

Today, our worship is led by Father John.



### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalling the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

**Our next social event is the ever-popular Jumble Sale, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 11am in the Centenary Centre.**

The Centre will be open on the day before, Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 1.30pm - 6pm to receive saleable items, or, early on Saturday morning. We are appealing for helpers to help set up and sort items on the Friday and to help man the tables on the Saturday, for helpers the Centre door will be open from 9.am. For the public the doors open at 11am. If you would like to give a hand, whether on the Friday or the Saturday please let Geraldine know, the more hands the less work there is to do and it's always good fun.

Last year we missed out on holding the usual bi-annual Jumble Sales so this is a wonderful opportunity for having a late spring-clean of items that you feel are saleable, clothes, male & female, children's items & toys, bric-a-brac (this covers a multitude) books, jewellery, pictures etc etc. We are not permitted to sell second hand electrical items.

If delivering items to the centre is going to be a problem and depending on the amount, we may be able to arrange collection, or, arrange an alternative date for delivery.

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The church continues to be open for private prayer and reflection on **Wednesdays from 10am - 4.00pm**

**TWO PLACES LEFT!** On 11<sup>th</sup> September St George's Moonlight Walk team will set off at 7pm on the 10-mile route around Chichester area. There will be hundreds of other walkers taking part at different times during the evening. We will get to see the Bishops Palace Gardens lit up especially for the occasion. It promises to be a memorable event and at the same time raising much needed funds for the Hospice. Why not join us? there are two places left. Contact Jill [528795] for details.

### **GENERAL SYNOD - for the next 5 years**

Would you like to be become a member?

The Secretary of the Diocese of Chichester, Gabrielle Higgins is encouraging individuals to seriously consider this important role. Our diocese has eight lay places and five clergy places to fill on the General Synod of the Church of England and it is vitally important that our diocese is appropriately represented by a full complement of members of all ages and backgrounds. Applicants need not be a member of a deanery synod but must be on an electoral role of a parish in the diocese.

The closing date for nominations is **5pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

If you would like to find out more, please in the first instance have a word with Geraldine who is a member the Deanery Synod, Chichester.

**Looking Back** - Looking back over past newsletters, this time last year, we were reminded that Archdeacon Luke was with us for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we look forward to him being with us again to take Mass next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. On our first Mass after lockdown, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July we were overjoyed to see so many parishioners returning, there were very few empty seats left, however we note that in our excitement we omitted to switch on the microphones so those nearer the back of the church were not able to hear very well!

A statement at the time from the cathedral informed us that they would not be reopening the Cathedral Café, a sad loss for so many, particularly those travelling from the far corners of the diocese, looking forward to refreshments after their long journey. We were also informed the cathedral shop in its current location would not reopen. *The business has recently reopened within the cathedral.*

### **A Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord God, for the gifts you give to your people.  
We pray for social workers, carers, home helps,  
for all who seek to meet the needs of others within their community.  
We pray especially today for those who live in deserts,  
in the barren areas of the world;  
for places where crops are meagre or have failed.  
Good Shepherd, lead us,  
And help us to do your will.  
**Amen.**

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