

# ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

*Serving God and the community in Chichester*

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

17 November 2024



### **Dear friends,**

Last week Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, resigned in recognition of what the Makin Review identified as his personal and the institutional failure of the Church of England to respond properly to safeguarding concerns related to the serial abuser John Smyth. The abuse of vulnerable people, children, is heinous and causes lifelong damage to victims and survivors. The complicity of figures in the Church in covering up Smyth's abuse and failing to respond appropriately is devastating. This has compounded the abuse. The Church's credibility has been severely undermined. Its witness to the God of love fatally compromised. Many will feel deep betrayal, anger, disgust, sorrow, and distress. They will ask if they can, in good conscience, belong to the Church. I pray that the Church offers a comprehensive response to the findings of this and previous reviews by way of support and redress for victims and survivors; taking all safeguarding concerns seriously; overhauling radically its safeguarding culture, practices, and structures; and ensuring everything is done to make churches safe for all, especially the most vulnerable. This requires an urgent response at every level. For safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, not as mere compliance, but as integral to affirming and defending every person's inviolable dignity. The raw discouragement we may feel must not detract from this vital task nor minimise the life-saving work of many people in parishes and across dioceses. We must turn our mourning and rage to asking vociferously: are we doing all we can to make our churches safe, to hold power to account, to protect children and vulnerable adults, to encourage survivors of abuse to come forward, to prevent those who would harm others? If you or anyone you know has been affected by these recent disclosures and would like to discuss them, or have any safeguarding concerns, details are given overleaf of whom to contact. Please do pray for all whose lives have been destroyed and diminished by the Church's failures. After the service today, there will be prayer in the Lady Chapel for all who wish to join.

*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.paritygiving.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

### Safeguarding Concerns And Contact Details

Everyone must be able to raise a safeguarding concern, no matter how small, and know it will be responded to appropriately. If you have any concerns, please contact Ginnie Wyllie, our Safeguarding Officer, or Fr Angus. In cases where someone is at risk of immediate harm, they will contact the police. In all other instances, they seek advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team or the relevant agencies (eg Social Services). Alternatively, you can raise a concern directly with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 01273 421021 or [safeguarding@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chichester.anglican.org). If you or anyone you know would like to talk to organisations independent of the Church, you can contact: **LifeCentre:** <https://lifecentre.uk.com/support/> - trauma informed therapy for victims and survivors of any age or gender, as well as their families. **FearFree Support:** [nicky.gahagan@fearfree.org.uk](mailto:nicky.gahagan@fearfree.org.uk), 07436 795205 01793 317482 - Specialist support to victims and survivors of abuse. **Safe Spaces:** [safespaces@firstlight.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@firstlight.org.uk), 0300 303 1056. - free, independent support service for anyone who has experienced abuse in the Church.

### Baptism Today

During today's service Thomas will be baptised. Please do pray for him and his family as we celebrate his becoming part of Christ's church at St George's.

### Stewardship Campaign Documents And Assistance

Our Stewardship Campaign comes to an end this Sunday. If you have not yet done so we invite you to consider your contribution to the life of St George's. Copies of the Stewardship Campaign documents are available [electronically](#) and in church. Thank you for all that you already give to the life of St George's.

### 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. We are also looking for people to deliver flyers available at the back of church. Please speak to Mary Acland if you can help.

### Lakeview Grange Care Home

As part of its community outreach, Lakeview Grange will advertise their community events in our newsletter. They will also make a regular donation to St George's. Of note this month, is the Virtual Dementia Tour in a specialized vehicle. It will be visiting between 10am-4.30pm on 27 November. All are invited but booking is essential via I 01243 212429 or email: [lakeview.enquiries@cinnamoncc.com](mailto:lakeview.enquiries@cinnamoncc.com). The tour will not only provide a greater understanding on

the impact dementia has on a person, it will also show that small changes can make a huge improvement to those living with dementia. The tour takes approx. 8-12 minutes. This opportunity will be relevant to carers/relatives/friends and neighbours of someone living with dementia. Please see posters in the Centre and at the back of church.

### Friends of St Mary's Churchyard

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. This is report and has been produced by Kitty Grove, our local beetle expert, for which we are most grateful. If you would like to be on the distribution list of newsletters and forthcoming activities taking place within the churchyard, or you would like to get involved, please speak to Sam Kelly (Churchwarden), Geraldine Burrows or Ian Attwood.

### 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	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

### Upcoming Events

30 Nov Christmas Fair 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

#### 2nd Sunday Before Advent 17 November

10:00am All-Age Eucharist with baptism

#### 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

#### Christ the King 24 November

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

### EVENTS

#### St George's Tots, 18 November 10:30am-12pm

#### PCC Meeting, 18 November 7:30pm

#### Youth Group, 21 November 7pm

#### Community Food Hub, 22 November 10-11am