

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

14 JANUARY 2023



Dear friends,

In our first reading today, we witness the moving encounter between Eli, an old and frail priest, and the young prophet Samuel. For Eli the world has grown old, the temple rituals and practices that used to mean so much have begun to lose their vitality, and his eyes have grown dim as his vision of God and the world has begun to falter. Samuel is at the other end of things. His world is alive to wonder, possibility and promise, but, as of yet, he does not have the experience or skills to navigate the world properly and so needs the help and advice of one who is older than him. Samuel needs old Eli so he might understand the world, whereas Eli needs the young Samuel to rekindle hope where there is only cynicism and drudgery. Samuel is quick to respond to the voice he hears and runs to the old priest ready to take direction. Together they must discover that the voice of true hope and insight comes neither simply from the innocence of youth, nor from the experience of the elderly, but at the initiative of God who is ever ancient yet ever new. Indeed, God's eternal youthfulness descends on to the scene, re-making the hearts of young and old alike through a personal address to Samuel. In our world of instability and crisis, we need the wisdom of the elderly and the exuberance of the young. At times, it feels like society is divided with children shamelessly exploited and manipulated, and the elderly shut away and ignored. But as the Church we are called to be an inclusive community in which young and old are honoured and celebrated. It is heartening to see this alive at St George's. It is something we must treasure and nurture more and more. In all that we do and are, let us value each generation's perspective and contribution so that we may better hear the voice of God together and, like Samuel, respond: 'here I am', 'speak, for your servant is listening.'

With my prayers and blessings,

Fr Angus

DONATE TO ST GEORGE'S

The life and mission of St George's depend on your support. There are many ways to donate:

Gift Aid: Gift Aid envelopes are available in church that enable us to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers, increasing the donation by 25%.

Regular Giving: Setting up a standing order, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme. Forms are available at the back of church.

Contactless Giving: A card reader is available in church for card donations. Card donations are also accepted via our website.

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ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

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Please submit by Thursday

NEW TO ST GEORGE'S?

Welcome! If you have any questions, please ask a Warden or Fr Angus, we are happy to help.

VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways to engage in our life, mission and worship. Ask the Rector or Wardens. There is something for everyone.

COME AND SING!

Music is central to our worship. Our choir sings at the main services and practises once a week. You are welcome to come along. Contact Susan Howell Evans.

PARISH NOTICES

Healing Mass

After the positive response to the healing eucharist in Advent, when the laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil were offered after communion, Fr Angus and the healing ministry team have decided to hold a healing service as part of the main Sunday service every other month. The next healing service will be on 11 February when it is also an All-Age Eucharist.

Church Cleaning

If anyone has a spare hour once a month and could help clean the church, please can you speak to Jill Merry or email merryjill@btinternet.com. The cleaning can usually be done on a day and at a time to suit you together with 1 or 2 other people. It does not involve heavy lifting or moving large objects. It is mostly hoovering, dusting and sweeping. All materials are supplied. Thank you to everyone who is on this rota. It is much appreciated.

Forthcoming Special Services

21 January	All-Age Eucharist
11 February	All-Age and Healing Eucharist
14 February	Choral Mass of Ash Wednesday, 7pm
17 March	All-Age Eucharist

Friends Of St Mary's Churchyard

The Friends are a group of volunteers who care for, celebrate, and enhance our churchyard as a sacred space and haven for wildlife. For info, scan here:



Prayer List

If you want to add someone to the parish prayer list, please contact the parish office or Fr Angus.

Pastoral Ministry

Please contact Fr Angus for pastoral matters like visits, baptism, confirmation, first communion, weddings, funerals, house blessings, etc.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confession)

Available by appointment with the Rector.

Lost Property

A lost property box is located in the sacristy. Please contact the wardens or church office for more info.

THIS WEEK

SERVICES

2nd Sunday of Epiphany 14 Jan

10:00am Choral Mass (J-Team)

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Tuesday-Thursday

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Wednesday (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

10:15-10:45am Thursday

3rd Sunday of Epiphany 21 Jan

10:00am All-Age Eucharist

EVENTS

St George's Tots 15 Jan 10:30am-12pm

Community Food Hub 19 Jan 10am-11am

PCC Meeting 22 Jan 7pm