 23 December

- 8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at Resurrection : Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good, Reader Peter Wyles, Intercessor Geoff Wilson

Hymns: 358,467,136, sheet

- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully , Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good Reader: Chantal Bodsworth, Intercessor: Robin Sweetman

- 4pm Readings and Carols at St Andrew's
6pm Readings and Carols at Resurrection

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve

- 2pm Crib Service at St Andrew's
4pm Crib Service at Resurrection
11.15pm Midnight Mass at Resurrection: Canon Paul Gully: Reader: Amanda Wells, Intercessor: Mark Emerton

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

- 10am Christmas Day Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Reader: Elaine Beeby, Intercessor: Ann Howells

Wednesday 26 December St Stephen

- 10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully
7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: Canon Paul Gully

Thursday 27 December

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Resurrection

Saturday 29 December

- 9am Morning Prayer at Resurrection

Collect for Fourth of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post-communion prayer for Fourth of Advent

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.

We do not take a collection during the service. Instead we ask our regular worshippers to place their offering in the plate at the back of church as they arrive. Visitors are welcome to make a contribution if they wish.

A massive £200 has been raised through the Christmas card avoidance scheme. A big thank you to all of those who so generously gave to our charity this year, Southern Domestic Abuse. And it is not too late to donate! Thank you all. Sheena Day

Quiz sheets for Christmas are on sale now. 4 different quiz sheets at 50p each. All profits to the Diocese of Ho. Linda Upton

The Posada journey continues! If you able to take photographs and have a smart phone, please send them to Maz Coles for all the social media platforms. Please either send them to ginger.coles@ntlworld.com or 07504190618

Open Churches: In January, St Simons Church in Southsea will be opening their doors to the homeless. The scheme will run over 8 weeks, providing the homeless with food, shelter, warmth and company. However, there is still a need for volunteers! If you think you can help or would like more information, please contact Jim Campbell 07775511609. Thanks Natasha Wells.

Churchwarden required from April 2019 I know it's a few months away but thought it would be good to remind the congregation that my term of office will end next year and so a new Churchwarden will need to be appointed at the APM next March. I have enjoyed my time as churchwarden and am very grateful for all the help and support given to me. Having this support has meant the job has remained manageable and I would like to encourage anyone thinking of taking on the role to remember this and get in contact and discuss what it actually entails. Thanks Chris Batstone - Churchwarden Resurrection

Farlington Parish Treasurer After 10 years as the Parish Treasurer I will be standing down with effect from the APCM on 28 April 2019. I am very happy to talk to anybody who is interested, without any commitment on their part, about the role and, if they wish to undertake the role, work through a handover with them. There is an excellent team of people who work with the Treasurer to carry out many of the tasks and help make it far less onerous. The main tasks of the Treasurer are: running the accounting software, preparing the annual accounts, preparing the draft annual budget and running the payroll. However, some of these could be outsourced if required to reduce the role. Please feel free to approach me in church or contact me on mvheathcote@btinternet.com. Thank you. Margaret Heathcote.

Forthcoming Events for your diary:

Tuesday 1 January 2pm Drayton Film Club at Resurrection

Sunday 6 January The friends of St Andrew's are hosting an **Epiphany Lunch from 12:30**. There will be sign up sheets in both churches soon.

Wednesday 9 January 2pm Care and Fellowship Group at Resurrection - a Chair based yoga session.