

Forthcoming Events for your diary:

.Sunday 6 January The friends of St Andrew's are hosting an **Epiphany Lunch from 12:30.**

Wednesday 9 January 2 pm Care & Fellowship Group will meet at Resurrection. We are starting the new year with a session of chair yoga to get the body moving after the excesses of Christmas and New Year! Everyone is welcome. £2:00 will get you an interesting gentle work out session, tea and biscuits, and a raffle ticket!
Thank you - Di Allen 023 9248 1528

Saturday 12 January 2pm Build@ Church
Saturday 19 January 2pm Messy Church

Next Sunday 13 January 2019 **Baptism of Christ**

8am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Revd Clive Williams
10am Family Service at Resurrection : Simon Lemieux,
Preacher: The Revd Philippa Good ,Reader:
Amanda Wells, Intercessor: Alfred Okonkwo
The readings for 13 January are Isaiah 43.1-7 and Luke 3.15-17, 21-22. I really encourage you to read these before you come to worship. Paul

For your prayers this week: **6-12 January**

- Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to visit the Christ Child, and worship him. Bless all who lead in your church today, that your church may prosper and grow in faith and action.
- For the Jewish, Hindu and Muslim communities in Portsmouth
- For Portsmouth Deanery led by Bob White
- For Solent Junior School - pray especially for Viv Batstone, Ruth Taylor and Geoff Wilson and the children they support with their reading.
- For residents of Invergordon Avenue and Karen Avenue
- For those who have died recently including Kathleen Locke
- Anniversaries: Sylvia Francis, Ronald Green, Jean Hampton, Rose Haworth, Jack Lee, Jean Mitchell, Leslie Nickels, Bill Pointon, Janet Row and Muriel Wilson

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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.



6 January 2019
Epiphany



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.

We welcome Fr Ben Weitzmann to the 10am and 7pm Said Eucharists on Wednesday

Sunday 6 January

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

Hymns: 41,317,193,477

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

Hymns: 49,419,259,641

Lunch at St Andrew's after the service

Wednesday 9 January

10am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's: Fr Ben Weitzmann
2pm Care and Fellowship Group meets at Resurrection
7pm Said Eucharist at Resurrection: Fr Ben Weitzmann

Thursday 10 January

9.30am Morning Prayer at Resurrection

Saturday 12 January

9am Morning Prayer at Resurrection
2pm Build @Church

Collect for Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'
⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post-communion prayer for Epiphany

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, 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"

PCC News: The draft minutes of November's meeting are now in the folders at the back of the church. Please read them. The Council will meet next on 30 January. If you have anything you want to bring to the attention of the PCC please speak to me, Paul, Philippa or any member of the PCC. John Upton

Presentation of the Parish Data Protection Policy On Wednesday 16 January at 7.45pm in the Church of the Resurrection (after the Said Eucharist at 7pm)

Simon, Richard and Chris will be giving a presentation on the Parish Data Protection Policy as agreed last year by the PCC. While this may not sound very interesting it is important that anyone within the parish who handles personal data on behalf of the parish is aware and has an understanding of this policy. While we will be sending invitations to those we know who handle data, this meeting is open to anyone and all are most welcome. Chris Batstone

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.