

By tradition known as 'Stir up Sunday' from the collect 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people' It is also the recognised day to stir up your Christmas pudding.

The readings set for today are from Ezekiel chapter 34 verses 11-16, 20-24 and from the First Letter from Paul to the Ephesians chapter 2 verses 15-23. The Psalm is Number 95 verses 1-7, and the Gospel reading is from St Matthew, chapter 25 verses 31-46

The Government has directed that, during the present lockdown, all public worship be suspended for the time being. However, the church will be open for private prayer and reflection on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am-1.30pm.

Websites to visit - The Church of England has a very worthwhile site which, as well as a range of resources and news, contains weekly online services streamed each Sunday at 9am.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

The Cathedral invites you to join them for their schedule of live-streamed daily services on

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/live-streamed-services>

We were sorry to hear of the death of Adam Papadamou the owner of 'La Fish' in The Hornet, Adam was a great benefactor to St Georges, giving cards to the Rectors for distribution to the needy, that they could have free fish and chips and a can of cola. He also gave us generous deals when providing food for our 'Fish and Chips and Quiz' evenings. Adam was a devout member of the Greek Community and church in Brighton, a beloved father and grandfather, we send our condolences to his family and the staff of la Fish.

We are planning to hold three mini Christmas Markets after services during December. The first will be on Sunday 6th December for Crafts. The second on 13th December for cakes and the last on 20th December for fresh floral table decorations. There will be a raffle covering all three weeks to be drawn on the last Sunday. The markets will be held in the centre using only two well-spaced tables, all price lists will be clearly displayed on the wall and will be in round pounds. Masks must be worn and there will be a one-way system entering the centre by the door at back of Church and exiting by the centre door leading to the car park. We will ensure that it is as safe as possible. We would be extremely grateful for the following items

Festive items are welcomed for the Christmas hamper and for the raffle
Cakes for the sale on Sunday 13th to be brought on the day or we can collect if needed. Please contact Geraldine or Sue Bainbridge (784424)

Between April 1 and September 30, the Chichester foodbank fed 1,998 people, including 814 children. This was a rise of 33 per cent on the same period last year, or an extra 496 people. The situation is not likely to improve in the winter months and our help is essential, items can be taken into the church and left on the back table on Sundays and Wednesdays between 9.30 and 1.30, they will then be collected and taken to the bank by Tom and Sue. Urgently needed items include Long Life Juice, Jam, Marmalade, Spreads, Tinned Green Beans and Mixed Vegetables, Tea Bags - small packs of 40, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash, also Vegan Specific Food eg. Dried Soya Mince.

Initiatives - The winter edition of the District Council's residents' magazine, *Initiatives*, is out now with a range of information including the Shop Local Christmas campaign, festive waste and recycling, wellbeing and the support being provided to the community. This can be read as a PDF or there is also a page turner version. You can access both formats at <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/initiativesmagazine>

Jackie Murray sent me this poem, to cheer me up she said - and guess what?
It made me smile! I hope you like it

Thanks Jackie,

Smiling Is Infectious by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized, I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!



Items for future Newsletters. We welcome any contributions, if there any poems or short articles that you would like to share then please do send them to the editors.

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