

## Mission Community of Goodrington and Collaton St Mary

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St George's, Goodrington



St Mary's, Collaton St Mary

### 11th January 2026 First Sunday of Epiphany

#### Baptism of Christ

... suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3. 16-17

#### Services today

9.15am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

11am Parish Eucharist at St George's

Readings: Isaiah 42. 1-9; Acts 10. 34-43; Matthew 3. 13-17

A very warm welcome to all, and particularly to any visitors. We hope you will join us for refreshments after the Eucharist, at the back of church at St Mary's and in the church hall at St George's.

#### Services this week:

Monday 12th January, 11am funeral service for Elizabeth Mills

at St George's

Wednesday 14th January, 10am Holy Eucharist at St George's

Thursday 15th January, 1.30pm funeral service for Richard Barnby

at St George's

Morning Prayer at 9am is said on weekdays in St George's church.

## This Week at St Mary's and St George's

Monday 12th January:

The Goodrington Memory Café from 2 to 4pm in St George's church hall, for those with cognitive issues and their carers. A small fee of £2.50 per person applies.

Wednesday 14th January:

- 10am Holy Eucharist at St George's
- 7.30pm joint meeting of the PCCs of St Mary's and St George's on Zoom (details to follow)

Friday 16th January:

The YUM Bus mobile food bank is at St Mary's between 10am and 12 noon. Refreshments and advice are available in the church at that time. The church will also be open between 2 and 3.15pm on Fridays during School Term with refreshments for Collaton St Mary Primary School parents and carers, and their children and visitors.

### Next Sunday, 18th January, the Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.15am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

11am Parish Eucharist at St George's

Readings: Isaiah 49. 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9; John 1. 29-42

18th to 25th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

If you have not yet signed the hood to be presented to Fr Gary at his leaving, please speak to Revd Alison to arrange to do so.

#### Meet and Make

Revd Alison would be pleased to hear from anyone who wants to continue these meetings: they have generally met every second Saturday morning of each month in St George's church hall. If they are to continue, she also needs a volunteer to help start each meeting by opening the hall and setting up the tables with equipment: please see Revd Alison if you can help.

Please also pray for Fr Gary, Alison and their family following the death of Gary's mother in Nottingham on Wednesday.

## The Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany

*Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen*



**Saturday 24th January**

### Tea party and presentations for Fr Gary

**\*\*Your help is needed!\*\***

Join us at St George's Church Hall for a cream tea and a proper send-off for Father Gary. This is your last chance to say goodbye before his final service on Sunday 25th January, when he will quietly slip away without any fuss. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible! The schedule is

2:15pm: volunteers to set up hall

3pm: Doors open! Join us for tea, nibbles, and mingling

3:45 – 4pm: a special presentation to Father Gary.

We need tasty treats to round out the spread, nibbles, savoury snacks or finger foods to go with the cream tea (no sandwiches, please!). Scones, clotted cream and jam are also needed.

Let your churchwardens know (Shirley or Sue for St Mary's, Julie for St George's) **by 14th January** what you're bringing. Also needed is help to set up tables, decorate the hall and to help in the kitchen.

Do you have any photos we can display of Father Gary from church events? Please pass original copies to Sue or Julie by 14th January (they'll copy and return them), or email digital versions to [suejulieannachaplains@gmail.com](mailto:suejulieannachaplains@gmail.com).

It's your last chance to say "thank you" and "goodbye" to Father Gary—let's make it epic! Come along to help, mingle, and make memories with your church family.

Thank you, from the churchwardens