

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

8 September 2024



Dear friends,

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." This verse from Ecclesiastes reverberates with a certain clarity at present. As we head further into September, there is a growing sense that summer is coming to an end and fall looms large. The days are slowly getting shorter and the nights longer. Some of the trees are already turning. There is a fresh damp chill in the air. The rain falls heavier and longer amid more turbulent weather. In Chichester, this is accompanied by the distinctive sounds, colours and logjams of the Goodwood Revival. Farmers move on to harvesting their autumn crops. The academic year has begun in earnest with students and teachers back to teaching and learning. Many people have returned to work after holidays. The pace of activity is quickening. We see this too in the life of our church. All the regular activities and services are starting up again. The children's church provision returns with the J Team and All-Age services. Our worship will once more be lifted and enriched by the voices of our choir. This coming weekend we will be holding our Harvest Fair and Produce Show and celebrating the fruits of the earth and human work and creativity. And planning is already afoot for the Harvest Festival, All Souls and All Saints, Advent and Christmas. Amid this shifting rhythm of time and season, as we buckle down to focus on work and feel, perhaps with new keenness, the stresses and strains of our lives and world, let us go forth with our hearts and minds ever open to the myriad calls and invitations of beauty, goodness and truth in our everyday; let us revive our receptivity to the transforming presence of God all around us in and out of season; let us allow our humanity to be stretched beyond its familiar shallows to be touched by the untold depth of others; let us be strong in kindness, humility and generosity to those who are struggling, suffering, heartbroken, and in any need. For then our work will speak of that faith which truly feeds human souls, and, by God's grace, show forth the life-giving love of God.

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

Welcome Back To The Choir!

It is a delight to welcome back our choir after their summer break!

Fred Corbin's Funeral

Fred Corbin's funeral will be held at St George's on Friday 20 September at 1pm with a reception in the Centenary Centre. Fred's family extend the invitation to attend the service to everyone at St George's. Please do keep them and Fred in your prayers.

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 with a reception in the Centenary Centre. You are all warmly invited to attend. Please let Sarah Sharp know on 07789 843556 or sarah.ccc13@gmail.com if you would like to come.

Harvest Fair And Produce Show

This year's Harvest Show will take place on 14 September, 12:30pm-2:30pm. We'd love as many entries from the congregation as possible, so do check out the flyer and work out what you can enter - you might win first prize! Ahead of the Fair we're looking for donations of cake stall items and for the tombola, please let Mary Acland know if you can help.

Sister Act - Walk the Walls 11 Sept, 6.30pm

This month we gather for a leisurely walk on the city walls, before enjoying a drink and chat together. We're meeting at the George & Dragon on North Street. Join us outside the pub at 6.30pm, or feel free to come along a little later for a drink. Speak to Mary Acland, Penny Mason or Zara Cross for details.

Foodbank

The past year has been challenging for many. Chichester District Foodbank has provided 9091 food parcels to individuals and families in need. 5158 of these going to children plus a further 2833 children's lunch packs were distributed in the school holidays. Increasing demands have made a huge impact, decreasing food stock to an all-time low. If you can contribute Sue has a list of the urgent needs at the back of the Church. Thank you for all your past support, Sue Bainbridge.

Deanery Youth Football Match

Well done to the children from St George's who took part in the Deanery Youth Football Match last Sunday scoring goals, working as a team, and making new friends. Thanks too to the adults involved in training and support our team.

Happy Café Breakfast – Not To Be Missed

Saturday 5 October 10am-12noon a delicious, cooked breakfast with lots of extras will be served in the church centre. Veggie options available. It can be breakfast, brunch or an early lunch! It is a great social occasion as well as raising funds for the church.

Everyone is welcome including friends, family and neighbours. Tickets available from Jill Merry adults £10 and children £5. Under 5's free.

Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) Training 2025

The prospectus for next year's ALM diocesan training programme has been published [here](#). Authorised Lay Ministers work as part of the ministry team serving their local parish. The electives this year are: Pastoral Care, Mission, Chaplaincy, Worship & Liturgy, Preaching, Care of creation and Eco Church, Rural Ministry, Small Group leader, and Youth and Children. If anyone is interested, please speak to Fr Angus. Candidates needs to be sponsored by their priest and PCC. Closing date is 9 December 2024.

Special Services

06 Oct	Healing Mass
12 Oct	Pet Blessing Service, 2pm
13 Oct	Harvest Festival

Upcoming Events

5 Oct	Happy Café Breakfast
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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

15th Sunday of Trinity 8 September

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

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Monday-Thursday

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Wednesday Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday Said Mass

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

16th Sunday of Trinity 15 September

10:00am All-Age Eucharist

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 9 September 10:30-12 noon

Youth Group, 9 September 7-8:30pm

Sister Act Walk the Walks, 11 September 6:30pm

Community Food Hub, 13 September 10-11am

Harvest Fair, 14 September 12:30-2:30pm

PCC Meeting, 16 September 7:30pm