

Church notices and times for September

Sundays at 10:00

September 2nd Trinity 14 — J Teams start

September 9th Trinity 15

September 16th Trinity 16 - Baptism of Alfie Brooker

September 23rd Trinity 17 - St Georges Dedication Festival and Back to Church Sunday Join us to celebrate our Church's 116th Birthday and to invite friends, family and neighbours.

September 30th Trinity 18

Other Dates

Mon 3rd - 5th Fathers Tim and Toby attending Chichester Diocesan Clergy Conference at University of Kent, Canterbury

Mon 10th - 3rd Parish retreat to Alton Abbey

Sat 22nd Jumble sale

Fri 28th - Last Friday Concert - Organ fireworks from Rosie Vinter

Our former head chorister and currently 2017-18 Walford Davies Organ Scholar at Temple Church, London

Churchyard update

The parish Churchyard adjoining the former St Mary's church is home to hundreds of graves including war graves. It is a quiet retreat of peace and home to beautiful plants, trees wildlife. It is over a year now since Sara and Edward Hand took on the task of regular maintenance of our Churchyard. We have raised funds from local businesses and purchased a commercial mower and strimmer whilst donations from the church have also helped. We have recruited/cajoled Mike Nation and Steve O'Shea to the team. Our local Scouts have also been along to help out. Progress is slow and hard work but a real difference has been made. The far end of the churchyard is now clear and we have seen a marked increase in visitors and flowers left at graves. But there is still a lot to do and a great deal just to maintain it in its current state. If you can offer any time, even an hour a month, then let us know and you will be very welcome to join our team.

From the editor

This is the first edition of the Newsletter. It will in the future be produced monthly and will rely on contributions from all associated with St Georges.

This first edition shows just how much goes on within our church and introduces our readers to some of the organisations. In the future I hope that you will be kept up to date with the activities, both past and more importantly those to come, so we are all aware just how vibrant St Georges is.

Please send your articles for the October Newsletter to Mike Nation at 152 Whyke Road.
Preferably by email to mnation99@hotmail.com by Friday 21st September.



St George's Whyke

Newsletter September 2018

View from the Rectory

My Dear Parishioners,

I do hope you have all had a wonderfully relaxing Summer and you are all ready for the Autumn!

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter which we hope will keep you in touch with important news and events in the life of our busy parish.

With the start of September, the life of the parish will get going in earnest once more, and groups such as J Team, Tea and chat, Bible study, WRAP choir will begin again after the summer break, and there is something important I would like to draw your attention to.

Sunday 23rd September is our 116th anniversary of the dedication of this church, but we will also be keeping this date as "Back to Church Sunday". This is an opportunity for us to tell our community, our friends and neighbours that

You BELONG here at St. George's.

When even just one person is "away" from the worshipping life of the church for any length of time, Christ's body is seriously weakened! So if we know someone who has been "away" for some time, perhaps a quiet and personal invitation from us may be just what is needed. This can be done at any time, but Back to Church Sunday might just be the perfect time to personally invite someone new or a past worshipper to come back to church. National research has shown that a personal invitation from one person to another really does work, so let's all have a go at this vital missionary work which God calls us all to.

Love, joy and peace to you all.

Fr Tim

J team update

J team is our Sunday School at St Georges church. It is held during the family mass service on Sundays from 10-11am during term time. Children of all ages up to 14 are welcome to come along where we provide fun, creative learning, celebration, prayers, songs and games. J team provides children an incite to Christian values whilst giving them an opportunity to explore their own faith. We hold special events throughout the year for the children including a back to church party in September to welcome the children back after the summer holidays. The party involves activities including pass the parcel, baking, face painting, piñatas, music and songs. The group is supported by the volunteer leaders who plan and run the sessions to ensure the young people get the most out of the activities. You can see what the J team have been up to on the church website and it provides a great venue to meet young people and their families from across the parish.

Music at St. Georges

Music plays an important part in the worship at St Georges. The magnificent new organ has made a significant impact in services as well as in concerts and as a teaching instrument. The Parish Choir is to be heard each Sunday and on special occasions. We are fortunate to have such a loyal team to lead and enhance our worship; future articles will feature some of the individuals in the choir – did you know that there are 3 doctorate holders in the bass section?! Many people love to sing but don't have the opportunity to blend their voice with others. The start of a new academic year is an excellent time to "Taste and See" what it is like to sing in your church choir. Term-time practice is on Tuesday at 6.15pm for an hour, with gentle encouragement and music provided. Today's lifestyle means that some members are unable to attend every week, so a larger pool of singers would be very helpful.

Last Friday Concerts

Our concert programme, called the Last Friday Concerts, taking place on the last Friday in each month from April to October, is now in its second series and has been able to host a variety of musicians and is proud to promote our 'home-grown' talent (Fr Tim and Gordon Egerton so far this year). The concert at the end of August will feature the very talented Luc family with virtuoso performances from Yuriko, Imy, Maria and Kenji. If you enjoy piano and 'cello music played spectacularly – come to St Georges on August 31st. The Last Friday in September sees the return to St. Georges of Rosie Vinter who first started to play the old organ after her A level exams when she was Head Chorister. The organ and good acoustic in the church have encouraged several choirs to give their concerts at St Georges, including the St Richard Singers (who rehearse in the Centre), The Chichester Chorale, Chichester Voices and not forgetting the WRAP Community Choir which is based at St Georges.

St George's Ramblers

It's Saturday morning, usually, the 1st one of the month and the time is 9.30am. Excited folk are gathered in St George's carpark in anticipation of the morning's ramble, usually between 4½ to 5 miles distance, it might be somewhere on the Downs or perhaps along the coastal plain, but everyone is suitably attired with stout footwear, appropriate garments dictated by the weather, carrying walking poles if needed, and drinks and biscuits for the half way refreshment stop. This might take place sitting on a fallen log or on a bench found in a churchyard that the ramblers happen to be passing. Dogs are permitted but must be kept under strict control.

A 4-month programme is prepared in advance and emailed to individuals with information on the location, distance and type of terrain to be covered, the favourite descriptive word is '*undulating*' which can mean anything! We always meet in the church car park to arrange car sharing as parking can sometimes be limited.

The rambles are open to anyone who would like to join with like minded folk, who are able to walk at a steady pace for approximately 3 hours, yes, we stop to admire the views or it may be that some part of the area being covered has history of note that has been researched, and then shared. Some ramblers try to attend each ramble, others are only able to make the occasional outing, but all are welcome, a lovely relaxing way of making new friends, sharing life's experiences with lots of laughter.

If anyone would like to join the St George's Ramblers or would like to find out more, please contact Geraldine on 01243 539620 or email: gmburrows@hotmail.co.uk

Sponsored Ride and Stride **8th September 2013**

Every year, on the second Saturday in September, the various Historic Churches Trusts across the country hold a Sponsored Bike Ride / Stride, this year to be on September 8th

The monies raised through sponsorship is split 50/50 between the trust itself and a church of the volunteer's choice. This then is an ideal opportunity to raise money for St Georges

The idea is for cyclists, and walkers, keen and not so keen, to cycle or walk between participating churches in their area, starting and finishing at any church and visiting as many as they want.

If you would like to take part please contact Geraldine on 01243 539620 or email: gmburrows@hotmail.co.uk

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JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale, here at St Georges Community Centre on **Saturday 22nd September**, commencing at **11am**.

Items for donating may be dropped at the Centre on Friday 21st between 1.30pm – 5pm or early on the Saturday morning.

If you would like to help sort the items your company will be very welcome. Likewise, on the Saturday morning.

We will need help in manning the tables, making teas, clearing up afterwards (approx. 1pm) etc.



Tea and Chat

Tea and chat is “just what it says on the tin”. We meet each Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.45 in the Centenary Centre for company, friendship, chat, lovely homemade cakes and savouries. The craft group join us on the first Wednesday in each month showing us their sewing and knitting skills etc. We have a summer break during August and our year ends with a Christmas party enjoying carol singing, an excellent tea and a bran tub. An occasional raffle helps raise a little extra funds.

We are a friendly group and are always happy to welcome new faces so please come and join us. Margaret Kennard

The Crown Book Group

The book group meets at Muchos Nachos (The Crown) at 7pm on the last Thursday of the month except during August and at Christmas. We aim to be a very democratic group with members suggesting and reviewing their favourite books, both fiction and non-fiction. At present we are enjoying *The Last Wolf* by Robert Winder (Non-fiction) before moving onto *The Bonfire of The Vanities* by Tom Wolfe

We are always happy to welcome new members, both men and women so if you enjoy reading and are willing to try and discuss different genre, both modern and classical, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Further details from ;

Hilary Nation - hilary.nation@btinternet.com

WRAP Community Choir (Whyke, Rumboldswyke & Portfield)

Resulting from a suggestion put to the PCC in 2012 that with the interest shown in the then TV series where Gareth Malone was setting up community choirs for those ‘who can’t sing’ the WRAP Community Choir was formed as part of the St George’s Outreach Mission.

A musical student from the University of Chichester, Jason Howard, an attendee of St George’s accepted the role of Director of Music with Geraldine Burrows fulfilling the role of Treasurer/Administrator.

The choir formally started in September 2012 with 29 members, meeting in the Centre on a weekly basis during term times and, with kind permission and support of the Incumbent and Churchwardens, with access to the church as and when required.

The aim of the choir was to encourage individuals who had no musical experience to join in making music, opening it up to all, not just for members of the church, to have fun and laughter, making new friends along the way. This aim has continued with many new friendships, for one couple, finding love for each other through the fellowship of WRAP.

The early ‘Friends & Family Concerts’ were invariably nerve wracking for members, having never performed before, let alone to stand up in front of loved ones and sing but gradually confidence was gained, word got around that WRAP was capable of stepping outside of the home environment, to be invited to perform at the Assembly Rooms, Boxgrove Priory, performing in a local pantomime, taking part in the Chichester Festivities and going on to become regular performers in the annual Festival of Chichester.

The choir’s twice-yearly concerts are always as free entry with light refreshments, giving something free to the community from St George’s. Any retiring donations received are given to a local charity as agreed by the choir. In recent times hundreds of pounds have been donated to The Chestnut Tree House, the new Dementia Support Centre, Chichester Counselling Service, Life Centre for Women, Stonepillow, City Angels and the Sussex Snowdrop Trust.

To date, membership is at 50, with on average, 40 members attending each Tuesday, a good strong male attendance gives the choir strength. The current Director of Music, Ben Lathbury, a professional piano teacher and conductor, ensures that members have fun but at the same time striving for perfection. The choir remains open to anyone who would like to be part of a warm, friendly, community choir. After the summer break we return on 4th September commencing at 7.30pm

The Garland Cross

Canon David Garland served as the Senior Church of England Chaplain to the Australian forces in Jerusalem, between late 1917 and 1919. He did much to foster relations with the local Orthodox Church. In 1918 he celebrated the Holy Eucharist on an altar, said to be 1,200 years old, in the underground church of St John the Baptist.

In 1920 in appreciation of his work The Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Jerusalem made Canon Garland a Knight of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and he was presented with a relic of the True Cross set in a small gold cross. Later in 1924 when Canon Garland ceremonially received his knighthood the cross was mounted on a larger gold cross embellished by rubies paid for by Greek Orthodox Church members from Brisbane. Canon Garland is still highly thought of in Australia and is recognised as being the originator of Anzac Day, on 25th April each year when Australia commemorates and honours the 8141 soldiers lost at Gallipoli. The Canon Garland Memorial Society exists to honour his memory

Canon Garland died in 1939, in his will bequeathed the Cross to his nephew, Father Richard Ratcliff, our Rector at St George's from 1945-68, it has been kept since in the Church's aumbry and brought out at certain festivals

After much correspondence it has been arranged that David Ratcliff, son of Father Ratcliff and the now owner of the Holy Relic, shall allow the Society to exhibit it in St George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Brisbane for a short period and it was collected from us in July. We hope to have it returned some time in the New Year



For more information about Canon Garland visit the Society's site at <http://www.garlandmemorial.com/>

St George's Whyke

Harvest Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper

Saturday 6th October 6pm to 9pm

Tickets £10 - under 16's
free

Further details and tickets call
01243 528795

Please bring own drinks



A contribution from one of our congregation.

Settling In

In 1979 I moved into Arundel Park with my two sons, then aged nine and six. Brought up in the Anglican tradition and confirmed at St Lawrence's, a church at West Wycombe, where the golden ball on top of it was used for the dubious activities of Sir Francis Dashwood's Hellfire Club, St George's was now my parish church. Both boys were confirmed by Bishop Eric in the cathedral having received their instruction from Father Brecknell.

In those days St George's was a place where you went to worship God and there was very little else going on. When a Stewardship campaign highlighted wishes for more activity a few of us began a Ladies Group in 1986. We met in homes, and one of our earliest talks given by Margaret Barratt on The Sue Ryder Foundation. There were just seven of us at that meeting. And as we continued to meet each month our talks, Shirley Blighton's on Lace Making, Father Brecknell's on Keeping Lent, were interspersed with evenings of board games and social get togethers. The Ladies Group grew so that we needed to meet in the Centenary Centre. We also amassed some funds and were able to make donations or pay speakers. Latterly the group was renamed and became The Georgians, and there was a group of younger women known as the Georgettes. But all things have their day, and now these groups are no more.

St George's people have always given their support readily to those in need, and I was the recipient of much kindness and practical assistance when I became poorly. Joan Wells was just one person who became a close friend when she regularly drove me to St Mary's to receive treatment. I feel this is a great strength of our community, as is our willingness to accept and make allowance for differences between us which is surely a mark of the Christian family we aim to be.

Now, after almost forty years, I am really settled in and would find it hard to go elsewhere even though I have lived outside the parish for more years than I have lived within its boundaries. I feel very fortunate that it was where my church life began in Chichester.

Pat Sparkes

Last Friday Concerts

August 31st - Luc Family Yuriko, Imy Maria and Kenji.

Spectular piano and cello performances

September 28th - Rosie Vinter plays the Nicholson Organ

