

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

19 October 2025



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

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Serving God and the community in Chichester

Dear friends,

This time last year, we ran a Stewardship Campaign asking everyone to consider how they participate in the life of St George's. The campaign invited people to consider how they might engage by reflecting on their gifts of 1) Time and Talents, and 2) Financial Contributions. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The campaign highlighted, above all, how everything we do at St George's depends entirely on the contribution of all of you who make up our community – young and old, longstanding members and newcomers. The campaign was also rather informative. Like every other Church of England parish, St George's is self-funding. Several people were unaware that we receive no funds from the wider church or the state. The bulk of our costs relates to having a full-time parish priest, the maintenance of our building, other essential overheads, and investment in mission, such as our children's work. We will not run a similar campaign this year. That said, the PCC will soon set next year's budget, including deciding on our contribution to so-called Parish Share. This is the amount the diocese asks every parish to pay for the costs of having a full-time parish priest. It includes clergy stipends and housing, training new clergy, safeguarding, pensions, and central administration and support. In 2025, the diocese asked us, as a parish with a full-time parish priest, to contribute £81,455. Through your generosity, we are paying £55,000. For 2026, the Parish Share totals £83,346. The PCC would like to contribute as much as possible while remaining fiscally prudent and recognising that we are in an area of deprivation. It is uncommon for a parish with a single church, such as ours, to have a full-time rector. And we cannot rely on this being the case if we consistently underpay our share of costs (our current level is equivalent to a half-time post). Accordingly, we are asking you prayerfully to consider increasing your financial giving by at least 3%, just above the annual 2.3% increase in Parish Share. Some of you will already be increasing your regular giving. For others we would stress that no-one should feel compelled to do so, but only if they can afford to and want to freely. Details on how to contribute are included below. Thank you for all the ways you support St George's so generously.

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

13 Oct You are invited to a wonderful art workshop with local artist, David Shannon, who will be leading the session to paint plants and trees from around the world.

28 Oct Care Fees Planning Talk: Join us for an informative webinar with Nicky Cave, CEO of ElderCare Solutions who will help you navigate the complexities of care fees planning for elderly loved ones.

29 Oct Dementia Support Group: A relaxed and friendly session to help support each other by sharing information, advice and any concerns in full confidence. Light refreshments will be available to enjoy.

All are welcome! To book contact Jackie Cridlin on 01243 212 429 or lakeview.haa@cinnamoncc.com

PARISH NOTICES

Colette Gray Funeral

Collete Gray's funeral will be held at St George's on Thursday 6 November at 1:30pm with a reception to follow in the Centre. All are invited to attend.

Weeding Around the Church

Anyone interested in helping weed around the outside of the church and tidy up the church garden, please contact or speak to Jill Merry. Thank you.

Friends of St Mary's Churchyard

Copies of the Autumn edition of the Friends' newsletter are available at the back of church or [online](#). You are invited to take a copy and if you feel you would like to get involved or find out more please do have a word either with Fr Angus or Geraldine.

WRAP-CHAT: Wed 5 November, 3pm in the Centre

This month we really look forward to welcoming our very own Bill and Pam Johnson who will be sharing some of their experiences of when, for more than eight years they lived in the Diocese of Zululand. Some were wonderful, some sad and others amusing. You will also be able to view some Zulu artwork and on leaving you may well be speaking the Zulu language! All are welcome to attend, why not bring a friend. We just request £2 to help meet costs.

St George's Walkers - Sat 1 November

Meet at the church car park by 10.30am for car sharing to the leader's home in the Norwich Road area. A lovely ramble through Brandy Hole Copse, north of the city. Light refreshments will be made available at the hostess's home at the end. If you would like to join us please contact Margaret Kennard on 01243 788577 or email kennardmargaret@yahoo.co.uk Stout footwear recommended and a pole if you have one.

Concert Series – Saturday 25 October

Founded in 1900, join us to celebrate 125 years of Horsham Borough Band with an unforgettable evening of thrilling performances! A celebration of tradition, talent and the joy of live music. Doors open at 7pm, concert starts 7.30pm. Advance adult tickets £12 online, or £15 on the door. Under 18s are free, but must still book a ticket. Tickets include canapes in the interval, when the bar will also be open. Tickets at: tinyurl.com/stgeorgeschurchevents.

Halloween Party For Families – Saturday 1 November

On Saturday 1 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. Please bring pictures or items of loved ones to be remembered, if you wish. And do come dressed up in your best Halloween costume. There will be prizes for best fancy dress. Refreshments are provided. Suggested donation of £4 per family. If you want to read more about Halloween from a Christian

perspective, read Fr Angus' reflection [here](#) or go to the Church of England [website](#).

Baptism on 2 November, All Saints

Fr Angus and Jess will have Astrid baptised at the Parish Mass on the Feast of All Saints, Sunday 2 November. They would like to thank everyone again for all their support and love in celebrating Astrid.

All-Souls Choral Mass – Monday 3 November, 7pm

Our All-Souls Mass, in which we commemorate our loved ones who have died, will be held on Monday 3 November at 7pm. There is a list in church for anyone to add names to be read out during the service. You can also send the details to the parish office.

Memorial Concert on Saturday 8 November

Lest we forget: 1945 – 2025. To commemorate 80 years since the end of World War Two, we are holding a memorial concert with stories of war and hope in words and music to touch every human heart. The concert is in support of Combat Stress and St George's Church. Tickets include free canapes in the interval. Doors open at 7pm, concert starts at 7.30pm Drinks available. Tickets: £12 online; £15 at the door (U18s free but must book a ticket). Tickets at: tinyurl.com/stgeorgeschurchevents.

Secondary School Admissions

If you require a Church Support Form to be filled in by Fr Angus in support of a school application, do contact him by email.

Fish & Chips Quiz Night Fri 14 November 7pm-10pm

Join us for the fabulous St George's Fish & Chip Quiz Night. Test your memory and your knowledge, while having fun with friends. Quiz teams can be up to 6 people, so come as a team or join one when you arrive. Tickets are £12 including fish and chips. Tickets must be booked in advance so we can pre-order the food. Tea and coffee is available but if you'd prefer to drink something else you're welcome to bring it with you. Tickets can be booked online or in advance in St George's. See tinyurl.com/stgeorgeschurchevents.

THIS WEEK

SERVICES

18th Sunday after Trinity 19 October

10:00am All-Age Eucharist

Meditation in Lady Chapel (term time only)

5:30-6pm Monday

Morning Prayer

8:45-9:15am Tuesday-Thursday

Mid-Week Mass in Lady Chapel

11:30am Wednesday Said Mass (refreshments)

9:30am Thursday

19th Sunday after Trinity 26 October

10:00am Parish Choral Mass (no J-Team)

EVENTS

St George's Tots, 20 Oct 10:30am-12noon

Children's Choir, 21 Oct 5:15-6pm

Lakeview Holy Communion, 23 Oct 11:30am

Community Food Hub, 24 Oct 10-11am