

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

ALL SAINTS

3 November 2024



Dear friends,

The psalm for today's celebration of All Saints links the notion of sainthood with seeing the world in a different light. As the psalm says, *The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein. For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie; they shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.* Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. (Psalm 24.1-6). To affirm, as the psalmist does, that God creates and sustains all things is to celebrate how everything depends on and reveals the glory of God in its unique existence, in the mysterious depths of what it is. For each thing distinctively declares that it is a gift of God's own being, truly given away, yet ever connected to God and so to everything else. This is to go beyond valuing things and people simply in how they serve our narrow interests. When we ascend the heights of this vision, paradoxically we do not see God as some special or different thing. Rather we see and interact with all things differently, especially our fellow humans. To embody this vision in our lives is the essence of being a saint, which is another way of saying living interdependently in a fully human manner. To come close to God, therefore, rather than separating us from others means to live ever more fully with others and for others, in the cause of championing humanity and the dignity of each person. Embolden by God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, this means opening our hearts and hands to the plight of others with compassion, joy, gentleness, and a thirst for justice and friendship. This is to seek out the face of God, in our time and in our place, as one of the company of the human race.

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: 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

Stewardship Campaign Documents And Assistance

Our Stewardship Campaign continues this Sunday, inviting people to consider their contribution to the life of St George's. Copies of the Stewardship Campaign Letter, Booklet and Forms, which give more details, are available [electronically](#) and in church. Members of the PCC Finance Subcommittee will be in church to hand out the documents and answer questions. Thank you for all that you already give to the life of St George's.

No J Team on All Saints Or Remembrance Sunday

There will be no J Team during the Eucharist on All Saints or Remembrance Sunday. Some activities will be made available at the back of church for any children who attend on these days.

Music News And Congratulations

Following the splendid finale to our Last Friday Concert Series given by Yuriko, Imy, Maria and Kenji Luc (and friends), we have also learnt that two previous performers (Tim Stewart and Tom Howell, who were Chichester Cathedral organ scholars in 2023 and 2022) have been awarded 1st and 2nd prizes in a competition run by the Incorporated Association of Organists and the Royal College of Organists which took place in York. "You heard them in St George's first!" Congratulations to them all!

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is fast approaching on 30 November. In preparation we are putting a call out for donations. We are looking for donations of kids toys and puzzles, bottles for the tombola and raffle prizes. There will be boxes for donations put at the back of the church. Also we would love to hear from anyone who is happy to help bake cakes for the cake stall. Please speak to Mary Acland if you can help.

Harvest Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated items at our Harvest Festival. The Chichester Foodbank has reported that the weight of our donations, including those from the school, was 212.3 Kilos. This is the equivalent of providing 531 meals. A great result. The Foodbank certificate, acknowledging our contribution, is on the noticeboard in church.

WRAP-CHAT

On Wednesday 6 November in the Centre @ 3pm, we welcome Penny Mason who will tell us about her role as a Civilian Investigator with the Police. There will also be an opportunity of putting questions to Penny regarding the Police & Justice System. Another talk not to be missed. Light refreshments will be available. We just request £2 to meet overhead costs. We look forward to welcoming you, why not bring a friend.

Fish & Chip Quiz Night, Friday 8 November, 7pm

Come and test your wits at our famous St George's Quiz Night. Teams of up to 6 people, come as a team or join one when you arrive. Tickets will be sold in

church after the Sunday services and must be bought in advance so food can be ordered, price includes fish & chips (or veggie burger). Bring your own drinks.

Compline During Advent In Lady Chapel

Each Tuesday during Advent (3, 10 & 17 Dec) at 7:30pm there will be a contemplative service of night prayer with plainsong chant and silent prayer.

Advent and Christmas Services

1 Dec	Advent Liturgy, 3:30pm
14 Dec	Children's Concert, 3:30pm
21 Dec	Parish Carol Service, 3:30pm
24 Dec	Carols At The Crib, 3pm
24 Dec	Midnight Mass, 11pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day, 10am

Upcoming Events

30 Nov Christmas Fair

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 if your child wish 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, 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

All Saints 3 November

10:00am Choral Mass (no 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

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

Remembrance Sunday 10 November

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

EVENTS

Halloween Party, 3 November 2-3:30pm

St George's Tots, 4 November 10:30am-12pm

WRAP CHAT, 6 November 3pm

Community Food Hub, 8 November 10-11am

Fish & Chips Quiz, 8 November 7pm