

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please keep this newsletter safely as it covers the whole month. The weekly news will be back in September.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Matt's farewell service and lunch last week. It was lovely that so many people were able to come together for Matt and Kathryn's send off.



From the Wardens

As we move into the interregnum we are busy ensuring that the church continues to run smoothly. Tim will be liaising with the Diocese and CPAS regarding recruitment and Gill will be line manager for the staff. This month there is work going on in the Centre, replacing the lift and redecoration upstairs.

Thank you to everyone who has offered us support. One way that you can help us is signing up to volunteer on Church Suite for roles such as Welcome Team, Reading, Intercessions, Coffee etc. The August rota is almost full and it would be great to see September complete in the next few weeks. Chasing around to fill the gaps takes up a lot of time!

We were both appointed by the PCC as the parish representatives on the recruitment panel, working with Archdeacon Luke and CPAS. The recruitment process is underway, with the Parish Profile completed and approved by the PCC. You will understand that this is a confidential process and we will be unable to share much information with you, but we would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and discernment.

We hope you all have a blessed summer,

Tim & Gill

Service of Thanksgiving for David Poulter



The celebration and service of thanksgiving for the life of David Poulter will take place on **Friday, 12th August at 12.30 p.m. at St. John's Church**. Anne and the family would love you to be part of this service, please join them to celebrate David's life in word and song. Please wear bright clothing.

After the service there will be a meal in the Church Centre. If you would like to offer to provide a pasta, rice, couscous or other kind of salad, or alternatively make a cake, would you please contact Barbara Wilson (mm.wilson@sky.com or 01243 936713). We are anticipating catering for up to 100 people.

News from the Chichester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship

The Church of England Evangelical Council (CEEC) was formed by John Stott (a former rector of All Souls Langham Place – next to the BBC in Central London) to galvanise and equip evangelical mission and ministry in the Church of England. In our current situation, and with the many challenges facing the Church of England, it often feels as though evangelical witness is under threat.

In order to stay connected with evangelicals across the Church of England (including the Evangelical Group on General Synod), CEEC has recently launched a regular e-bulletin. This will help you pray more informedly, keep you up to date on relevant news and enable you to influence the direction of the Church of England. You can sign up – free of charge – today via this link/QR code <http://www.ceec.info/e-bulletin.html>



What's On in August:

Sunday 7th - Morning Praise, 10am

Friday 12th - Service of Thanksgiving for David Poulter, followed by lunch

Sunday 14th - Holy Communion, 10am

Sunday 21st - Morning Praise 10am

Sunday 28th - Holy Communion, 10 am , with a baptism (Crook family)

Tuesday 30th- Coffee Connect reopens, 9—12

& Into September

Saturday 3rd - Craft Club 9—5

Sunday 4th - Morning Praise, 10am

- 4pm Service