

ST GEORGE'S NEWSLETTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

19 January 2025



Dear friends,

This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is no marginal concern. Ecumenism, which seeks to foster ever closer relationships between Christians, needs to be reclaimed in our age of societal fracture, especially when the church is justifiably considered an agent of fragmentation that fails to safeguard the vulnerable. As Anglicans, we should feel a deep responsibility for this, not least because ecumenism is part of our DNA. We are a church that has learnt through its own bitter bloody history how we cannot serve God and others without valuing, and learning from, different theological positions, held in good faith as a matter of conscience. We are a church that is both Reformed and Catholic, biblical and sacramental, committed to faith and reason, which has sought to forge closer bonds with Free Churches and Eastern and Orthodox Churches. But when did you last engage with Christians different from yourself? This year provides a special opportunity for ecumenism as Christians celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, held in 325, which agreed the so-called Nicene Creed. This is the creed we recite in worship every Sunday along with over 1 billion others. The church at the time of Nicaea had emerged out of persecution. It was keenly aware of human violence and suffering. It had to operate across multiple cultural and political settings. Amid these pressures, the Creed served as a symbol of faith's unifying power, rooted not in oppression but truth, freedom, and love. It articulated fundamental convictions, held by all Christians, about who God is as revealed in Jesus Christ and his Spirit-filled mission of peace and love for the good of all. Over the centuries, the Creed has bound together a breathtakingly diverse set of people to share in this mission. In our troubled times, rediscovering such a creed, vision, and mission for the sake of all humanity, especially the oppressed, is one of the most pressing tasks for all of us who believe in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In this, we pray, may we all be of one faith, one hope, one spirit, one body, one Lord and God.

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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LAKEVIEW GRANGE CARE HOME

COMMUNITY EVENTS

93-94 Whyke Road, Chichester

15 Jan **Talk on Macular Degeneration**
2-3pm By Stella Black from The Macular Society. An opportunity to understand the illness and to ask questions.

17 Jan **'The Day In The Life Of A Victorian Mudlark'**
11:30-12:30pm A talk delivered by author, Kate Wiseman.

22 Jan **The Cat And Rabbit Rescue Centre**
2:30-3:30pm There will be the opportunity to talk about the excellent work they do in the community. Pet food donations would be gratefully received.

28 Jan **Dementia Carers Support Group**
2-3:30pm Providing a safe environment to talk about Dementia comfortably with others in similar circumstances.

To book a place call Jackie Cridlin on 01243 212 429 or email lakeview.haa@cinnamoncc.com

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Today

As part of today's service, Margot and Charlie will be baptised and welcomed into the family of faith here at St George's. Please do keep them and their parents, godparents, and family in your prayers on this joyful occasion.

Resources For Week Of Christian Unity

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have put together prayer and worship resources for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which focuses on the Nicene Creed. They can be found [here](#).

Year Of Faith – Deanery Celebration *Date Change*

Services celebrating the history and Christian faith in each deanery will be held throughout the Diocese during January and February 2025. The date for the Chichester Deanery service has changed and will now take place on **Sunday 23 February at 5pm** at St Paul's Church, Chichester, and will be led by Bishop Ruth. Please do come along and show support for the Year of Faith. More information about other events can be found here: <https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/>

Cathedral Events In The Year of Faith

To celebrate 950 years of religious, cultural and civic life across the diocese the Cathedral have curated a diverse programme of events taking place in 2025. To find out more see [here](#).

Youth Pilgrimages

Bishop Ruth will be leading three pilgrimages for young people during 2025 as part of the Year of Faith celebrations. The three pilgrimages will be in different places and for different groups of people:

Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th June: Weekend pilgrimage walk, on the South Downs, in the Amberley – Steyning area, with overnight stay near Storrington. For secondary school age young people

Saturday 12th July: Day pilgrimage walk, ending at the Cathedral, with supper at the Bishop's Palace, plus optional overnight stay at the Palace. For young adults aged 18-30. **Saturday 11th October:** Day pilgrimage walk near Alfriston. For secondary school age young people. The costs for all the pilgrimages will be kept to an absolute minimum, and bursaries will be available for any young person/young adult for whom the ticket price is prohibitive. To register or find out more click here:

<https://celebratingfaith.co.uk/youth-pilgrimages-new-copy/>

Preparation Of A New Electoral Roll

As most of you will know, the Church Electoral Roll is the register of all those who live in the parish and/or regularly attend St George's and have applied to join the Roll. Being on the Roll is a way of actively helping to shape the future of the church. It allows you to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church

Meeting. It also means you can stand for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council comprised of the trustees of the church), to be a Churchwarden, and a member of Deanery Synod. Most years the existing Roll is revised, but every six years every parish church is legally required to create an entirely new Roll must be created. 2025 is one of these years. This means that everyone will need to fill in an application form to be included on the Roll. Forms are attached to the electronic version of this newsletter and hard copies are now available in church. You will note that we have also included a separate Data Consent Form which asks for your permission for St George's to keep your contact details for specific purposes. If you have any questions, please talk to Lesley Valerio, our Electoral Roll Officer.

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 3:30pm to 4.30pm. Please email music@whyke.info if your child wishes 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 about how to get involved, 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

Second Sunday of Epiphany 19 January

10:00am All Age Eucharist with baptism

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

Third Sunday of Epiphany 26 January

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

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 20 January 10:30am-12pm

Lakeview Holy Communion, 23 January 11:30am

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email Address (optional) _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)

1A I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over

1B I am baptised, am a lay person, and become 16* on _____

**Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.*

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.

2B I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____].

2C I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because _____].

**If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. see Note 3 for further information.*

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Notes

General matters

- 1 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canons (but note [Rule 83\(3\)](#) of the Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly).
- 2 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3 Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can reapply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from worshipping for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows –
 - (a) delete the first set of words in square brackets and
 - (b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worshipped as mentioned.
- 4 If you have any problems with this Form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5 In this Form ‘parish’ means ecclesiastical parish.

Use of email addresses and other personal data

- 6 You do not have to provide an email address on this Form. If you do provide one, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the Roll or the preparation of a new Roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.
- 7 The Church Representation Rules impose certain requirements for your name and address to be given to a third party, such as the diocesan electoral registration officer, in connection with elections to or membership of a deanery synod, diocesan synod or the House of Laity of the General Synod. If you provide an email address on this Form, it will be given to the third party along with your postal address.
- 8 A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules is in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer in a synodical election. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.
- 9 Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; so it cannot, for example, be used for social matters or fund-raising.
- 10 The roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.



ST GEORGE'S, WHYKE DATA CONSENT FORM

Your privacy is important to us, and we want to communicate with church members in a way which has their consent, and which is in line with UK law on data protection. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Name:

Address:

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Email Address:

Phone Numbers:

By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the PCC of St George's, Whyke, holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes (please tick the boxes where you grant consent):..

I consent to the church contacting me by post phone and/or email.

To keep me informed about news, events, activities and services at St George's (note you can unsubscribe from the church e-newsletter at any time);

To including my details in the Church Directory which is circulated to the Rector and other Church Officers for the purposes of ministry and mission.

Signed: Dated:

You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our Data Privacy Notice overleaf.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Administrator at Parish Office, St George's Church, Cleveland Street, Chichester PO19 7AD or office@whyke.info. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point.

Please return this form to Lesley Valerio (Electoral Roll Officer) or to the parish office: stgeorges@whyke.info.

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester

1. Your personal data (information) – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification may be by the information held alone, or, in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession, or, likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

2. Who are we?

The PCC of St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester is the data controller (*please see contact details at bottom of this page*). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes. In general, all employees, office holders and other volunteer workers of the church process data for the PCC in this respect. Exceptionally, however, the Rector, as Incumbent, may act as a separate data controller, determining the manner and/or purposes of data processing independently. Please see the separate Data Privacy Notice for the Rector. As part of the Church of England, the PCC and Incumbent work with a number of different organisations and office-holders to deliver the Church's mission in each community. They work with i) other clergy and churches within the Deanery of Chichester; ii) the Rural Dean of Chichester; iii) the Archdeacon of Chichester; iv) the Bishop of Chichester and other Bishops within the Diocese; and v) the Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance which is responsible for the financial and administrative arrangements for the Diocese of Chichester. As the Church is made up of these persons and organisations working together, we may need to share personal data we hold with them so that they can carry out their responsibilities to the Church and our community. These organisations are joint data controllers. As such, we are all responsible to you for how we process your data.

3. How do we process your personal data?

The PCC of St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester complies with its obligations and responsibility under the GDPR by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access, and disclosure, and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

4. We use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To enable the provision of pastoral and spiritual care.
- To enable us to provide a voluntary service for the benefit of the public;
- To administer membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of the charity of St George's Church;
- To maintain records for the purposes of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults;
- To manage any employees and volunteers;
- To maintain our own accounts and records, including the processing of gift aid applications;
- To inform individuals of news, events, activities and services in the life of St George's Church;
- To operate the and deliver the services that individuals have requested as part of the South-East area of Chichester website;
- Our processing may also include in the future the use of CCTV systems for the prevention of crime.

5. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- Explicit consent of the data subject to enable us to keep you informed about news and initiatives in the life of St George's Church.
- Explicit consent of the data subject to enable us to process your gift aid donations and financial pledges;
- Explicit consent of parents or carers so that we can register and safely look after the young people who wish to attend our outreach activities.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations under the employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement;
- Processing is necessary either a) for our legitimate interests enabling us to fulfil our charitable, pastoral and missional aims as a parish church belonging to the Church of England or b) for the legitimate interests of third parties;
- Processing is carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided:
 1. The processing relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it regarding those purposes); and
 2. There is no disclosure to a third party without consent.

6. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of St George's Church to carry out a service to other church members or, for the purposes connected with the church. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the parish with your consent.

7. How long do we keep your personal data?

We keep your personal data for no longer than is reasonably necessary in accordance with the guidance set out in the guide 'Keep or Bin: Care of your Parish Records' which is available from the Church of England website¹ Specifically, we retain electoral roll data while it is still current; gift aid declarations and associated paperwork for up to 7 years after the tax year to which they relate. Parish registers for baptisms, marriages, funerals are kept permanently.

8. Your rights and your personal data

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights regarding your personal data:

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which the PCC of St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester holds about you.
- The right to request that the PCC, as above, corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date.
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for the PCC, as above, to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time;
- The right to request that the data controller provide the data subject with his/her personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller, where applicable, (known as the right to data portability). *This only applies where the processing is based on consent or is necessary for the performance of a contract with the data subject, in either case the data controller processes the data by automated means.*
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing.
- The right to object to the processing of personal data, where applicable. *This only applies where processing is based on legitimate interests, or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority; direct marketing and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics.*

9. Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, but not covered by this Data Protection Notice we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencement, setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

10. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries, or complaints, in the first instance please contact the Parish Administrator – Email: data@whyke.info or Tel: 01243 782885

¹ You may contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF. Details about retention periods can currently be found in the Record Management Guides located on the Church Of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/libraries-and-archives/records-management-guides>.