

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

20 October 2024



Dear friends,

I am delighted to announce St George's has been awarded a £15,000 grant, to be paid over three years, by Saint John's Trust in Chichester to support our children's work and youth worker. The Trust's purpose is to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish areas that encompass Chichester. The grant represents a great show of support and the Trust's confidence in the impact of our ministry to families and children and its potential. Zara Cross has been in the post now for just over a year and she has done a fantastic job, bringing energy, creativity, and warmth to the role and encouraging others to be involved. Zara's contribution, together with Sarah Pack's and that of all the other volunteers, has been invaluable. We have seen the number of children and families attending Sunday worship grow steadily. Our J team children's provision is now made up of three different age groups. Children are involved in serving, reading, leading prayers, administering the chalice, and helping at events and with the J-team. The highlight was their awe-filled participation in the Easter Vigil this year. We have a fortnightly group for teenagers that meet to learn about matters of faith and share in fun and activities. We have prepared several children for baptism, first communion, and confirmation. In the summer, Zara and others pioneered a Sunday eco-church for children. We have organised a series of family events based around the church year. And we have started a children's choir with great promise! In this, it has been a joy to see children and families grow in their sense of belonging and reverence for God. It is also heartening to see this ministry supported and celebrated by different generations at St George's. And there is more to do with local schools and families. This past year, the Youth Worker role was funded by a bequest. The PCC had planned to seek further funds to establish and grow this ministry with the aim eventually to resource it mostly from within the congregation. We are thankful for this grant as a step in that direction.

With my prayers and blessings,

Fr Angus

DONATE TO ST GEORGE'S

The life and mission of St George's are entirely dependent 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: Set up a standing order, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme (<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk>). Contact the treasurer for details.

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

Rumboldswyke Children's Choir Singing Today

As part of today's All-Age service, the children from the Rumboldswyke Children's Choir will robe and sing. The choir, lead by Mandy Roberts and Sue Howell Evans, has been rehearsing weekly in church and is open to all children from year one and above.

Baptism Today

During the service today, Laci and Lily will both be baptised. Let celebrate with them and their family and friends as they are welcomed into the body of Christ and the household of faith at St George's.

Works On Paving Stones Around Church

All being well, this week contractors will be working to replace broken paving stones and level out others at both the front of the church next to the war memorial and in the back courtyard. Please do take care if you are accessing the church this week.

Last Friday in Month Concert Series

The final Friday concert in the current series will be held on 25 October at 7pm. This is charity concert (piano, cello & voice) by the Luc Family and Friends in support of Chichester Sanctuary given in memory of Anva Luc. Enjoy a variety of classical and popular music from Bach to Beatles. Interval refreshments of cake and hot drinks provided free. Tickets £12 on the door, £10 in advance online, Under 18s go free. Buy online at: bit.ly/MemoryAnvaLuc.

All-Souls Service

Our All-Souls Choral Mass, in which we commemorate our loved ones who have died, will be held on 2 November at 6:30pm. There is a list in church for anyone to add names to be read out during the service. If you prefer, you can contact the parish office on 01243 782885 or stgeorges@whyke.info.

Halloween Party For Families

On Sunday 3 November 2pm-3:30pm, there will be a Halloween Party for families at St George's. The event will look at the Christian roots of Halloween in the feasts of All Souls and All Saints. It will include activities and crafts in the centre and a time of prayer in the church to remember loved ones who have died. Do come dressed up in your best Halloween costume. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress. Refreshments are provided. There is a suggested donation of £3.50 per family. If you would like to read more about Halloween from a Christian perspective, you can read Fr Angus' reflection [here](#) or go to the Church of England [website](#).

Fish & Chip Quiz Night, Friday 8 November, 7pm

Come and test your wits at our famous St George's Quiz Night. Teams of up to 6 people, come as a team or join one when you arrive. Tickets must be bought in advance so food can be ordered, price includes fish & chips (or veggie burger). Bring your own drinks.

Afternoon Tea At Lakeview Grange

Thank you to all those who signed up to attend the complimentary Afternoon Tea at Lakeview Grange Care Home on Whyke Lane. This will go ahead as advertised on 22 October at 3pm. They are looking forward to welcoming us.

Secondary School Admissions

If you require a Church Support Form to be filled in to support a school application, do contact Fr Angus. For Bishop Luffa this will need to be completed in a face-to-face meeting with Fr Angus. Please email him to book a time to meet any day after 13 October.

Special Services

2 Nov All Souls Service, 6:30pm

Upcoming Events

3 Nov Halloween Party, 2pm.

8 Nov Fish & Chips Quiz, 7pm

Rumboldswyke Children's Choir (RCC)

RCC is based at St George's church and open to all children from year 1 upwards. The runs every Tuesday during term time from to 4.30pm. Please email music@whyke.info if your child wish to join.

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

21st Sunday after Trinity 20 October

10:00am All-Age Eucharist with baptisms

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Monday-Thursday

Mid-Week Masses in Lady Chapel

11:30am Wednesday Said Mass (followed by refreshments)

9:30am Thursday

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

Last Sunday after Trinity 27 October

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

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 21 October 10:30-12 noon

Community Food Hub, 25 October 10-11am

Friday Concert, 25 October 7:30pm