

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

CHRIST THE KING

24 November 2024



Dear friends,

On 29 November, parliament debates the Assisted Dying Bill. The Diocese have drafted a letter for any who wish to urge their MP to vote against the Bill. Here it is for you to consider: *The Private Member's Bill on assisted dying introduced to the House of Commons on Wednesday 16 October presents a dangerous threat to our society. The Christian faith offers a defence of the dignity of life and a call to improve the quality of life for all those living – including those who are dying. Proponents of this legislation argue that it is intended only for those acutely suffering at the end of their life; however, in almost all other places where such legislation has been introduced, this provision has been widened over time to remove such safeguards. In the US State of Oregon (oft cited by supporters of assisted dying as a "safe" form of the legislation) the provision has been widened to include non-terminal conditions; in Canada assisted dying for the mentally ill will become legal in 2027; in Belgium assisted dying is now available to children. This is a perilous journey for our legislature to undertake. Not only will assisted dying become more widely available over time, it will also become increasingly acceptable. This risk applies mostly to those in society who are already vulnerable: the elderly, the poor, the mentally unwell, the long-term sick, the lonely and isolated. The option of death should not be put to anyone in society, least of all those already disadvantaged by a culture that seems to value only productivity and success. The real answer to these issues is multilayered but must include greater investment in hospice and palliative care, further medical research into effective pain relief and treatment, and support for the families of those who are dying. These concerns ought to be the urgent concern of our parliamentarians, not legislating to provide an option of death for the suffering. To reduce the value of human life to physical and mental capacity and wellbeing has sinister implications for how we as a society view those who experience severe physical or mental issues, and risks that those undergoing such suffering come to see their life as of less value than others. Once legislation is made, society itself risks coming to see these lives as of less value, too. We must resist this culture of death by seeking to improve quality of life for all the living.*

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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LAKEVIEW GRANGE CARE HOME

COMMUNITY EVENTS

93-94 Whyke Road, Chichester

18 Nov Arm Chair Yoga

11-11:30am Free session of Arm Chair Yoga. Coffee, tea and cake afterwards.

20 Nov "Living with Parkinson's"

2:30-3:30pm Ann Wallis Branch Chair of Chichester & Bognor Regis, Parkinson's UK will deliver a talk on living with Parkinson's.

27 Nov Virtual Tour Dementia Bus

10am-4:30pm The tour will give you a short experience of what Dementia might be like. Booking essential.

10 Dec Wreath Making

6pm-8pm 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

PARISH NOTICES

Stewardship Campaign Pledges

During the service today as part of the offering, we will dedicate to God all the pledge forms that have been submitted as part of our Stewardship Campaign. Thank you to everyone who took the time to reflection on this year's campaign and to those who have pledged financial support to St George's as well as offered gifts of their time and talent. Fr Angus, together with the various team leaders, will review the results of the survey and be in contact in due course. And once again thank you for all that you already give to the life of St George's.

Christmas Fair – Urgent Call For Donations

With the Christmas Fair taking place next week, we are still in urgent need of donations of kids toys and puzzles, bottles for the tombola and raffle prizes. There are 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. There are still some flyers to deliver at the back of church so please see if you can take a pack today. Please speak to Mary Acland if you can help.

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). There will be a wide range of materials available for you use and enjoy in a relaxed environment. 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 and bit.ly/WreathEvening. See attached poster for more information.

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. 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.

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

Upcoming Events

30 Nov	Christmas Fair
6 Dec	Wreath Making Workshop

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 about how to get involved, scan here the QR code. You can also email 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

Christ the King 24 November

10:00am Choral Parish 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 – NO MASS

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

First Sunday of Advent 1 December

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

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 25 November 10:30am-12pm

Celebrate the joy of
CHRISTMAS
with St George's, Whyke

ADVENT LITURGY

1. DECEMBER, 3:30PM

Wait and watch for the coming of Christ with passages from scripture, hymns, and advent carols sung by the choir.

Refreshments included.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

21 DECEMBER, 3:30PM

Service featuring well-known carols, beautiful choral music, and readings proclaiming Christ's birth. Refreshments.

CAROLS AT THE CRIB

24 DECEMBER, 3 PM

Through song, story, and actions, take part in the wonder and joy of Jesus' nativity. For families with young children.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

14 DECEMBER, 3:30PM

Come and enjoy a Christmas concert with performers including our children's choir, youth group, and others. Families and children welcome. Refreshments included.

ADVENT COMPLINE

TUESDAYS IN ADVENT, 7:30 PM

A contemplative service of night prayer with plainsong chant and silent prayer in the Lady Chapel.

MIDNIGHT MASS

24 DECEMBER, 11 PM

Experience the mystery of the Word made flesh, the Light shining in the dark, with choral music and the blessing of the crib.

CHRISTMAS DAY

25 DECEMBER, 10 AM

With great joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the birth of Jesus with a parish choral mass. All are welcome!



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WREATH MAKING

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

WORKSHOP

Add a touch of festive splendour to your door with our fun and informative wreath workshop.

A wide range of materials will be on hand for you to use so you can relax and enjoy.

Tickets are £25 per person, includes materials, tuition and festive refreshments.

Two workshops are available but tickets are limited so don't delay!



6th December 2024
1st session: 12:30-14:30
2nd session: 18.00-20.00



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Charity No
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Book your tickets via the links or QR code
bit.ly/WreathAfternoon
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