

# ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

*Serving God and the community in Chichester*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

14 July 2024



### **Dear friends,**

It was a delight yesterday to welcome Archdeacon Luke and churchwardens, clergy and other visitors from churches from around the Chichester Deanery for the swearing in service for churchwardens. Thank you to all those who helped make it such a welcoming and joyful occasion with preparing the church, arranging floral displays, greeting visitors, and offering hospitality, food, and drink in the centre. Congratulations too to Sam who is now officially our new churchwarden! It was wonderful to see a strong show of support for her from our congregation. During his sermon, Archdeacon Luke referred to Canon E of the legal Canons of the Church of England which states: churchwardens "shall discharge such duties as are by law and custom assigned to them; they shall be foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent; they shall use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them. They shall also maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service." These words set a high standard. I have full confidence in Sam and the gifts she will bring to the role as she has already done to the life of St George's. Nevertheless, being a churchwarden is, as with anyone who seeks to follow Christ faithfully, never something we do on our own. A churchwarden serves as part of a community in which they work with others and are supported by them, even as wardens are charged to model such behaviour. We are fortunate to have a great team of deputy wardens and other volunteers to assist Sam. Together let us all build more sustainable patterns of volunteering and lay leadership to enable more people to be active in our church life and the wider community. This is crucial to promoting true religion, unity, peace and divine service.

*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](http://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](mailto:newsletterwhyke@outlook.com)

*Please submit by Thursday*

## PARISH NOTICES

### First Communion Classes Today After Service

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

### New Lawn Mower For The Churchyard - Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the new lawn mower for the churchyard. We are well on our way to meeting the full cost which is wonderful. If you are still interested in making a donation, please see Sam Kelly after the service for details.

### Fr Angus' Email Has Been Hacked

Fr Angus' email has been hacked. If you have received any emails from Fr Angus' email address over the last few days that seem out of the ordinary, please ignore them. Fr Angus has reset the security on his email account so hopefully no more spurious emails will be sent out. If you have any concerns, speak to Fr Angus.

### Doreen Jenner

Doreen would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate her 100th birthday on 8 July with the many cards, and visits received. Doreen had been a very active member of the St George's family for many years until in more recent times her health prevented her from attending. She sends her best wishes to all who remember her. Each Sunday she looks forward to receiving a copy of the weekly service sheet and newsletter, enabling her to still keep in touch.

### Independent Safeguarding Audit

In August 2023, INEQE Safeguarding Group was appointed by the Archbishops' Council to carry out the next round of independent external audits of Church of England dioceses and cathedrals. The purpose of these audits is to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the survey, so that INEQE can get as accurate a picture as possible, so that they can make recommendations that will assist the Diocese to continue to improve its safeguarding practice and provision. The survey can be found here: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chichester/>

### Sister Act - Pudding Club

Introducing Sister Act a new monthly space for the women of St George's to get to know each other better and have fun. On 17 July we're hosting Pudding Club. Free to attend, just bring yourself and a pudding to the Centre, 7.30pm. Please talk to Mary Acland, Penny Mason or Zara Cross to find out more.

### Celebrating Our Diocese And Our Faith

2025 will mark 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 events around the diocese. 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 faith. There is also an invitation to send in photographs. Details about that can be located [here](#).

**Chichester Deanery Five-A-Side Football Tournament**  
The deanery is hosting a five-a-side football tournament for children, taking place on Sunday 1 September at Sidlesham Primary School. There are two age categories: 10-13 years old and under 10 years old. To register a team or find out more, contact [Lesley Bromley \(lesleybromley@btinternet.com\)](mailto:LesleyBromley@btinternet.com).

### Special Services

July 21	All-Age (baptism and first communion)
July 24	Confirmations at Cathedral, 7pm

### Upcoming Events

July 17	Pudding Club (first Sister Act event)
July 26	Last Friday Concert featuring
Aug 3	Coffee Morning event

### 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](mailto: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

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity 14 July

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

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity 21 July

10:00am All-Age Eucharist with first communions

### EVENTS

#### St George's Tots, 15 July 10:30am-12pm

#### Adult Confirmation Class, 16 July 7pm

#### Community Food Hub, 19 July 10-11am