

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 August 2025



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

WHYKE, CHICHESTER

Serving God and the community in Chichester

Dear friends,

Last Friday saw the coincidence of two events: the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the Feast of the Assumption. For VJ Day, you may have heard the moving message by King Charles in which he said: *'On this day of profound remembrance,... we honour anew all those whose service and sacrifice saw the forces of liberty prevail... On this landmark anniversary, we should also pause to acknowledge that in the war's final act, an immense price was paid by the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – a price we pray no nation need ever pay again. But in recalling so much suffering, we must not lose sight of how great was the cause and how sweet the victory. For those heroes of VJ Day gave us more than freedom; they left us the example of how it can and must be protected. Countries and communities that had never before fought together learned to co-ordinate their efforts across vast distances, faiths and cultural divides. Together they proved that, in times of war and in times of peace, the greatest weapons of all are not the arms you bear, but the arms you link. That remains a vital lesson for our times. So to the families of all those who served, and to that sadly dwindling band of veterans among us still, please know that the courage and camaraderie displayed in humanity's darkest hour is a flame that shall blaze for eternity – a beacon that honours our past and guides our future. Let us therefore pledge to be vigilant guardians of the values they bequeathed to us.'* The King's words resonate with the Assumption that declares Mary's bodily assumption into heaven. The dogma was proclaimed by the Catholic Church in 1950. As Graham Green stated at the time, the teaching acted as a powerful antidote to an age of wars that regarded human life, human bodies, as expendable. Instead, what the Assumption says about Mary it affirms as our common human destiny. Mary was a nobody in the world's eyes. Yet her assumption into heaven celebrates and honours the dignity and destiny not just of every person but our mortal bodily existence too. Who we are, body and soul, matters eternally to God whose love blazes eternally for us. In a new age of wars, when human life still counts for little, the Assumption should embolden us in the conviction that God is on the side of those who serve as vigilant guardians of the dignity of all life and work for 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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<https://www.stgeorgeschichester.org/pcc>

LAKEVIEW GRANGE CARE HOME COMMUNITY EVENTS – OPEN TO ALL

	93-94 Whyke Road, Chichester
Sat 16 August 2-4pm	A visiting men and women's clothing company will visit Lakeview Grange to display their summer and autumn designs. Lots of choice at reasonable prices.
Tue 19 August 11:30am-12:30pm	Understanding Care Fees. Join a 'live' presentation by Direct, Nicky Cave from Eldercare who will walk you through understanding what options there are for you or your loved one. Email if you wish to attend.
Wed 27 August 3:30-5pm	Dementia Support Group: Join us to talk about how life is for you as a carer. Listen to others who are in a similar situation. Share thoughts and concerns in a safe environment.
All are welcome! To book contact Jackie Cridlin on 01243 212 429 or lakeview.haa@cinnamoncc.com	

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Today

During today's service Enid will be baptised and become part of the household of faith at St George's. Please prayer for her, her parents, godparents, family and friends on this joyous occasion.

Thanks from Fr Angus And Family

Fr Angus, Jess and the boys would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their lovely cards, gifts and donations celebrating the birth of Astrid. They are deeply moved by your generosity and joy, and grateful to be surrounded by such a supportive and loving community.

Next Concert – Monday 25 August

Our next concert will be on a Monday! It will offer music for the love of nature and the earth through piano solos, duet and songs. Join us to celebrate the 10th anniversary of amazing performances from Yuriko Luc, who will be performing alongside talented musician Jack Adams. Tickets: £12 online (www.bit.ly/stgeorgeschurchevents); £15 at the door (U18s free) Ticket price includes cake and tea in the interval, for this perfect Bank Holiday afternoon concert.

Call To All Bakers - Baking Cakes For Our Concert

Would you be happy to bake a cake to be served at our next concern on 25 August? If so, please speak to Sue Bainbridge who is coordinating the refreshments. Thank you.

Community Event On The Whyke Oval

Hyde are organising a community event on 2 September 10am-2pm on the Whyke Oval Green. This is an opportunity for people to meeting others in the area, get advice from Age UK, Barclays Bank, produce from UK Harvest and discounted Chichester Community Cinema Tickets. The Rotary Club will be provided activities for families and children. Kingsham Area Action Group (KAAG) are planning to run a school uniform swap shop, so please save any no-longer-needed uniform (in reasonable, clean condition) to bring along. Representatives of Hype will also be present to talk about any housing and services issues. You will also have the opportunity to see the new play area which is now open and looks amazing. Fr Angus will be attending and it would be really great to see people from St George's attend. All are welcome!

Churchyard History Published

"History of St Mary's Churchyard, Whyke", by John Fitch and the late Ken Green, has been published in Chichester History, the journal of the Chichester Local History Society. Copies of an earlier draft are also available in the Centenary Centre.

Eco Church For Children During Summer

Summer Eco Church for children is back!! Join us for the first four Sundays (27 July – 17 August) of the summer holidays to learn about how we can care for God's creation. The sessions take place during the Sunday service with the children going straight out to start their activities. Activities include creating bird feeders, building Lego churches, baking bread, and creating an art installation for church! Eco Church replaces the J-Team during the summer which resume again on 7 September.

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

See full calendar of services & events on our [website](http://www.stgeorgeschichester.org)

SERVICES

Ninth Sunday After Trinity 17 August

10:00am Parish Mass with baptism(Eco-Church for children)

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Tuesday-Thursday

Mid-Week Mass in Lady Chapel

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

9:30am Thursday

Tenth Sunday After Trinity 24 August

10:00am Parish Mass (No J-Team)

EVENTS