

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

25 August 2024



Dear friends,

'Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.' These words, from today's Gospel, remind us that Jesus was a Jew. They recall how the Christian faith is indebted to Judaism for its scriptures, liturgy, teaching and, above all, its unique understanding of God as the great I AM WHO I AM (Exodus 3:14). The Jewish God alone is the transcendent creator who brings everything into existence for the sheer joy of it, calling all things good. This is no disengaged or mythological God but one intimately and freely involved in the depths of our being and history, who binds himself to creation through an everlasting covenant of steadfast love, and who is passionately concerned for humanity, especially the dispossessed. Without Judaism, much that is vital to Western culture would never have been. This essential Jewish legacy is something the Church has often betrayed in its vilification of Jews. Thankfully, we no longer pray for the conversion of the Jews. Instead, we pray for Jews as God's ancient people, the first to hear his word, and that God may bless both Jew and Christian as children of his covenant. And, of course, we also share a kinship with Muslims. Together with Jews, Christians and Muslims are all children of Abraham. The interconnectedness of these three great monotheistic traditions is lived out in the communities in our country and this in spite of the recent riots and racist attacks against mosques as well as the horrors and devastation of the war in Gaza. The United Kingdom is a multicultural society in which ethnic, cultural and religious diversity makes up the tapestry of life in our healthcare, schools, businesses, public transport, relationships, and homes. And among the threads that make up the fabric of our society are countless ordinary Christians, Jews and Muslims bearing witness to the power of faith for good, without trivialising differences yet even more championing each person's humanity as made in God's image. Let us be fearless in this regard too and pray for all God's children and an end to all violence in God's name.

With my prayers and blessings,

Fr Angus

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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

Last Friday Concert – “From Mozart to Milhaud”

Our next concert is at 7:30pm on Friday 30 August. We welcome Alexander Dichmont and Richard Allum who are playing a wide range of classical masterpieces on two pianos. Tickets £12 on the door, £10 [online](#). Under 18s go free. Refreshments provided.

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

Bill Sharp's Funeral

The funeral for William Giles Sharp, Bill, will be held in St George's on Thursday 19 September at 1.30 pm. The reception will be held in the Centenary Centre after the service. You are all warmly invited to attend the Thanksgiving and Farewell service and reception. Please let Sarah Sharp know on 07789 843556 or sarah.ccc13@gmail.com if you would like to come.

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

15 Sep All-Age Eucharist

Upcoming Events

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

13th Sunday of Trinity 25 August

10:00am Mass (Eco Church For Children)

Morning Prayer

No Prayer This Week

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday – No Mass

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

Meditation beings again in September

14th Sunday of Trinity 1 September

10:00am Mass (No J-Tea,)

EVENTS

Community Food Hub, 30 August 10-11am

Friday Concert, 30 August 7:30pm