

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

21 JANUARY 2023



Dear friends,

We are midway through the week of prayer for Christian unity as marked internationally across the Northern Hemisphere. As part of this more than 50 Catholic and Anglican bishops are holding an ecumenical summit in both Rome and Canterbury. The summit aims to discuss ways of growing together in joint witness and mission in the world. This is a welcome initiative. It can be all too easy for churches to give up on ecumenism, to discount the advances that have been made towards greater unity and see only division and disagreement. It is noticeable how little the denominations in our city interact or, nationally, act in unison on matters of political, cultural and social significance. As a joint editorial in the Anglican publication *The Church Times* and the Catholic *The Tablet* noted, the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have much to learn from each other, especially regarding the exercise of authority in the light of the Gospel. Anglicans grapple with how to maintain unity in a context where individual dioceses and provinces have a high degree of autonomy. Roman Catholics are discovering how the notion of synodality, which seeks to encourage openness and co-operation, also foments dissent and disunity. Both churches are experiencing this particularly regarding the recent introduction of same-sex blessings. In all this, however, we must not forget the vital place of ordinary Christians. As the editorials say, '[t]hey see the need to welcome strangers, and together they welcome; the need for pastoral care of the wounded and excluded, and they care; the need for social action, and they act. It is here that Christian unity has stopped being a hope for the future and has become the present reality. It is leadership from below, impelled by the Holy Spirit.' Let us too carry the banner for unity in this way in our own church and city of Chichester.

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.

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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

Pancake Party For Families

The season of Lent is approaching. But before the fast comes the feast in the form of pancakes! There will be time for crafts, a story and singing in church, a pancake race and pancakes in the church centre. The afternoon begins at 3pm on Saturday 10 February and will finish around 5pm. There is a suggested donation of £3 per family at the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To come, please register on Eventbrite ([pancake-party-whyke.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/pancake-party-whyke.eventbrite.com)). If you are able to help with the event, serving refreshments, making pancakes, helping with craft tables, please speak to Zara Cross or Fr Angus. Thank you.

Parenting Children Course

A parenting children course will be running at St George's centenary centre for parents and carers of children up to 10 years old. The course consists five sessions with refreshments, a talk with practical advice, group discussions and a course booklet. It will run on between 12:45-14:45 on the following Wednesdays: 21 Feb, 28 Feb, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar. The course is aimed at every type of parenting situation and is open to anyone in the wider community. For more information or to register, please go to Eventbrite ([parenting-course-whyke.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/parenting-course-whyke.eventbrite.com)) or www.whyke.info/parenting-course/.

Happy Café

On Saturday 2 March the Happy Café will be open in the church centre serving a cooked breakfast together with many extras. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available soon. In the meantime if anyone has any food warmers please could you let Louise Gibbon know by email louisejames34@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01243 537646. Book the date in your diary and enjoy good food and a great social occasion.

Forthcoming Special Services

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

Upcoming Events

10 February	Pancake Party, 3pm
2 March	Happy Café

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

3rd Sunday of Epiphany 21 Jan

10:00am All-Age Eucharist

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

Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) 28 Jan

10:00am Choral Mass (with J-team)

EVENTS

St George's Tots 22 Jan 10:30am-12pm

PCC Meeting 22 Jan 7:30pm