

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

23 June 2024



Dear friends,

Last Sunday, the Diocese announced that 2025 is to be a year of celebration of the Christian faith across Sussex. It marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral and 1700 years since the Nicene Creed, one of the central statements of the Christian faith, first emerged. A dedicated website (<https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>) has been launched where you will find information about, and links to, the events and celebrations which will form part of this special year for both diocese and cathedral. The diocese have a host of events planned. These include a celebration service in every deanery; a weekend away for young families; pilgrimages for young people and parishes; a Lent course; a programme of special events at the Cathedral; a clergy conference in Canterbury; and an international ecumenical conference in Chichester. As part of the celebration, Bishop Martin has invited everyone in the diocese to say something about our Christian witness and faith. All are encouraged to respond, in whatever way they wish, to [four questions](#) about their experience of God in creation, of Jesus Christ who is our Saviour, and of the Holy Spirit, and the life of the Church. The deadline for responses is 30 September 2024. There is also an invitation to send in photographs that illustrate the diversity of our diocesan life and context. Details about that can be located [here](#). As Bishop Martin said on introducing the 2025 celebrations, all of these initiatives and events 'will serve to inspire and strengthen our faith as we seek together to know, love, and follow the Lord Jesus in 2025 and beyond.'

With my prayers and blessings,

Fr Angus

DONATE TO ST GEORGE'S

The life and mission of St George's depend on your support. There are many ways to donate:

Gift Aid: Gift Aid envelopes are available in church that enable us to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers, increasing the donation by 25%.

Regular Giving: Setting up a standing order, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme. Forms are available at the back of church.

Contactless Giving: A card reader is available in church for card donations. Card donations are also accepted via our website.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk: Use this when you buy online. For each purchase, a donation will be made to your nominated charities.

QR code: Scan this image to donate via your smartphone:



Thank you for your generosity.

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NEW TO ST GEORGE'S?

Welcome! If you have any questions, please ask a Warden or Fr Angus, we are happy to help.

VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways to engage at St George's. Please ask the Rector or Wardens.

COME AND SING!

Our choir sings at the main services and practises once a week. You are welcome to come along. Contact Susan Howell Evans.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER: newsletterwhyke@outlook.com

Please submit by Thursday

PARISH NOTICES

Vintage Garden Party Thanks

Thank you to Hilary and Mike Nation for hosting a wonderful tea party last Sunday in their beautiful garden. As always, the setting, the company, and the cakes were a joy and balm. Thank you too to all those who came along to the afternoon to make it such a memorable occasion and for your donations which have gone towards St George's and Stonepillow.

First Communion Classes Today After Service

After the service today, there will be a class for all the children preparing for their first communion.

Friday Concert - 28 June @ 7:30pm

The Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia will be performing at the next Friday Concert which is also part of the Festival of Chichester. Helen Hooker directs the World Premiere of Steve Marshall's 'Three Paintings by Millais' and a fabulous supporting cast of popular composers includes Bach, Gabrieli, Dowland and Brian Bonsor. Tickets: £10 [online](#); £12 at the door (U18s free). Refreshments included.

Lakeview Grange Care Home

There are some information booklets from Lakeview Grange Care Home available in church for anyone who might be interested in booking a tour. If you are interested in helping to volunteer there or be part of the group who supports Fr Angus in celebrating Holy Communion each month at the care home, please speak to Fr Angus.

Pastoral Scheme Relating to St Mary's Old Church

The Commissioners of the Church of England have decided in favour of the scheme that would allow St Mary's to be used for residential use. It is our understanding that the prospective new owner would convert the building into a single residential dwelling.

Flowers

The flower team are trying to be more eco-friendly by reducing the amount of Oasis floral foam. As a result, we will be using more vases and other containers. The floral arrangements will look different so please bear with us while we experiment. We would welcome any ideas or feedback whilst we learn. Thank you, Sue Bainbridge.

Weeding Volunteers

If anyone is free this coming Friday morning to do some weeding and clearing around the church, then please do join Jill Merry. Refreshments will be provided.

Baptisms, first communion and confirmation

We have three adults at St George's who are preparing for confirmation together with four older

children. The confirmations will take place at a Deanery service at the cathedral at 7pm on 24 July. There are also some 11 children who are preparing for first communions, several of whom will also be baptised, during our All Age service on 21 July. This is a source of joy for all of us. Please do keep the candidates in your prayers.

Churchwardens Swearing-In Service

Archdeacon Luke will be conducting one of his Visitations to swear in Churchwardens from around the Archdeaconry at St George's on Saturday 13 July at 3pm. Amongst those being admitted to the office of churchwarden will be our own Sam Kelly. Please do come to support her and the other wardens. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Friends Of St Mary's Churchyard

The Friends are a group of volunteers who care for, celebrate, and enhance our churchyard as a sacred space and haven for wildlife. For info, scan here the QR code. You can also email friendswhyke@gmail.com.



Prayer List

If you want to add someone to the parish prayer list, please contact the parish office or Fr Angus.

Pastoral Ministry

Please contact Fr Angus for pastoral matters like visits, baptism, confirmation, first communion, weddings, funerals, house blessings, etc.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confession)

Available by appointment with the Rector.

THIS WEEK

SERVICES

4th Sunday of Trinity 23 June

10:00am Choral Mass (with J-Team)

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Monday-Thursday

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

10:15-10:45am Thursday

5th Sunday of Trinity / Peter and Paul 30 June

10:00am Choral Mass (with J-Team)

EVENTS

First Communion Class, 23 June after service

St George's Tots, 24 June 10:30am-12pm

Adult Confirmation Class, 25 June 7pm

Youth Group, 27 June 7:00-8:30pm

Friday Concert, 28 June 7:30pm

Deanery Day at St Paul's church, 29 June 9:30am