



**Next Sunday 6 January 2019
Epiphany**

- 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: Jonathan Philpott, Intercessor: Jean Nicholas
- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully, Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good , Reader: Lynne Runham, Intercessor: David Francis

Lunch at St Andrew's after the service.
The readings for 6 January are Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul

**For your prayers this week:
30 December—5 January**

- Holy God, your only son was born homeless. Fill us with compassion for all in need today. Bless your church as it works for dignity, healing and peace and provoke us to respond to him, your most generous gift.
- For the work of the NSPCC and the Childrens Society
- For the Sisters of Bethany in Southsea led by Mother Rita Elizabeth
- For Court Lane Junior School
- For residents of Hirst Road and Homefield Road
- For those who have died recently
- Anniversaries: Christine Cheeseman, Carole Clifford, Dixie Dean, Dennis Diaper, Sylvia Groome, Ted Nugee , Margaret Ransley and Sidney Young.

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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
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30 December 2018
First of Christmas

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 30 December

- 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
- Hymns: 34,526,439,109**

- 11.15am Family Eucharist at St Andrew's: Canon Paul Gully , Preacher: Amber VP Reader: Robert Crook, Intercessor: Amber VP
- Hymns: 36,700,588,148**

Tuesday 1 January

- 2pm Drayton Film Club at Resurrection

Wednesday 2 January

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

Thursday 3 January

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at Resurrection

Saturday 5 January

- 9am Morning Prayer at Resurrection

Collect for First of Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reading: 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly

sacrifice.²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them.⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Post-communion prayer for First of Christmas

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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.

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you...

Thank you to everyone who worked to decorate our churches so beautifully for Christmas and who contributed to the services with readings, music, prayers and refreshments and who helped with the crib services and so much more behind the scenes.

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

Churches Homeless Action: Letter of thanks to Farlington Parish: *"Thank you very much for your kind donation of 34 vouchers to the 2018 Churches Homeless Action Christmas Voucher Scheme. It will be passed on to people who are homeless or vulnerable to becoming homeless. It is very much appreciated.*

*Yours sincerely, Bethany Pearson
CHA Secretary On behalf of Bob White, CHA Chair"*

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 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. 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.

Saturday 12 January 2pm Build@ Church

Saturday 19 January 2pm Messy Church