

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

FIFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

30 June 2024



Dear friends,

This Thursday the nation will go to the polling stations to vote for our next government. As the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said: "The coming General Election is critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future. This is a time for us all to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to build. The world and our nation face deep challenges – from questions of war and peace, poverty and injustice to the very future of the earth God has given us. Faced with such huge questions, our calling as Christians is to turn first to God in prayer." Let us pray, therefore, for all those who are standing as candidates in the election, for a positive outcome that will serve the common good of all people in this country, especially for the most marginalised, and, for what the editorial in *The Tablet*, called "a moral awakening in British society to renew and invigorate not just the economy but the culture – how people habitually treat each other in work, in the street, at home, online." As always on a Thursday, our church will be open throughout the day for those who wish to say a prayer, especially on this election day.

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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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 at St George's. Please ask the Rector or Wardens.

COME AND SING!

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

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER: newsletterwhyke@outlook.com

Please submit by Thursday

PARISH NOTICES

First Communion Classes Today After Service

After the service today, there will be a class for all the children preparing for their first communion.

WRAP-CHAT - Wednesday 3rd July @ 3pm

This Wednesday we look forward to welcoming representatives from the Fire & Rescue Service, giving advice on how to protect ourselves, what to look out for, and if invited to visit your home, at no cost, to check and if necessary replace smoke detectors and other important equipment. To round off this meeting why not bring along your favourite reading, poem etc to share with friends. There will be no meeting in August.

Last Friday Night's Concert

Friday night's concert, by the Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia, was a rare treat as well as a revelation. Who knew that 36 recorders from the high-pitched 7" Sopranino down to the deep 7 foot box-shaped Sub Contrabass could make such a rich and entrancing sound? The conductor Helen Hooker took us through each instrument and piece, and we danced to a Dowland-inspired tango, watched baby wolves playing and sank comfortably into some 1920s schmaltz. As the encore, a gentle Scottish lullaby sent the audience of more than 150 home with sounds rich and mellow, lively and mysterious singing in our ears. A wonderful concert, and, as always, we enjoyed generous interval refreshments from our wonderful team – Nick Taunt.

Lakeview Grange Care Home

There are some information booklets from Lakeview Grange Care Home available in church for anyone who might be interested in booking a tour. If you are interested in helping to volunteer there or be part of the group who supports Fr Angus in celebrating holy communion each month at the care home, please speak to Fr Angus.

Flowers

The flower team are trying to be more eco - friendly by reducing the amount of Oasis. As a result, we will be using more vases and other containers. The floral arrangements will look different so please bear with us while we experiment. We would welcome any ideas or feedback whilst we learn. Thank you, Sue Bainbridge.

Baptisms, first communion and confirmation

We have three adults at St George's who are preparing for confirmation together with four older children. The confirmations will take place at a

Deanery service at the cathedral at 7pm on 24 July. There are also some 11 children who are preparing for first communions, several of whom will also be baptised, during our All Age service on 21 July. This is a source of joy for all of us. Please do keep the candidates in your prayers.

Churchwardens Swearing-In Service

Archdeacon Luke will be conducting one of his Visitations to swear in Churchwardens from around the Archdeaconry at St George's on Saturday 13 July at 3pm. Amongst those being admitted to the office of churchwarden will be our own Sam Kelly. Please do come to support her and the other wardens. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

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. You can also 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.

THIS WEEK

SERVICES

5th Sunday of Trinity / Peter and Paul 30 June

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

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Monday-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

10:15-10:45am Thursday

6th Sunday of Trinity

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

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 1 July 10:30am-12pm

Adult Confirmation Class, 2 July 7pm

WRAP CHAT, 3 July 3 pm

Youth Group, 4 July 7pm

PCC Meeting, 8 July 7:30pm