

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

EASTER SUNDAY

31 MARCH 2024



Dear friends,

Happy Easter to you all! Christ is risen! Easter is a celebration of the victory of love. Easter is the first day of the new creation when in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, God reveals that life – life given over to others, life that springs forth from from dying to ourselves to live for others – to be stronger than death. The Easter story is not simply about what happens to Jesus. Rather, as the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection tells us, Easter is an event that ripples from the empty tomb, and the disciples' encounters with the risen Christ, outward into the lives and hearts of Jesus' disciples, friends and all those who come to him in faith and trust. The fruit of the Resurrection, the face of the risen Christ, the power of his love, the light that the darkness cannot overcome, are all embodied in the community of those who bear witness to God's love. This is the church, the body of Christ. This is the fellowship of a renewed humanity, one aware of its fragility, but ever hopeful and more concerned to bring joy, peace, justice, freedom and compassion into the world than to condemn what is broken. In other words, we discover the truth of Easter amid communities such as our own at St George's. It has been especially moving to witness the different ways so many people have contributed to Holy Week and Easter this year. There have been the serving team, readers, intercessors, and Eucharistic ministers. All the leaders, volunteers and families who make up the J-team. Our sacristan and helpers working behind the scenes. The members of our choir enriching our worship. The flower team who have brought the fragrance of joy into our church. The greeters welcoming people. Those who have helped clean and prepare the church to look its best. All who have shared their time and gifts, often unnoticed. For all the ways you sing Easter's song, thank you.

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: 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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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

Easter Flowers

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Easter Flowers. The amount raised will cover the cost of them all. I am very grateful and will look after them and make them last as long as possible. Enjoy them. Happy Easter. Sue.

Fr Angus On Annual Leave

Fr Angus is on leave 1 April - 8 April. Fr Philip will preside on 7 April. There is no Morning Prayer or Meditation during this period. There will also be no mid-week masses. For pastoral emergencies, contact the Rural Dean, Mthr Martha Weatherill (mthrmartha@gmail.com) or Archdeacon Luke (archchichester@chichester.anglican.org).

J-Team On Easter Break

The J-Team will be on an Easter break and come back again on 14 April.

Tots On Holiday

St George's Tots will be taking an Easter break and starts again on 15 April.

Are You On The Electoral Roll?

If you are a regular worshipper at St George's and/or live in the parish, you are invited to join our Electoral Roll. This enables you to vote at the APCM (19 May). It also helps us to accurately report the number of people in our church. Forms are available at the back of church. Do speak to Lesley Valerio, our Electoral Roll Officer, or the parish office for more details.

Confirmation For Adults and Older Children

The Deanery Confirmation service this year will be held at the Cathedral on 24 July at 7pm. There will be two sets of confirmation classes at St George's, one for adults and one for children who are 13 years old or older. These are open to anyone who wants to be confirmed and, indeed, baptised. For the children's confirmation classes, there is a plan also to have a day out. More details will be made available after Easter but do speak to Fr Angus if you are interested.

First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes this year will run in June and July. They are open to any child who is baptised and between 7 and 12 years old. Any child who is not baptised is also welcome to join the classes. More details will be made available after Easter. The children would be admitted to communion and baptised, if necessary, at the All-Age Eucharist on 21 July. Please ask Fr Angus or Zara for more details.

WRAP-CHAT - 3 April @ 3pm in The Centenary Centre
With our January meeting still being fondly spoken of we have decided to hold a similar event for April. It will be an open meeting where attendees are invited

to share a favourite poem, an extract from a favourite book, a special event, tell a story, a joke or just come along and enjoy being entertained over refreshments. If January was anything to go by, we can assure you of a warm and relaxing afternoon with lots of humour. We request £2 for expenses.

St George's Plant Fair

On Saturday 20 April, 10am-12pm, we are holding a plant fair. Plants and seedlings will be for sales. There will be children's activities and crafts, stalls selling preloved books, garden tools and ornaments. Music and refreshments available. There is also an opportunity to sell your own plants and garden stuff with a charge of £10 per table stall. All are welcome!

Forthcoming Special Services

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 email 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

Easter Sunday 31 March

10:00am Choral Mass (with Easter Egg Hunt)

Morning Prayer

No Morning Prayer This Week

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

No Masses This Week

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

No Meditation This Week

Second Sunday of Easter 7 April

10:00am Choral Mass (no J-Team)

EVENTS

WRAP-CHAT 3 April 3pm