

# ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

*Serving God and the community in Chichester*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 MARCH 2024



### **Dear friends,**

Today's Gospel confronts us with a startling scene. We find Jesus at the temple, aghast that his Father's house has become a marketplace. Jesus makes a whip of cords to drive out the animals and overturns the tables of the moneychangers. When confronted about this, Jesus responds 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' In doing so, Jesus sets in motion the events that lead to his death. The powerbrokers of bad religion cannot tolerate such a deliberate challenge. Jesus must be destroyed. Unlike the other gospels, which place this event toward the end of Jesus' earthly life, John has it at the beginning – as if to say, this confrontation defines Jesus' mission. Jesus knows what he is about. He does not simply court death. He seeks to build the new temple whose worship is spirit and truth. This is embodied first in Jesus himself, crucified and risen. But it also applies to our own lives. We too are to be temples of the Holy Spirit; living temples of flesh wherein God is properly revered, and others are fully honoured. We can think of Jesus' cleansing of the temple, then, as applying also to us. Something we might particularly focus on during this season Lent. When Christ come to us, as he does in prayer, scripture, sacrament and the lives of others, does he find our lives, our hearts and minds, to be vibrant places of reverence and loving service? Or does he find that we have set up suffocating marketplaces, temples to false religion, which prize other things such as wealth, status, power, comfort, anxiety or despair? Does Jesus find in us a fundamental trust and hope in God's promise of new life that attends self-giving costly love? Or does he find in us a deadly desire to be rid of the demands placed on us by God and others; by love, truth, compassion and reverence?

*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.

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk):** Use this when you buy online. For each purchase, a donation will be made to your nominated charities.

**QR code:** Scan this image to donate via your smartphone:



**Thank you for your generosity.**

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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

## A History of St Mary's Churchyard

A new History of the churchyard has been written by John Fitch and Ken Green, as a contribution to the work of the Friends of the Churchyard. It covers 1,000 years of history in the space of a few pages! If you are not a Friend but would like an electronic copy of the History, please email [friendswhyke@gmail.com](mailto:friendswhyke@gmail.com) to request it. Printed copies are available at the back of the Church and in the Centre.

## Easter Flowers

We have a tradition at St George's at Easter when members of the congregation donate to buy lilies for the floral display in Church. People often do this in memory of a loved one or to remember a special occasion. The price of lilies varies but on average are £3-4 a stem. There is a list at the back of the Church so that people can sign up. If you particularly want Arum lilies, please speak to Sue Bainbridge

## WRAP-CHAT Wednesday

6 March @ 3pm in the Centre This month we welcome Michael Turner, Chairman of the Chichester Boys Club to be found within the heart of the city. Michael's wife, Mary, will also be present to tell us about when the club opened also for girls. All are welcome! Please bring a friend, or two. Light refreshments available.

## Saint John's Trust, Chichester

Saint John's Trust are looking for an experienced charity administrator to fulfil the role of Clerk to the Trustees. Saint John's Trust is a grant-giving charity whose purpose is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in Chichester. Please see separate sheet for details.

## Women's Institute (WI) New Meeting

The WI would like to invite you to a complimentary visit to a new exploratory meeting at 7.30-9.30pm on 6 March at St George's Centenary Centre. For more info, email us at [jackybarugh@wsfwi.co.uk](mailto:jackybarugh@wsfwi.co.uk) or phone 07833252302 or just turn up at to the meeting. You're always welcome and we'd be delighted to see you.

## Christian Aid Lent Lunches

Soup lunches to raise awareness and funds for Christian Aid will be held each Wednesday during lent at Christ Church, Old Market Avenue, Chichester 12pm to 1.30pm on February 21 and 28, and March 6, 13 and 20. Please support this event and make a donation for delicious homemade soup, bread and a chat with others from different Chichester Churches.

## Thursday Lent Group: Being Stewards of Creation

Our Lent Group continues on 7 March at 7pm in the Centre. For those attending, could you please read chapter 3 in the *Saying Yes To Life* book.

## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday: 24 March 10am** start at Amphitheatre  
**Monday - Wednesday 25-27 March 6pm** Said Mass  
**Maundy Thursday 28 March 7:30pm** with foot-washing followed by the watch till midnight.  
**Good Friday 29 March 2pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 30 March 6:30pm** Easter Vigil followed by barbeque, games for children, a film and sleep-over

**Easter Day 31 March 10am** with Easter Egg hunt

## Forthcoming Special Services

17 March All-Age Eucharist  
14 April Mass with Healing Ministry  
21 April All-Age Eucharist Patronal Festival

## 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 the QR code. Copies of the winter edition of the newsletter are now available. If you would like an electronic copy, please have a word with Sam Kelly, Geraldine Burrows or email [friendswhyke@gmail.com](mailto:friendswhyke@gmail.com).



## 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 3 March

10:00am Choral Mass (J-team)

### Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Tuesday-Thursday

### Stations of the Cross with Adoration (Lent only)

2:00pm: Tuesday

### Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday

### Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

10:15-10:45am Thursday

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday 10 March

10:00am Choral Mass (J-team)

## EVENTS

**St George's Tot 4 Mar 10:30am-12pm**

**WRAP-CHAT 6 Mar 3pm**

**Lent Group 7 Mar 7pm**



# Saint John's Trust, Chichester

A charitable incorporated organisation

Registered Charity Number 1203056

## Clerk to the Trustees

The Trustees of Saint John's Trust, Chichester are looking for an experienced charity administrator to fulfil the role of Clerk to the Trustees.

Saint John's Trust is a grant-giving charity whose purpose is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the ecclesiastical parishes and extra-parochial area of Chichester. The trust has a significant professionally managed investment portfolio and owns the land and property surrounding St John's Chapel in Chichester.

Working closely with the Chairman of the Trustees, the Clerk's role includes

- **Administration and secretarial**  
*Undertaking the day-to-day administration of the trust*
- **Financial management and reporting**  
*Ensure all financial management and reporting is carried out correctly, in line with the Trust's constitution and according to charity law.*
- **Asset Management (investments, land and property)**  
*Manage the assets of the Trust on behalf of the Trustees, either directly or through service providers and contractors, according to charity law.*

Familiarity with Microsoft Office is essential.

### Remuneration

The trustees determine annually an honorarium which is paid to the Clerk in two instalments. The Clerk can also claim reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Trust.

### Hours

As required to meet tasks. If including all bookkeeping tasks, can be 1½ days per week. Without bookkeeping tasks, 1 day per week. The Trustees are currently reviewing the feasibility of outsourcing bookkeeping.

**For further information** please contact the current Clerk, Steve Holloway, by email at [sjtclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sjtclerk@gmail.com).

**The closing date** for applications is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**An application form** may be requested from the Clerk by email ([sjtclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sjtclerk@gmail.com)) or downloaded from the trust's website [here](#)

**The starting date** is negotiable but will be before the end of September 2024. There will be a period of handover from the current Clerk.