

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10 November 2024



Dear friends,

Today we remember those who have lost their lives on the field of battle in service of our country. We do this not to glorify war or to claim that it is a sweet and fitting thing to die for our homeland, as once we did. On the contrary, we remember to mark war's terrible terrible cost; to acknowledge the sacrifice made by others; and to renew our commitment to peace in a world still ravaged by conflicts that seem to propel us towards greater peril and despair. As such Remembrance Sunday is about more than simply remembering events of the past. It is about defending the vital nature of memory itself. It is about not forgetting, not misremembering, but championing truth and goodness, especially in times of crisis. For the deep-rooted Christian understanding of memory is that it is not just about remembering past events. Memory is, fundamentally, about recalling our origin in God, the source of all goodness and truth, of all that exists. It is about living within a reality greater than ourselves, one that is the true source of hope and renewal even amid disaster, tyranny, and morbid uncertainty. In the act of remembrance today, we face the ongoing horror of war together, by enfolding our lives and the lives of those who have died into a larger story – one that embraces all who have lived and died in service of others; a story that opens up to the living bond between all things in God. This is the story of God's own sacrificial love for humanity revealed in Christ crucified and risen. That is why it is fitting to include the act of remembrance within the Eucharist. As we lay poppy wreaths, read poetry, keep silence, and hear the piercing note of the bugle sound out; as we take bread and wine in remembrance of him, Christ is made present in our midst, in his life-giving body and blood, healing our bloodied memories with a fearless love. A love that will not fail or forget but judges our violence and recalls us to live out what it means truly to remember our human dignity, not only by sharing stories of sacrifice and service but embodying them in our own time for the sake of peace.

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

Act of Remembrance

At the end of today's service, an Act of Remembrance will take place outside the church by the war memorial. As part of this two minutes of silence will also be kept.

Stewardship Campaign Documents And Assistance

Our Stewardship Campaign continues this Sunday, inviting people to consider their contribution to the life of St George's. Copies of the Stewardship Campaign Letter, Booklet and Forms, which give more details, are available [electronically](#) and in church. Members of the PCC Finance Subcommittee will be in church to hand out the documents and answer questions. Thank you for all that you already give to the life of St George's.

No J Team Today

There will be no J Team during the Eucharist today. Some activities will be made available at the back of church for any children who attend.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is fast approaching on 30 November. In preparation we are putting a call out for donations. We are looking for donations of kids toys and puzzles, bottles for the tombola and raffle prizes. There will be boxes for donations put at the back of the church. Also we would love to hear from anyone who is happy to help bake cakes for the cake stall. Please speak to Mary Acland if you can help.

WRAP-CHAT

Our very sincere thanks must go to Penny Mason for her fascinating insight into the life of crime, serving as a civilian investigator with the police. Her talk enabled us to gain a clear understanding of what it is like to interview possible suspects, to cope with own emotions particularly in dealing with unsavoury family situations. At times Penny's talk was given with humour and laughter, happily responding to the numerous questions put to her at the end of her talk. We were all in agreement it had been a real eye opener of an afternoon, and well presented. Thank you, Penny.

Sister Act - Paddington In Peru

You are invited to join SisterAct to view "Paddington in Peru" at the Bognor Picturedome, 19:30 showing on Wednesday 13 November. Book online at: [Bognor Regis Picturedome](#). £4.20 + booking fee we've booked Row 7 seats 6 and 7 so far. Meet in the foyer at 19:00, if transport is a problem please let Mary Acland or Penny Mason know and we'll try to resolve - everyone is welcome

Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent
Please see attached to the newsletter, the latest newsletter from Tymawr Convent in Wales

Compline During Advent In Lady Chapel

Each Tuesday during Advent (3, 10 & 17 Dec) at 7:30pm there will be a contemplative service of night prayer with plainsong chant and silent prayer.

Advent and Christmas Services

1 Dec	Advent Liturgy, 3:30pm
14 Dec	Christmas Concert, 3:30pm
21 Dec	Parish Carol Service, 3:30pm
24 Dec	Carols At The Crib, 3pm
24 Dec	Midnight Mass, 11pm
25 Dec	Christmas Day, 10am

Upcoming Events

30 Nov Christmas Fair

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

Remembrance Sunday 10 November

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

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

2nd Sunday Before Advent 17 November

10:00am All-Age Eucharist with baptism

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 11 November 10:30am-12pm

PCC Meeting, 18 November 7:30pm

Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent

4th November 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from a grey, but warm November day at Tymawr.

On the Feast of All Saints we sang the litany of past Sisters and gave thanks for the Chapter decision to elect Sr. Joanna to the profession of her final vows under the name in religion of Sr. Joanna Ruth. This will take place in June 2025 (once we are back in the convent – see below). When I think of all the saints, I have this image of a great mycelium network threading itself throughout the universe and throughout time, alight with small LED lights. A billion stars that make one great light. This great web includes those who have been, those who are and those to come within the family of Society of the Sacred Cross. So, as I literally tap out this newsletter to be sent to all of you, I am tapping into this source of life and hope.



On the feast of the Holy Cross we welcomed Bishop Graham James (Associate of SSC) to lead the fourth Quiet Day this year. Bishop Graham took as his theme: 'Cross and Cosmos as seen through the eyes of the Gospel of St. John'. He recalled a bright neon cross hanging on the outside of his childhood chapel in Cornwall. And so too, at Tymawr there was a brightly lit cross celebrating the exaltation of the Cross on the floor of the chapel. This love that is inherent in the fabric of the whole of creation – a cosmic love that unites heaven and earth.

Two days later on the 16th of September, we made the major decision to go ahead with the installation of ground-source heating for the convent. Little did we realise that this decision would be implemented quite so quickly. By mid-October the diggers started work preparing trenches for the cabling near the convent, and will soon be digging trenches in Park field below the convent for the ground source cables. The 'plant' (green but not living i.e. the equipment) room for the heat pumps will be housed in the laundry room in the stable block. We hope to have all the outside work completed by the end of November. The trenches for this work and the solar have conveniently dovetailed. On January 13th the contractors will begin work in the house removing the old heating system and installing the new. We hope also to upgrade the shower and toilet facilities on the guest wing. For a period of about four months the Sisters will live in Michaelgarth (now toasty warm with its new air-source heating). This gives time for redecorating where needed, and sorting ourselves out before opening to welcome guests. **The convent will therefore be closed from 8th January until the end of April 2025.** All of this is very exciting but also a little discombobulating!

On the 8th of September, the Nativity of Our Lady, the community joined the annual service of Ecumenical Evening Prayers at Tintern. We were joined by alongsiders Naomi, Megan and Beth – it rained !!! The following week Beth and Megan attended the Inter-Novitiate programme held by the Sisters of the Love of God in Oxford and run by Dr. Petà Dunstan. They really enjoyed meeting other novices and postulants and learning about the history of the development of Anglican religious communities. This course is a favourite as it includes visiting the birth-places of various communities, where you are able 'to walk their story'.

And so, into October. At the beginning of October, Sr. Elizabeth went to the Community of St Mary the Virgin at Wantage. You could say she went back to her religious roots for that is where she began her monastic journey, firstly as an Oblate for 15 years and then as a novice for 2 years. Sr. Elizabeth led the annual retreat for the Oblates of CSMV. These few days were rich and peaceful and full of good memories.

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On the 3rd of October, Br. Sam SSF came to join us for our Harvest Eucharist and meal with our outdoor workers and volunteers. This was a joyous reunion after quite a number of years. Needless to say, Br. Sam had a good look around the estate – and approved. Vijay and he had long conversations about rewilding and land management. We hope to make a return visit to Hillfield next year.

The October Quiet Day followed the Harvest celebration, led by Revd. Dr. Manon Ceridwen James. Blessed with sunshine we were invited to write our own poetry: to attend to the immediate and to see and explore through metaphor and image the fact of our lives being Eucharistic. The day was contemplative in the widest sense of the word. This was Manon's first visit to Tymawr, and we hope that it will be the first of many.



Towards the end of October we were pleased to welcome Dr. Scholastica Jacob, who is the archivist at the SSM Centre in Durham housing the archives of Anglican religious communities and the stories of their foundations and development across the years. She came for rest, but also to help us begin collating our archives to make them more accessible for the next generation. Sr. Janet is tasked with this work and we hope the closed period from January may give an opportunity for this to get underway. A dedicated lap top will be needed for the cataloguing.

The last couple of months have been full of new, and in the main, young energy with four young women alongside the community. Naomi from Australia, Beth and Edith, who came for a month and Megan for three months. We also have had a couple of Oblates living with us: Oblate Pat from Australia and Oblate Judy from Pembrokeshire. The focus for everyone during their stay is the life of the Chapel. We thank them for their help in the kitchen garden and around the estate and in the house, which is very welcome.

There has been a bit of too-ing and fro-ing amongst the Sisters. I attended the Leaders' Conference at Wantage and Joanna made a discernment retreat at SLG and at the time of writing is attending her last 'First Professed Conference' at Mirfield.

Autumn is the season of dying back and remembering. On October 13th we heard from Associate Chris Rouse that Mary Henwood (Associate) had died. May she rest in peace eternal. On 26th October the community hosted a memorial for Companion Lois. This was a joyous occasion of thanksgiving with her family. Blessed with gorgeous sunshine, we surely lived the heart of the words below (a poem written by a young man with terminal illness)

*When I am King
I'll wear a robe of autumn gold
And deep blue sky
And tell my fierce red subjects 'Hold
Up your rich dying, do not die
For I'm your King.'
But they'll reply
Such robes are only worn by the dying.*



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Planting trees: can you help? Across the next few months, we shall be planting saplings on the estate. Would you have any time to help with this? If so, please let me know on

reverendmother@tymawrconvent.com

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We are updating our records of the personal data we hold to ensure that SSC complies with data protection legislation. **If you wish to continue to receive letters, emails and phone calls on behalf of the Society, please complete and return the GDPR Consent form enclosed with this letter. You have the right to change your Consent at any time.**

Please return the form to Chaplain Jean Prosser by email to sscchaplain@gmail.com or by post to the Convent marked GDPR. Thank you.

With love from all at Tymawr

m. Katharine SSC