

# ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 December 2024



### Dear friends,

Today Advent begins and so a new liturgical year. Advent is the great season of preparation for Jesus Christ's coming – his coming at Christmas to be born as one of us, God incarnation, for our salvation; his coming again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead with the love divine; and his daily coming into the hearts and minds of Christians, the sacramental mission of the Church, and the healing of the world through the action of the Holy Spirit amid human activity. In the Diocese of Chichester, this Advent also marks the start of the Year of Faith in which we keep two significant anniversaries. First, the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-founding of Christian mission to the South Saxons (Sussex) by the establishment of a new centre for worship, teaching and evangelism in Chichester. As part of the celebrations, there will be Deanery services throughout the Diocese to which all are welcome. The cathedral has also prepared resources for parish groups and individuals who make a pilgrimage there. Further, several events have been organised for young people and families (walks, pilgrimages, camps, etc). Please see the website <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/> for more details. Secondly, with Christians all around the world, we shall be celebrating the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the origin of our Nicene Creed which we recite every Sunday and affirm that Jesus Christ is 'the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.' The Creed encapsulates the utterly unique Christian belief that there is one God who is three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a community of self-giving love that is the foundation of all that exists. This central symbol of our faith has inspired martyrs, sustained missionaries, guided theologians and teachers, and shaped the minds and hearts of Christian women, men, and societies for nearly two millennia. This Advent let us rediscover the transformative joy that God took on our very flesh so that we might share in the life divine and so come into the fullness of our humanity.

*With my prayers and blessings,*

**Fr Angus**

## DONATE TO ST GEORGE'S

The life and mission of St George's are entirely dependent 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:** Set up a standing order, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme (<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk>). Contact the treasurer for details.

**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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### LAKEVIEW GRANGE CARE HOME

COMMUNITY EVENTS

93-94 Whyke Road, Chichester

- 18 Nov 11-11:30am** **Arm Chair Yoga**  
Free session of Arm Chair Yoga. Coffee, tea and cake afterwards.
- 20 Nov 2:30-3:30pm** **"Living with Parkinson's"**  
Ann Wallis Branch Chair of Chichester & Bognor Regis, Parkinson's UK will deliver a talk on living with Parkinson's.
- 27 Nov 10am-4:30pm** **Virtual Tour Dementia Bus**  
The tour will give you a short experience of what Dementia might be like. Booking essential.
- 10 Dec 6pm-8pm** **Wreath Making**  
Penny the owner of Hellebore & Rose florists will help to make your own Christmas Wreath. Call Penny on 07938061041 to book & pay for your space (£40 per person).

To book a place call Jackie Cridlin on 01243 212 429 or email [lakeview.haa@cinnamoncc.com](mailto:lakeview.haa@cinnamoncc.com)

## PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Fair – Thank You To Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fair on Saturday such a success. There was a wonderful festive spirit. It was heartening to see so many people, young and old, from the church and the wider community come to enjoy the occasion. A particular thank you goes out to all who donated items to the fair, and the volunteers and events committee who put in an amazing amount of time, effort and care to making it such a joyful event.

Healing Ministry Next Sunday – 8 December

After receiving communion next Sunday, anyone who wishes is welcome to go to the Lady Chapel for the Laying on of Hands by lay ministers and Anointing with Oil by a priest. These are offered as a part of the church's sacramental ministry of healing.

WRAP CHAT Wednesday 4 December @ 3pm

We invite you to the final WRAP Chat get together of 2024 with festive food, seasonal singing led by Sue Howell-Evans, a poem or two, perhaps even a joke, who knows what will unfold during the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to the Centenary Centre. We don't meet in January so if you unable to make this event, we look forward to your company on Wednesday 4 February. Any query please speak to Geraldine, Katrina, Fr Bill or Fr Philip.

Wreath Making Workshop

There will be two Wreath Making Workshops running at St George's on Friday 6 December, one in the afternoon (12:30-2:30pm) and one in the evening (6pm-8pm). Tickets are £25 per person, including materials, tuition, and festive refreshments. Tickets are limited so don't delay in booking your place: [bit.ly/WreathAfternoon](https://bit.ly/WreathAfternoon) and [bit.ly/WreathEvening](https://bit.ly/WreathEvening). See attached poster for more information.

Christmas Concert Saturday 14 December, 3:30pm

This year we are putting on a Christmas Concert with performers drawn from the church congregation and wider community. There will be performances by the Rumboldswyke Children's Choir, familiar carols for everyone to join in with, classical instrumental pieces and other music played by various adult and child soloists. There will also be a short play by our Youth Group based on the Good King Wenceslas carol. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation: £2 per adult.

Carolling In The Parish

If you would like take part in singing carols in the parish, please do sign up on the sheets at the back of church. There are two opportunities: 1) Carolling in the parish, Thursday 19 December meeting at 5:15pm at Eastgate Square by the Keat's statue and finishing at Royal Close. 2) Carols at Lakeview Care home on Whyke Road during Holy Communion, Thursday 19 December at 11:30am, meeting there.

Additional Advent and Christmas Services

1 Dec	Advent Liturgy, 3:30pm
3, 10, 17 Dec	Compline, 7:30pm
14 Dec	Christmas Concert, 3:30pm
19 Dec	Lakeview Carol Communion, 11:30am
19 Dec	Carolling around the parish, 5:15pm
21 Dec	Parish Carol Service, 3:30pm
24 Dec	Carols At The Crib, 3pm
24 Dec	Midnight Mass, 11pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day, 10am

Rumboldswyke Children's Choir (RCC)

RCC is based at St George's church and open to all children from year 1 upwards. The runs every Tuesday during term time from to 4.30pm. Please email [music@whyke.info](mailto:music@whyke.info) if your child wishes to join.

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 about how to get involved, scan here the QR code. You can also email [friendswhyke@gmail.com](mailto:friendswhyke@gmail.com). Copies of the Autumn newsletter are available at the back of church as well as copies of the recently completed research on the beetles found at St Mary's, produced by Kitty Grove.



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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 1 December**

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

3:30pm Advent Liturgy

**Morning Prayer**

8:45-9:15am Monday-Thursday

**Compline in Lady Chapel**

7:30pm Tuesday

**Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel**

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

9:30am Thursday

**Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)**

5:30-6pm Monday

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8 December**

10:00am Choral Parish Mass with healing (J Team)

EVENTS

**St George's Tots, 2 December 10:30am-12pm**

**Youth Group, 2 December 7-8:30pm**

**WRAP CHAT, 4 December 3pm**

**Wreath Workshop, 6 December 12:30 & 6pm**