

## COMING UP...

**29th March 2pm here at St George's Church – The BIG Sing.** Concert by the Citrus Choir together with Balance Choir and Sing and Grin Choir, raising funds for St George's Church and Forest Holme Hospice. Raffle and Refreshments in the hall after.

**Sunday 13th April—Community Afternoon Tea—** If you are able to help with donations of food or are able to help out on the day there are sign up sheets at the back of the church.

**Thursday 17th April—Chrism Eucharist at Salisbury Cathedral—**all welcome. If you are going and are able to take passengers or would like a lift there is a list at the back of the church.

**Wednesday 23rd April at Haymoor Junior School or Thursday 24th April at Canford Heath Junior School 1.30-2.45pm Senior Citizen Afternoon Tea** with the children from TEACH Trust. Phone 01202 676393 or 659290 to reserve a place, (no cost!)

**Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th June - Churches Together in Poole** are planning a three-day free BBQ with music in Falkland Square. If you would like to be involved please sign the sheet in church indicating which role you might like: Sing/play an instrument ; invite/table host ; Cook/serve, and which day/s you might be available. There will be a training session on Wednesday 11 June

### Foodbank wish list:

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned ready meals
- UHT Milk
- Pasta sauces in jars
- Tinned fruit
- Washing up liquid
- Fruit squash
- Ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise
- Chocolate Easter Eggs

**Appeal - £5 per month can support a family in need.**

### Poole Foodbank

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

**Or donate online**

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



**Thank you!**

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 23rd March

**8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel**  
**10am All together in church and Zoom**  
**12 Noon Rich Man Poor Man Lunch in the large hall**

### Monday 24th March

Please pray for local councillors and M.P.s  
Collwood Close and Connell Road  
**7.30 pm Bell Ringers practice**

### Tuesday 25th March-

Please pray for all clergy, lay ministers. leaders and LPAs  
Curlieu Road and Daisy Close  
**2-4pm Lent Course at the Vicarage**

### Wednesday 26th March

Please pray for the Society of St Francis at Hilfield  
Dale Close and Dale Valley road  
**10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry**  
**2-4pm Knit and Natter in the small hall**  
**6.30pm Choir Practice**  
**7-9pm Lent Course at the Vicarage**

### Thursday 27th March

Please pray for all who volunteer in church  
Darbys Lane and Darbys Close  
**1.15pm Little Acorns Parent and Toddler Group in the large hall**

### Friday 28th March

Please pray for all who attend the Big Sing at St George's tomorrow  
Dingley Road an Dorchester Road  
**10-12 noon Lent Course in the choir vestry**

### Saturday 29th March

**9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988pwd=VFpUVlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>  
Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 26621  
Please pray for all St George's services.  
Dorchester Gardens and Enfield Avenue  
**2pm The Big Sing in the church**

### Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday

**8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel**  
**10am Holy Communion in the hall**  
**No Zoom**

**Don't forget**



**THIS WEEK AT  
OAKDALE ST GEORGE  
Sunday 23rd March 2025  
Lent 3**

Dear friends,

We are now halfway through Lent. How are we doing? Have we been reflecting on our lives in God's service? Have we been pruning out those areas where we know that we have been letting God down?

The parable of the fig tree is a stark reminder of the consequences of a failure to apply due maintenance to our spiritual lives, lives that should be bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Fear not, we have a few weeks left to do the work in our lives that is necessary to live the productive lives to which our faith calls us. So let us all reach for those pruning shears and open our bibles, cut out that of which we need to repent, and take up the cross of service and obedience.

## Penny



**Next Sunday 30th March  
Mothering Sunday—Lent 4  
Readings  
2 Corinthians 1. 3-7  
Luke 2. 33-35**

Please do stay in touch	
	01202 660612 Monday to Thursday 10am-12noon. 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 a standing order form.
	Hearing loop available in church. Turn your hearing aid to the T switch.

## Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

## 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## Luke 13.1–9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this

parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

## Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Please pray for;

**Worldwide:** The Church of the Province of Central America.

**Diocese:** Purbeck Deanery

**Local:** Christopher Crescent and Cobbs Lane

**Immediate Prayer:** Bethany Cook, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Carrie Spencer, Alan, Alison, Jean

**Continuous Prayer:** Mandy Barrington, Carol Burridge, June Chappell, Hazel Day, Ray Durman, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard Glynn, Jim L, Margaret McFarlane, Sandy Primrose, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Gordon, Julie, Kezia, Laura, Lorraine, Melanie, Noah, Tilly.

Also we remember those who have died recently  
**RIP Pola Bevan** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Cyril Tilley**

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## RENEWAL OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Every sixth year, instead of revision, a completely new Electoral Roll has to be prepared. We are displaying a Notice of Preparation of a New Roll. If you wish your name to be included on the new roll please complete an **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT on the Church Electoral Roll** form. Forms are available at the back of church, or can be sent to you electronically. Closing date is **2nd APRIL**. This gives us time to complete the new Roll and allow a 14 days display of the new Roll prior to the APCM.

Those whose names are not on the Electoral Roll are not eligible to vote at the APCM.

Any questions contact the Parish Office or Jenny Read.

## The Easter Cross

The Flower Team will be preparing the Easter Cross on Thursday 17th April from 10am ready for it to be placed outside the main Church doors.



If you would like to help you would be very welcome to join the team. All help will be gratefully received – no experience necessary! Please let Jenny Lewis know if you can help – coffee and biscuits provided!

**Easter flowers** - Donations towards Easter Flowers would be appreciated, the donation tin is at back of church. Payment can also be made via the card machine. Remembrance Cards in memory of loved ones are available in the basket on the table at the back of church.

## Can you help?



Jean Frake is retiring from the Flower Team after Easter. She has been a member of the team for many years and we are thankful for her service.

This means the team will be down to just three members. The team aims to ensure there are flowers are in Church every week. Currently the team covers alternate months except in Lent and Advent, with the whole team working together for Festivals.

The team would welcome some additional members. No experience is necessary. If you feel that this is something you would like to be part of, please speak to Jenny Lewis for more details..

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This summer will see the retirement of Archdeacon Antony MacRow-Wood.

We have so much to be thankful for from his ministry.

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Antony will be joining us at St George's at 10am.

There will also be a Farewell Evensong for him at Wimborne Minster at 6.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.