

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

SIXTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

7 July 2024



Dear friends,

We begin July with a newly elected government and a keener awareness of a transformed political landscape in our nation. Let us offer our prayers for all the new members of parliament and for the nation's new leaders that they may be guided by wisdom, integrity and a commitment to the common good and the dignity of each person. Let us also pray for the dawn of hope in our local communities amid the many challenges that people face in their lives. The image which the Bible uses for leaders is the shepherd who keeps the flock together and safe, walking alongside them and confronting danger on their behalf. It is an image of attentive service and commitment with high expectations. It is an image that Jesus uses of himself: he is the Good Shepherd, who alone of all the leaders of the people loves his flock so much that he will give up everything to seek the lost and bring them home. Indeed, as fully human and fully divine, and through his death and resurrection, Jesus alone possesses the authority to bring humanity back to the fullness of our common vocation to serve each other in love and to face and overcome all that is harmful within us. More than this, as our Gospel today highlights, the full extent of Jesus' authority is revealed in the way he gives it away to his disciples in the name of serving God and humanity. This capacity to share power for the sake of others acts as a divine standard not simply for our elected officials but all of us. We are all given a measure of authority to serve others in our families, communities, workplaces, political institutions, and wider civic society. Let us, therefore, pray that our new Prime Minister and his government, all newly elected MPs, and we ourselves might all be inspired by Jesus and serve those entrusted to us with humility, compassion, and a dedication to their good and the good of all.

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

Celebration Of Those Being Confirmed

During today's service, we will welcome and pray for those who are preparing for their confirmation later this month at the cathedral. We will also pray for those who are supporting them as their sponsors.

First Communion Classes Today After Service

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

Election Congratulations

Last Thursday we learnt the results of an important election.... that of our youth leader (!) who was chosen from amongst our older children. All the children at J-team had a vote. Congratulations to Mae who received the most votes.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who recently weeded and tidied the area around the outside of the church. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

New Lawn Mower For The Churchyard - Appeal

The lawn mower used to maintain the churchyard has broken after 9 years faithful service and needs replacing urgently. A new mower of a similar make will cost around £750. We would be grateful for any contributions towards a new mower. Please see Sam Kelly after the service for details.

Sister Act - Pudding Club

Introducing Sister Act a new monthly space for the women of St George's to get to know each other better and have fun. On 17 July we're hosting Pudding Club. Free to attend, just bring yourself and a pudding to the Centre, 7.30pm. Please talk to Mary Acland, Penny Mason or Zara Cross to find out more.

General Synod

This weekend the Church of England's General Synod is meeting in York. The question of the blessing of same-sex relationships will take centre stage as General Synod considers the final motion allowing priests to bless couples in same-sex relationships. Please keep the members of Synod in your prayers. Fr Angus commends the [Presidential Address](#) delivered by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.

Celebrating Our Diocese And Our Faith

2025 will mark the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral and 1700 years since the Nicene Creed, one of the central statements of the Christian faith, first emerged. A dedicated website (<https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>) has been launched where you will find information about events around the diocese and cathedral. Bishop Martin has invited everyone in the diocese to say something about our Christian witness and faith. All are encouraged to respond, in whatever way they wish, to [four questions](#) about their experience of God in creation,

of Jesus Christ who is our Saviour, and of the Holy Spirit, and the life of the Church. The deadline for responses is 30th September 2024. There is also an invitation to send in photographs that illustrate the diversity of our diocesan life and context. Details about that can be located [here](#). At St George's, we are hoping that this will be something that could be engaged with by young and old together.

Chichester Deanery Five-A-Side Football Tournament
The deanery is hosting a five-a-side football tournament for children, taking place on Sunday 1 September at Sidlesham Primary School. There are two age categories: 10-13 years old and under 10 years old. To register a team or find out more, contact [Lesley Bromley \(lesleybromley@btinternet.com\)](mailto:LesleyBromley@btinternet.com).

Special Services

July 21 All-Age (baptism and first communion)
July 24 Confirmations at Cathedral, 7pm

Upcoming Events

July 17 Pudding Club (first Sister Act event)
July 26 Last Friday Concert featuring
Aug 3 Coffee Morning event

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

6th Sunday of Trinity 7 July

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

7th Sunday of Trinity 14 July

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

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 8 July 10:30am-12pm

PCC Meeting, 8 July 7:30pm

Adult Confirmation Class, 9 July 7pm

Churchwarden Swearing-In, 13 July 3pm