

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

NINETH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

28 July 2024



Dear friends,

As we head into the summer period in earnest, here is a poem by the American poet, novelist and environmentalist Wendell Berry, someone who celebrates the beauty and miraculous of the often overlooked everyday things and the holiness of life and the natural world.

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting for their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

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.

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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

Fr Angus On Annual Leave

Fr Angus is on leave this week. Fr Philip will preside on 28 July. There is no Morning Prayer and no mid-week masses. For pastoral emergencies, contact Archdeacon Luke (archchichester@chichester.anglican.org).

Meditation Returning In the Autumn

Weekly meditation will not be running during the summer and return again in September.

J-Team On Summer Break

The J-Team will be on a Summer break and come back again on 8 September, but please see the notice below about Summer Eco Church for children. There will also be no All-Age services during the summer.

Tots On Holiday

St George's Tots will start again on be taking an Easter break and starts again on 2 September.

Coffee Morning

Do come and join us for our Coffee Morning and Book Sale on Saturday 3 August at 10.30 We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, scones and biscuits. All welcome. Thank you very much, Sue.

Summer Children's Eco Church

This summer families and children are welcome to come and learn how to care God's creation, with crafts and activities. This will take place on Sundays in August, 10-11:30am. If you have any questions, please speak to Sam Kelly or Zara Cross

Children's Toy And Clothes Swap Shop

As part of the children's Eco church activities, we plan to hold a children's swap shop on Sunday 18 August after Sunday morning Mass. Please bring your unwanted toys, books and clothes to church and swap them for items you would like. Please make sure items are in good condition. Any left over items will be sold at the Produce Show in the autumn.

Independent Safeguarding Audit

Please do complete the INEQE survey regarding safeguarding practice. Everyone's view is important. The survey can be found here: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chichester/>

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. Find about events here: <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>. Bishop Martin has also invited everyone to respond to [four questions](#) about their faith. There is also an invitation to send in photographs. Details about that can be located [here](#).

Special Services

11 Aug Healing Mass

Upcoming Events

3 Aug Coffee Morning event

14 Sep Autumn Produce Show

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

9th Sunday of Trinity 28 July

10:00am Choral Mass (no J-team)

Morning Prayer

No Morning Prayer This Week

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

No Mass This Week

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

Meditation beings again in September

The Transfiguration 4 August

10:00am Parish Mass (Eco Church For Children)

EVENTS

Community Food Hub 2 August 10-11am