

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY

18 August 2024



Dear friends,

This week the church commemorates the 11th/12th century monk, Bernard of Clairvaux. Bernard had a huge influence on the spiritual life of Europe through his reform of monasticism, returning it to the simpler vision of St Benedict, laying emphasis on silent prayer, contemplation and manual labour. Bernard speaks to our contemporary anxiety particularly in his warning against the dangers of excessive activity that leads to hardness of heart. For Bernard such hyperactivity is the result of a failure of love. Love is Bernard's chief focus: the love of God and the love which is humanity's greatest strength and gift. Indeed, Bernard's dedication to the centrality of love saw him carry out extensive pastoral and apostolic activity, though always rooted in his commitment to contemplation and knowing God through personal encounter with Jesus Christ. This balance of loving action and contemplation is particularly evident in Bernard's prolific writing and preaching. He came to be known as the *Doctor Mellifluus* which can be translated as "Teacher-flowing-with-honey". This reflects the sweetness of his writing and preaching ("sweeter far than honey" (Ps. 19:10)) which are steeped in scripture and brim with delight in the Lord. Bernard's sermons on the Song of Songs are a high point. Here is a brief excerpt: "Love is sufficient of itself; it gives pleasure by itself and because of itself. It is its own merit, its own reward. Love looks for no cause outside itself, no effect beyond itself. Its profit lies in its practice. I love because I love; I love that I may love. Love is a great thing so long as it continually returns to its fountainhead, flows back to its source, always drawing from there the water which constantly replenishes it. Of all the movements, sensations and feelings of the soul, love is the only one in which the creature can respond to the Creator and make some sort of similar return however unequal though it be. For when God loves, all he desires is to be loved in return; the sole purpose of his love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him."

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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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

Fr Angus On Annual Leave

Fr Angus is on leave from Monday 12 August until 24 August. Fr Philip will preside on 18 August. There is no Morning Prayer and no Thursday masses. Wednesday Masses will be held, with Archdeacon Luke presiding. For any pastoral emergencies during this period, contact Archdeacon Luke (archchichester@chichester.anglican.org).

Children's Toy And Clothes Swap Shop Today

As part of the children's Eco church activities, we plan to hold a children's swap shop on Sunday 18 August after Sunday morning Mass. Please bring your unwanted toys, books and clothes to church and swap them for items you would like. Please make sure items are in good condition. Any left over items will be sold at the Produce Show in the autumn.

Summer Children's Eco Church

This summer families and children are welcome to come and learn how to care God's creation, with crafts and activities. This will take place on Sundays in August, 10-11:30am. If you have any questions, please speak to Sam Kelly or Zara Cross

Bill Sharp's Wake And Funeral

The funeral for William Giles Sharp, Bill, will be held in St George's on Thursday 19 September at 1.30 pm. The reception will be held in the Centenary Centre after the service. You are all warmly invited to attend the Thanksgiving and Farewell service and reception. Please let Sarah Sharp know on 07789 843556 or sarah.ccc13@gmail.com if you would like to come. Please also get in touch with Sarah if you would like to attend the Wake for Bill on Saturday 24th August between 3 and 6 pm at Bill and Sarah's home, 13 Whyke Lane.

Independent Safeguarding Audit

Please do complete the INEQE survey regarding safeguarding practice. Everyone's view is important. The survey can be found here: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chichester/>

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. Find about events here: <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>. Bishop Martin has also invited everyone to respond to [four questions](#) about their faith. There is also an invitation to send in photographs. Details about that can be located [here](#).

Special Services

15 Sep All-Age Eucharist

Upcoming Events

14 Sep Autumn Produce Show

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

12th Sunday of Trinity 18 August

10:00am Mass (Eco Church For Children)

Morning Prayer

No Prayer This Week

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday – No Mass

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

Meditation beings again in September

13th Sunday of Trinity 25 August

10:00am Mass (Eco Church For Children)

EVENTS

Toy And Clothes Swap Shop, Today after Mass