

Today, we welcome Father John Hall KCVO to lead us in worship as we celebrate our Dedication Festival.

**What is Dedication Festival all about** - The building of St George's was commenced in 1901, it was completed sufficiently for the Mayor of Chichester to lay the foundation stone on September 28<sup>th</sup> 1901; and Bishop Wilberforce consecrated the building on St Michael's Day, September 29<sup>th</sup> 1902. The dedication to St George was a popular choice and today, in the Church of England there are 243 churches with that name. The most popular name being St Mary's with 2368, followed in second place by All Saints with 1467. St George is at 15<sup>th</sup> in the list.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** is our Harvest Festival. It will be Presided over by Bishop Martin and Father John Hall will be in attendance. Please bring items for our Harvest display. A list of items required by the Foodbank was printed in last week's newsletter.

Tomorrow, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 2pm Father John will be blessing the outdoor furniture the church has purchased for Rumboldswyke Primary School in celebration of them changing from an infant to a primary school, as part of the Bishop Luffa Academy. The table and benches have been given in memory of Kay & Vince Glover and there will be a plaque fixed to the table to celebrate this. For those who knew Kay they will remember how fond she was of the young ones. It would be lovely if some members of the congregation could attend this special event, it would also be an opportunity to view the lovely grounds and spiritual garden at the school. The school have said they would like to provide light refreshments. We are suggesting we meet in the church carpark at 1.45pm and then all walk across together.

Following the removal of the tree that stood behind the War Memorial, we are required to plant a replacement in line with the condition set out with the District Council's consent. After consultations it has been agreed that a Golden Alder is a suitable tree for the site and, following delivery on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the tree is going to be planted the next day. Please pray for good weather. This tree has been purchased from Kay and Vince Glover's generous legacy to the church. They attended the church over many years and were very active members. A plaque will be placed by the tree in due course.

### **An appeal from our Wardens**

Our church thrives on the time volunteered by our members. Whether greeting arrivals, serving with the Altar team, reading the lessons, helping with hospitality, or with a myriad of other tasks, your support is vital to the flourishing of our community. If you are able to offer a little of your time or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a warden. **Christmas Fair.** Anyone interested in coordinating a working party to help put on this event please speak to Geraldine or Jill



In St Mary's churchyard there are 6 war graves. Earlier in the year St George's church applied to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a plaque to be fixed to the gate of the churchyard in recognition of this fact.

We are pleased to say the plaque is now in place as can be seen from the photo.

**DON'T FORGET** Harvest bring and share supper on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6pm**. There will be a fun quiz put out in church while the food is being prepared. Then, as we have tea and coffee afterwards, we are very fortunate to have JOANNE KONDABEKA Founder and CEO of the Chichester Foodbank giving us a short talk about the work of the Foodbank. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. Please sign the list at the back of the church indicating numbers and what food you are able to bring. Or please let Jill know.

**October's Friday Concert** will be by our popular Luc family who after a long Covid induced absence, are finally performing live again!

This promises to be an evening of uplifting music for piano solo, piano duet, cello, and even some for two pianos! Expect variety, virtuosity, and joy as we celebrate the return of live music! **Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm, tickets on the door £10.00 (U18s free), includes light refreshments in the interval.**

There are posters available at the back of church for anyone to take.

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

A Prayer

Dear Father

We pray that children may be brought up with respect and freedom,  
that each may have proper spiritual nourishment.

We pray for all who are undervalued or taken for granted,

For the unnoticed workers in our community,

For all who teach the faith and pass it on by example.

For those who are quiet witnesses to what they believe.

For each in their vocation and ministry.

Lord, hear our prayer.          Amen

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We also attach a message from our Honorary Treasurer, Alison