

Our Sunday Worship

Sunday 5th July
Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Trinity 5 **All Age Worship**
Mark 6: 1-13

Sunday 12th July
Ephesians 1: 3-14

Trinity 6 **Parish Eucharist**
Psalm 85 Mark 6:14-29

Sunday 19th July

Anniversary of the Consecration of the original St George's Church in July 1729

Genesis 28:11-18

Ephesians 2:19-22 John 10: 22-29

Sunday 26th July

Trinity 8
Parish Eucharist & Baptism of Piers Benjamin Drought

Ephesians 3:14aend

Psalm 145 John 6: 1-21

Sunday 2nd August
Ephesians 4: 1-16

Trinity 9 **All Age Worship**
Psalm 78 John 6:24-35

Sunday 9th August
Ephesians 4: 25- 5:2

Trinity 10 **Parish Eucharist**
Psalm 34 John 6:35, 41-51

We say Morning Prayer Sunday to Thursday 8.30am all are welcome. Thursday 12.30pm there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Other Diary Dates

Sunday 19th July

Church Barbeque in the Rectory Garden to celebrate the anniversary of the Consecration of St George-in-the-East.

Wed. 22nd July

Iced Buns and Ideas – talking about Shadwell 2pm St George-in-the-East.

Thursday 23rd July

PCC Meeting

Tuesday 28th July

Memorial Service – Olive Wagstaff RIP

Sunday 6th Sept.

Church Outing to the Epping and Ongar Steam Railway

St George-in-the-East

July Newsletter

Olive Wagstaff

This month we say goodbye to Olive. On Tuesday 28th July we will have an opportunity to thank God for her life and ministry, not only here at St George-in-the-East, but across Shadwell and beyond. There will be many stories shared. Her arrival here at the tender age of 24 years, her work at the Toynbee Centre and at the hospital. There are some at St George's who remember her when they were children, others remember Olive teaching or perhaps better 'instructing' them in church matters.



Olive had a firm faith, a woman of service and action for her Lord. She was a companion and 'sparring partner' with Edith. There is little doubt Olive was a strong woman who loved St George-in-the-East. She knew about the St George's Partnership and was pleased to hear about the community of young people working and praying in the parish and living in the Rectory. Olive has run the race and fought the fight, may she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

Tuesday 28th July 2pm

Memorial Service for Olive

at

St George-in-the-East

Refreshments afterwards

Our guests all in a flutter

You will be aware that St George-in-the-East is playing host to a family of Peregrine Falcons. Last week the female juvenile bird became stuck in a ventilation shaft in Wapping. Fortunately our young falcon was spotted and her plight was reported to the RSPCA. She was rescued and given convalescence. This week the juvenile falcon was returned to the nest at St George's. It is reported she seemed delighted to be home, and on being released she immediately performed a 'fly-pass' around the church.

Did you know? The falcon is the fastest moving animal in the world, travelling at around 200 miles an hour when diving upon its prey. Did you know? An adult falcon would eat 4 pigeons a day! So why, you may ask, why do so many pigeons still hang around the church?

All Age Worship

We have been experimenting with our usual All Age worship. For the last two 'first Sundays' in the month we have begun our worship around the font. This first part of the service focuses on hearing The Word, reading portions of scripture, praying and learning around the themes we find in the biblical readings. Then, during the offertory hymn, we have left the font behind and gathered around the altar for the second part of the service – the Liturgy of the Sacrament. Together we hear of God's saving work in our world and lives and bless bread and wine which become for us Christ's presence.

Personally I have found the experience more intimate. It has been rather nice being closer to worshippers and to have the opportunity for more interaction. I must say that for many other churches, this kind of experiment would have caused all kinds of anxiety and uproar. But it appears not so for the people of St George-in-the-East! We will continue with this structure for August and September then listen to one another, asking what has been helpful, exciting useful and unhelpful with this experiment.

Iced Buns and Ideas

Every year the Centre for Theology & Community run a month long internship. For the first time we have an intern working with us here at STGITE. Her name is Jess and she has just completed a theology degree. Already she has visited a number of people around the parish and she is organising an afternoon of listening and sharing later this month. It is called *Iced Buns and Ideas* and participants will chat about living in Shadwell over cake and tea. Jess is keen to hear stories and reflections on



what it is like to live in Shadwell. She is particularly keen to hear from older people in the area. All are welcome and it will be held at **St George's 2pm July 22nd**. There will of course be iced buns and afternoon tea !



St Paul's School

The staff and children at St Paul's are beginning to look weary and frayed around the edges. It has been a long term and everyone is exhausted. So at least the staff are rather pleased it is the last week of term.

Please do pray for these sweet young people. They are so grown up now and they are ready to leave and go to big school – but it does mean leaving behind a school they love.

They will be coming to St George-in-the-East on **Wednesday 15th July 9.30am** for their Leaving Service where they will be given a bible from you – the congregation of St George. If you possibly can, do come and join the children. It will be very short. Afterwards Tim is conducting a bible study in the church for the CTC interns – you would be welcome to stay for that.

Please, please, please, pray for the leavers, for Mr Rubin and all the staff.

Anniversary of the Consecration

Once again it is time to celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of St George-in-the-East. On **Sunday 19th July** we will be holding a Festal Eucharist with some good old hymns and maybe we can organise a procession for us all around church. Afterwards it is the parish barbeque in the Rectory gardens. It would be great if old friends were to come and celebrate their long involvement in St George's. The important thing is for people to come and enjoy the service and BBQ, but if you really wanted to bring some food, then decide if you want to bring a salad or pudding and leave a message on the Parish Office phone.

