

St George's Church, Lisbon



St Paul's Church, Estoril



INFORMATION PACK FOR SCHOOLS



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to St George's Church, Lisbon and St Paul's Church, Estoril. 2 Anglican churches part of the Diocese in Europe. Our mission is to serve the English-speaking community in the Lisbon area providing them with opportunities for Christian life and worship, in English. The churches have served the people of Lisbon for over 350 years.

We are always very keen to support the young people who live in the community and especially the schools that they attend. The information on the following pages hopefully will give you an idea of what we can do to support your school and the young people within. Both socially and spiritually.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please contact the **Assistant Chaplain, Reverend Iain Bendrey** on the following email assistantchaplain@lisbonanglicans.org

Thank you,

The Lisbon Anglicans Ministry Team



Rev Beth Bendrey



Rev Iain Bendrey



Rev Daleen Bakker

CHURCH VISITS

Churches come with all kinds of history and symbolism, and our 2 church buildings are no different. Church buildings have been at the heart of communities whether Anglican, Catholic or other denomination.

We would love to welcome your children, talk about the importance of worship and spirituality, tell some amazing stories about people who have worshipped in our churches and share the history of the symbols and the role they have played in Christian worship over hundreds of years.

AND A BONUS AT ST GEORGE'S -

Visit the historical British Cemetery, whose oldest resident dates back to 1724. Explore these beautiful grounds and hear the fascinating stories of some of the residents, how they ended up in Portugal and what led to them being buried in our grounds.

We also have a huge variety of trees and plants making the cemetery as attractive as any botanical garden in Lisbon.



MUSIC AND CONCERTS

Churches with their natural acoustics make great venues for music and so enhance any choir or orchestra. We have hosted many choirs at St George's over the years. They come from all over the world and in different forms and sizes. Cathedral choirs, boys' choirs and mixed Portuguese and UK choirs. Our recently restored organ is available to accompany any singers.

Maybe you have a carol service or other event and want a beautiful venue in which to perform. St George's might just be the place with plenty of parking and good access to public transport.

St Paul's in Estoril offers a more intimate space, great for musical performances. Again we have the church organ and a piano available. We are also able to live-stream the concert if required.

Both venues have social rooms which can be used either for participants to prepare in or for refreshments afterwards.

**At St George's Church we can seat around 250 people'
and at St Paul's Church about 125 people.**



EASTER EXPERIENCE

Easter is a key festival for the church and here at St George's we have found a fun and creative way to make the Easter story come alive.

Using the beautiful surroundings of the British Cemetery in Estrela, children will learn about the journey of Easter. Each part of the story will be brought alive through storytelling and practical activities with which they will become involved.

The experience will finish with refreshments provided by the church including Hot Cross Buns. In the event of bad weather the experience will take place in the church.

We could also offer a slightly different version of the Easter Experience at St Paul's church in Estoril. **And we could also bring the experience into your school.**

LESSONS IN SCHOOL

We have a large ministry team at St George's and St Paul's and we would be very happy to come into your school either to take assemblies, small groups or lead a lesson in Religious Education.

All clergy are vetted by the Diocese in Europe and have undertaken rigorous safeguarding training, a DBS check in the UK and also a Police check from Portugal.

If you may be interested in the above please get in touch with Reverend Iain.

INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

Every year we have a number of community events and services and we are always very keen for young people to be involved.

ST GEORGE'S CAROL SERVICE

Each year we hold our carol service attended by about 250 people with many visitors and members of the local community. **Do you have a choir that might like to take part and sing? Or young people who would like to read or lead prayers? Please get in touch.**

ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CAROLS

This event has grown over time and involves parents and children coming to sing carols together, listen to poems and enjoy the season. We are often joined by the VOX young voices choir. **However, if you have a choir that would like to sing, please let us know. We would love to welcome you.**

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

As the pictures below show, this is a large fund-raising event at the church with lots of stalls, fun and games, refreshments and even a visit from Santa Claus. **If you have a choir that would like to perform, or musicians, or some other talent we would love to invite you to come along and entertain the revellers and shoppers.**

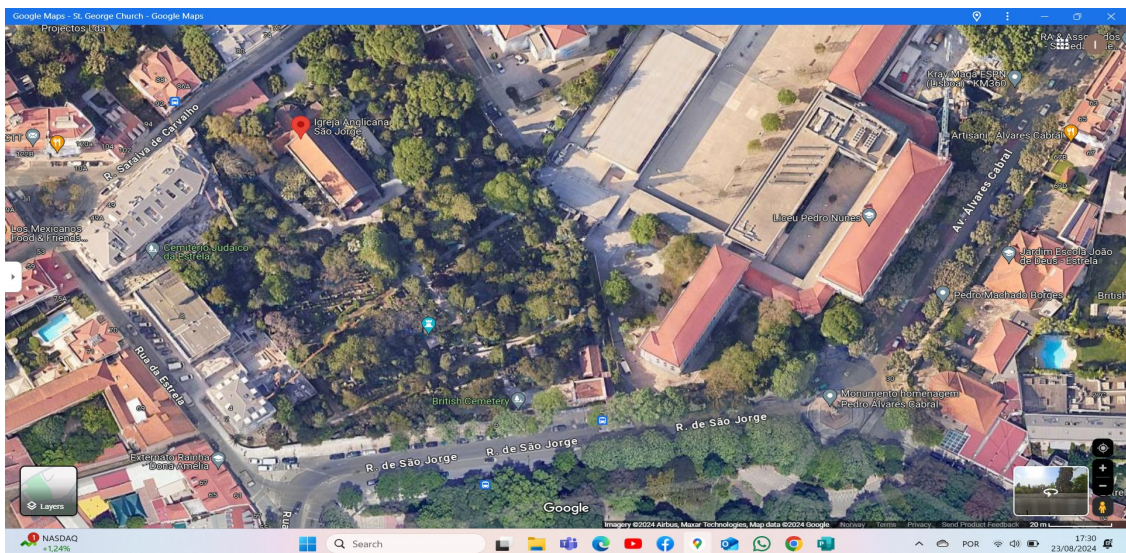


FINALLY

We hope you have found something useful in this pack and that you might want to take us up on an activity. If there is anything else that you feel we could help you with then please do get in touch with **Reverend Iain**. We are also very happy to come into your school and talk about the possibilities of working together. Thank you and we wish you a successful year ahead.

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