

## Faith in Sussex

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# PEWS NEWS

Sunday 22nd November 2020

[www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk)



## Christmas 2020

Christmas at St George's this year needs to look a little different to how things have been done in the past...but there are plans a-foot, starting with the...

## Christmas Tree.

This year we want to put a large tree ***in the church garden*** to show that the Church is still here supporting the local community and that God's work goes on in spite of a global pandemic. If you would like to help with the cost of this please would you place your donation in an envelope marked '***Christmas Tree***' and drop it through the church letter box on your daily walk. Other means of giving to the work at St George's are detailed inside Pews News.

Our tree will form part of our alternative to a Christmas Tree Festival, which can't happen due to Covid restrictions,... the first ever...

## St George's Church Community Christmas Tree Trail

which will run Monday 14th December to Saturday 2nd January. This free event will unite the local community of East Worthing by use of a Tree Trail Map locating all the trees or Christmas window displays at local businesses, schools and organisations who have registered to take part.

However, **our tree needs decorations!!** We are asking everyone, if they are able, to decorate a bauble (paper). These can be printed off from the church website, there are 4 designs to choose from. Or you can collect a set from the box outside the church door by the church office.

They can be coloured in, painted, collaged or glittered!!...the more colourful the better!! Both sides will need to be decorated and then returned to the church office to be laminated ready to hang on the tree. This will hopefully be a real church community effort to bring some Christmas cheer to the local community. For further details contact Kathryn on 07594608590 or [kathrynhb.stgeorges@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhb.stgeorges@gmail.com)

***Look out for details of more St George's Christmas plans coming soon!***



### Prayer Requests

Members and friends of the fellowship in need of our prayers this week:  
**Cora Beard; the Burns family; Jane Cowley; June Elphick; Angie Emmerson; Margaret Harris-Ross; Arthur & Dot Martin;**



### Prayer letters.

We've recently received prayer and newsletters from **Acorn Pregnancy Counselling Centre, Koinonia Christian Care, Family Support Work and Turning Tides**. If you would like any of these emailed to you, or a printed copy sent to you, please contact the Church Office.

### Money for nothing...

If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1131206-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1131206-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to St George's Church, at absolutely no extra cost to you!

If you would like to contribute to the work of St George's here are the bank details:

Acc Name: St Georges PCC Worthing  
Acc Number: 00020048  
Sort Code: 40-52-40

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please ensure you let the office know so that we can claim 25% extra on your gift.

We are grateful for all gifts given towards the ministry, buildings, repairs and other expenses at St George's.



Please put your name as a reference so that we can send an acknowledgement to you.

If you have a Smartphone you can scan this QR code to make a donation, and for more details, and other methods, please see <https://www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk/giving/>

### Keen photographers wanted

Calling all photographers out there who would like to take and submit photographs to support our various online events. Please contact the office for more details.



Mike Tyler is leading a charity Network of Member Churches, missions and other Christian organizations in developing countries and would

like to invite a home based volunteer help with administration or internet research. If you could be interested, please look over the Network website at [www.communitydevelopment.net](http://www.communitydevelopment.net) and if you would like to use your skills and experience to help, please contact Mike on: [office@communitydevelopment.net](mailto:office@communitydevelopment.net)

### Digital Home Group?

With current restrictions on meetings at the moment, we are reviewing Home Groups. Would you be interested in joining a digital home group on Zoom? To find out more, please contact Charles Randall (*contact details available in the church directory*) or the church office, [office@stgeorgesworthing.org.uk](mailto:office@stgeorgesworthing.org.uk), and we will get back to you.

### Worthing Food Foundation Christmas Donations...

The Food Foundation are launching a Christmas Countdown, collecting different items each week to fill stockings and food parcels for delivery to local families in December.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/WorthingFoodFoundation/> to find out what is being collected each week. Please take your donations to the Baptist Church in Pendine Avenue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 9am - 11am. If you are unable to give items but would like to help, you can donate to their Christmas appeal at the same Facebook address.

### Sunday 22nd November 2020, Today is 'Stir Up Sunday'

This is a tradition that harks back to Victorian times, when the family would gather together to stir the Christmas pudding five weeks before Christmas. The opening words of the *Book Of Common Prayer*, used on the last Sunday before Advent, reads: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people," so the tradition stands that this is the day to get stirring!

### The Stir-up traditions

**Christmas pudding would traditionally contain 13 ingredients** to represent Jesus and his disciples.

**It is traditionally stirred** (while making a wish) by each member of the family from East to West (clockwise), to remember the Wise Men that visited Jesus in the Nativity Story.

**The customary garnish of holly** represented the crown of thorns. Be warned: the holly berry is very toxic, so instead adorn your Christmas pud with fake foliage!

**Adding coins**, originally charms, to the pud was said to bring luck if you found them in your portion on Christmas Day. The traditional lucky charms were a silver coin for wealth, a wishbone for luck, a thimble for thrift, a ring for marriage, and an anchor for safe harbour. Biting down on such a thing would surely cause a trip to the dentist with a cracked tooth, so we don't recommend this!

*Taken from [goodhousekeeping.com/uk/christmas](http://goodhousekeeping.com/uk/christmas)*