

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024



Dear friends,

As I am on annual leave this Sunday, let me share a poem by the 17th century Anglican poet, George Herbert. It is a visual poem. It must be seen to be fully understood. This echoes how the Resurrection changes the way we see the world. This is striking if you consider that Herbert wrote at a time when images in worship drew suspicion from puritans.

Easter Wings

Lord, who createdst man in wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the flight in me.

My tender age in sorrow did beginne
And still with sicknesses and shame.
Thou didst so punish sinne,
That I became
Most thinne.
With thee
Let me combine,
And feel thy victorie:
For, if I imp my wing on thine,
Affliction shall advance the flight in me.

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

St George's Plant Fair

Our Plant Fair takes place on 20 April and we need your help. We're looking for donations for the raffle & book stall, for plants (including houseplants of all sizes, fruit, veg and flowers), unwanted garden paraphernalia and cakes for the cake stall. Cakes & plants should only be dropped off on the 19 or 20 April, but all other items please bring to church on the upcoming Sundays.

Patronal Festival

Our Patronal Festival for St George's will this year be celebrated on Sunday 21 April. The service will be an All-Age service with the children enacting the story of St George and the Dragon. As part of the celebration, we hope to host a patronal lunch in the centre. Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic lunch to eat. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome!

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.

No Meditation On Monday 8 April

Fr Angus is on leave until 9 April which means there will be no meditation on Monday 8 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.

Forthcoming Special Services

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

Second Sunday of Easter 7 April

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

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Tuesday-Thursday

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 – No Meditation This Week

10:15-10:45am Thursday

Third Sunday of Easter 14 April

10:00am Choral Mass with Healing Ministry (J-Team)

EVENTS

Community Food Hub, 12 April 10-11am