

Today, we welcome Canon Stephen Ferns (The Bishop's chaplain) to lead us in worship

Jumble Sale, Saturday 4th September, at 11am in the Centenary Centre.

The Centre will be open on Friday, 3rd between 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 Saturday. For helpers the Centre door will be open from 9.am. For the public the doors open at 11am.

If you are able to give a hand, whether on Friday or Saturday please let Geraldine know or enter your name on the clipboard at the back of the church. Thank you.

If delivering items to the Centre is going to be a problem, we may be able to arrange an alternative date for delivery or collect.

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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 8th 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.

Serving Team and Meet & Greeters

We are urgently in need of more adults and young people, male or female, to join our team of servers who support the Minister during Mass, wearing white albs.

During lockdown it was only possible for one server to be on duty at a time, but now that Mass has commenced again at the high altar, we wish to return to having four servers.

Interested? please have a word with Nikki, [01243-786759] lead Server or a churchwarden.

We are also looking for more volunteers to greet members of the congregation and visitors to the Church handing out hymn books and making them feel welcome. To be greeted by a warm welcoming smile will go a long way in making them feel comfortable in worshipping at St George's. If you are willing to join the rota, please speak to Jill.

Thank you to everyone who has faithfully been carrying out this task over the last year.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or contributed to last Saturday's Coffee Morning, in aid of J-Team's return to church on Sunday 12th September. A total of £131 was raised, enabling equipment to be purchased, as and when required.



New Rural Dean for Chichester appointed

The Bishop of Chichester has appointed The Revd Martha Weatherill, currently Associate Vicar of St Paul Chichester with Westhampnett, to be the new Rural Dean of Chichester. It has also been announced that Revd Martha is to become the Interim Priest-in-Charge of Lavant. She will officiate at her first service on Sunday 12th September. Revd Martha sends the following message to everyone:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am your new Rural Dean, appointed by the bishop to coordinate, encourage and assist the clergy and parishes in the deanery.

As we begin a new phase in the life of the Deanery, we have worked together to produce a Deanery Prayer which I have included in this short letter. My vision is for a deeply prayerful Deanery as we further seek to know, love and follow Jesus in our churches and communities.

Yours in Christ

Revd Martha Grace Weatherill

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New Deanery Website: www.chichesterdeanery.org

Deanery of Chichester Prayer

Almighty and most Merciful Father, you look upon us with love and compassion.

Build up your people in this Deanery of Chichester, we pray:

give to our clergy the needful gifts of your grace, and revive our churches
that they may continue to be places of hospitality, manifesting your glory,
and nurturing disciples for your Kingdom.

May we seek to work together within this household of faith, desiring the wisdom, guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit as we live out our faith in our parishes and daily lives;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

RETURN OF FRIDAY CONCERTS

We are pleased to announce the return of the popular Friday evening concerts. With restrictions having been lifted three concerts are planned before the end of the year.

The first of the current series on Friday September 10th at 7.30pm will be a concert of organ music by young, local talented organ scholars and is to be presented by Tim Ravalde, the Assistant Organist of Chichester Cathedral, who will also perform. Tickets on the door £10.00, Under 18s free, includes light refreshments in interval.

Further concerts will include the popular local Luc Family on October 8th and the Chichester City Band on November 12th.

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