



### Dear friends,

The event of the Transfiguration can on first look seem mystically remote from our lives. What does Jesus' transformation on the top of a mountain, where his whole person and even his clothes become suffused with dazzling light, have to do with our everyday existence? What does it mean for our daily decisions that Jesus' closest disciples are terrified as they are overshadowed by a cloud on the mountain from which the voice of God the Father speaks, saying of Jesus, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'? To answer these questions, it is important to recall that the Transfiguration does not only say something about Jesus, but also about our destiny as human beings in relationship to God. Our humanity too is called to be enlightened with a light so bright it can seem like a terrifying darkness. This is not at all limited to a few special mystical experiences. As an example, consider a time when you have been in a crowd people and suddenly been struck by another person's existence. Perhaps they look at you and, rather than averting your eyes in mild terror, you let your glances rest each in the other. Something is exchanged, demanded, understood – both illuminating and terrifying because it asks us to change our lives, to see each other in a new light. The Trappist monk Thomas Merton captured something of this in an account he gives of an experience he had in the shopping district in downtown Louisville, Kentucky: 'I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs...if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.' Instead, as when Christ comes down the mountain to confront the world's suffering with the light of love, we are called to walk with him; letting our hearts and minds be guided by this light; celebrating the countless ways it is reflected in the faces of others; overcoming the fear, hatred and violence that would extinguish it; and so walk as children of light in service of the transfiguration of our world.

*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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk):** Use this when you buy online. For each purchase, a donation will be made to your nominated charities.

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

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<https://www.stgeorgeschichester.org/pcc>

### 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.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Healing Ministry Today

During communion anyone who wishes is welcome to go to the Lady Chapel for the Laying on of Hands by lay ministers and Anointing with Oil by a priest as a part of our sacramental ministry of healing.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Invitation from Bishop Martin to St George's

Bishop Martin has extended an invitation to everyone in our congregation, together with those from a few other local parishes, to attend an event on the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday 15 August. Bishop Martin will preside and preach at the Eucharist in the Cathedral at 5.30 pm. This will be followed by a hog roast and wine at the Bishop's Palace at 6.45 pm. A limited number of places for the hog roast are available, priced at £10 each. Places can be booked at <https://www.bishopspalacechichester.org/rsvp>. The cut off for booking is 12 noon, Monday 11 August.

Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) Training Programme

The ALM training programme offers flexible, skills-based training for lay people who feel called to serve in their local church. ALMs play a vital role in the public ministry of the Church, supporting and enriching parish life through a variety of ministries. While the shape of ALM ministry varies depending on the parish context, ALMs typically lead, support, or collaborate within ministry teams. They are also encouraged to nurture and develop the gifts of others in their communities. Training runs from September to May. There is training in the following ministry areas: • Catechists • Chaplaincy • Care for Creation & Eco Church • Mission Enabler • Pastoral Ministry • Preaching • Rural Ministry • Traditional Music in Worship • Worship & Liturgy • Youth & Children. To be accepted onto the course, candidates must: sponsors by their parish priest, be nominated by their PCC and be baptised, confirmed, and on the electoral roll of their sponsoring church. More information can be found [here](#). Speak to Fr Angus if you are interested.

## 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](#)

## SERVICES

### The Transfiguration of Our Lord 10 August

10:00am Parish Mass (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

### Ninth Sunday After Trinity 17 August

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

## EVENTS

### Community Food Hub 15 August 10-11am