

# ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

*Serving God and the community in Chichester*

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

15 September 2024



### **Dear friends,**

"Sticks and stones may break my bones / But words shall never hurt me." We say this to children as a form of encouragement against name-calling, to urge them not to listen to the hurtful things people say but rise above verbal abuse. And yet words do often hurt much more than sticks or stones. We witness this in the world of politics and the media, where the words of some politicians can quickly take on a deadly force, stirring up fear, prejudice, deceit, and violence. For a faith which affirms Jesus as the living Word of God made flesh, the Word crucified and risen, how Christians use words has a special significance. What we say and, perhaps even more so, how we say it matters. For we too must allow God's word to take flesh in us. This should challenge us. As indeed, the letter of James does today: "The tongue is a fire...no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so." This expresses a core conviction about being human: that appropriate self-expression and communication, using the fragile medium of words, are vital for our freedom and fulfilment as intelligent, social, moral and embodied beings who depend on each other and whose hearts and minds reach for the transcendent. This conviction should challenge the notion that freedom is just saying what we like any way we want. Rather, we need daily to learn with others how to speak well, with truth, gentleness, compassion and love. This conviction also runs through our worship where we discover communally how to share words and silence in a way that opens us to the beauty, goodness and truth of God, humanity, and the world. Worship should inspire us to communicate as fully human beings. So, when we speak: do we hurt or build up; gossip or welcome; lie or serve truth; condemn or encourage; pre-judge or learn; silence or liberate, curse or bless? Do we let love's word take flesh?

*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

### Helping To Carry Tables On Monday Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Fair on Saturday. We have a final request for help. Rumboldswyke School lent us tables for the fair. If you can help carry them back on Monday morning from 7:30am, please speak to Jill Merry. Thank you!

### 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.

### 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.

### Secondary School Admissions

If you require a Church Support Form to be filled in by Fr Angus in support of a school application, do contact Fr Angus. Note that Bishop Luffa have not yet issued clergy with this year's Church Form. This will need to be completed in face-to-face meetings with Fr Angus, normally towards the end of October or after half-term. The deadline for the Bishop Luffa Church Forms, submitted by clergy, is 22 November.

### UK Harvest Community Food Hub

As you may know, St George's hosts a UK Harvest Community Food Hub on alternate Fridays 10-11am in the Centre. Other hubs exist throughout the local area. UK Harvest is a charity that tackles food waste and food poverty. Just bring a bag and a suggested donation of £5. Refreshments provided by volunteers from the church. Please spread the word and if you want to volunteer, please speak to Geoff Merry.

### Foodbank

The past year has been challenging for many. Chichester District Foodbank acts as a vital lifeline to many individuals and families in need. 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.

### Pet Blessing Service - 12 October @2pm

Please join us for a family-friendly Pet Blessing Service on Saturday 12 October at 2pm where there will also be a chance to remember pets who have died. This coincides with the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Donations of pet food are welcome and sent to Mount Noddy Rescue and the Chichester Food Bank. We ask that pets are accompanied by their owners. Dogs must be kept on leads and other pets in suitable containers.

### 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](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

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity 15 September

10:00am All-Age Eucharist

#### 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

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity 22 September

10:00am Parish Choral Mass (with J-team)

### EVENTS

#### St George's Tots, 16 September 10:30-12 noon

#### PCC Meeting, 16 September 7:30pm

#### Lakeview Communion 19 September 11:30am