



ST GEORGE'S NEWSBOARD

Sunday 4th
August 2024



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Meandering through Bristol last week, we stumbled upon an eyewateringly expensive coffee shop. I was going to pass on when at the last moment when I saw that the shop in the fashionable part of Bristol could tell you where the chocolate was from and it's percentage of cocoa. As I wandered deeper into the store, a machine turned over some goopy brown stuff. 3 days they turned the chocolate for. Then there were ovens where they baked bars themselves. More machines that turned and did special things.

The beans arrive at this little store in hessian sacks. They handpicked through them, got rid of the manky ones, selected 'nibs' (???) and roasted the beans on site before grinding them up into usable form and making bars and drinks with them. It's a lot of work. The people making and selling the drinks were the same ones that picked through the beans. Contrast this with any of the chain coffee shops where your hot chocolate is two-three pumps of some syrup made in some factory somewhere with hot water and a smidge of milk and suddenly the price didn't seem so bad.

The drink was astonishing. Light and dark, cherry-like that was so smooth. It was like I'd never really had hot chocolate before. At the end, I ripped apart the lid to make a spoon and

scoop the contents out. It was like I've drunk hot chocolate all of my life and haven't drunk it once it was like if you go to Italy and eat a tomato, or France and eat their apples, you think, what is this excuse for a fruit they send us in blighty?

Real passion for your subject is infectious; to talk with an expert who not only know their stuff but loves it is a delight. When cooks say their secret ingredient is love, I think this is what they mean. It's not just onions, tomatoes or chocolate but which ones. As a church, we've grown really fast in the last few years and one of the things I hear people say when they are new to our church is that people seem really happy – really passionate – they seem to care about it. None of us are really 'experts' but we care a lot about God. And if you love someone or something, really love them, then it should show. That doesn't mean it's always easy to care, indeed the root of the word passion is actually to suffer but those who are truly in love with something or someone, then even in the ups and downs – you'd have it no other way. At St Georges, we are passionate about the Lord – and I hope that shows.

God bless

Nick

St George's **News**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

As some of you will now know, we very sadly lost a wonderful Church family member, Rose Cole this week.

For those of you who did not have the great fortune to meet and know our Rose, she was a lady who simply loved people.

A lady who you wanted as your friend and was a friend to so so many.

A heart for Jesus and a huge encourager for so many of us.

As someone who joined us as we began our 11am service, Rose was the warmest of people to greet you on the door. And those of you who knew her well, knew what a wonderful cheeky sense of humour she had! and that her heart was always filled with so much love for people and bringing them to Christ.

We could easily go on, but we wanted just to let you know that there will be a

Memorial Service for Rose here on Friday 16th August at 2.30pm followed by Refreshments in the Church Hall.

Please do remember our Paul in your prayers as he tries to navigate through these difficult days ahead and for all the funeral planning.

Rose - you shall be greatly missed and St George's will feel a little dimmer without you but your light has left an imprint here and we are so thankful that we had the privilege to know you and call you our Sister In Christ.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

KING OF THE JUNGLE

We do hope that even if you did not make it to Church on Sunday, you were able to join us online and get a taste of what our wonderful Jungle Holiday Club all enjoyed last week!

We do hope it came across as fun as it was in the building as we had so many children and lots of the families whose children came to the Holiday Club join us on the Sunday. It was a real celebration! Watching the young ones jump about and worship, doing all the actions with beaming smiles was just wonderful.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 4th August

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

7.00pm PRAY

Monday 29th July

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mini Mossy Church In The Jungle

7.30pm Worship Gathering

Monday 5th August

7.30pm Mens Shed



Yep - the Shed is open again this Monday for you Shedders!!

Tuesday 6th August

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday 8th August

VICAR OFF UNTIL SUNDAY

Sunday 11th August

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

May we take a moment to thank our Carmen once more for putting together such a super time for 58 children and sowing those seeds for years to come.

To quote one Grandparent:

"Three of my grandchildren attended over three days and they loved it. They were encouraged to learn bible verses once they got home, told us about the bible stories they'd heard and enjoyed sharing songs they'd been singing."

It went on to thank the team - how lovely is that!





ST GEORGE'S WILTON

PRAY

1ST SUNDAYS @7PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a 1st Sunday for a short time of prayer, reflection and worship.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20



to get a renewed sense of who we are, who's we are, and who we might become.

I invite you to step back from everyday tasks and burdens and to place yourself into the glorious divine perspective. It's something we do week by week (or more regularly) in our worship but a holiday, or a break in our normal pattern of life, gives a special chance to do this. Seeing ourselves in a bigger context will, of course, be humbling and make us freshly aware of our frailty, yet it will also raise our eyes and our sights to the potential in which we have a share.

The invitation which Jesus gave to his first disciples is the same one he gives us who are the latest generations of his followers. It is to share in something greater and bigger than we can ever fully comprehend, and to do that by accepting our personal part in the community of the Gospel, the church, in building the Kingdom of God.

'Take a Break' urges the signs on motorways. Take a break this summer, whether or not you leave home, to regain your perspective on the beauty and privilege of being a follower of Jesus in bringing the Kingdom a little closer. See the opportunities as well as the challenges in your community, our nation, and the world. Looking more widely and more broadly gives a proper perspective on who we in the divine economy, and how we can serve both God and also other people.

Bishop Christopher Foster

Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Bath and Wells

PRAY

This Sunday we have our monthly **PRAY** Service at 7pm.

As Nick always says, when we pray, stuff happens and we WANT 'stuff to happen'. We were called to pray.

Regular prayer helps build a strong foundation of faith and helps is to build a deeper relationship, so let's meet together, pray together and worship together!

TAKE A BREAK!

Bishop's letter – August 2024

It's August! Does that mean holiday season for you? Of course it will be for some...but where and doing what?

Holidays mean all sorts of different places and activities – sometimes inactivity – and our preferences and choices are hugely diverse. Whether you are travelling this month, or staying at home, any break in our routines gives us a brilliant opportunity. We have a God-given moment to get perspective. Or perhaps I should say that we have the chance



ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News

WE HAD A GRRRRREAT TIME AT MINI MOSSY CHURCH!

It was brilliant to carry on the fun we had in the jungle at Holiday Club by having our Jungle Adventure with our Mini Mossy Crew!

The weather stayed great for us and we got to enjoy lots of different activities as well as having stories and songs together.

The Mens Shed wooden rolling toy was really enjoyed and the children really enjoyed seeing the church looking all jungly!!

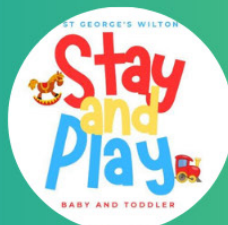
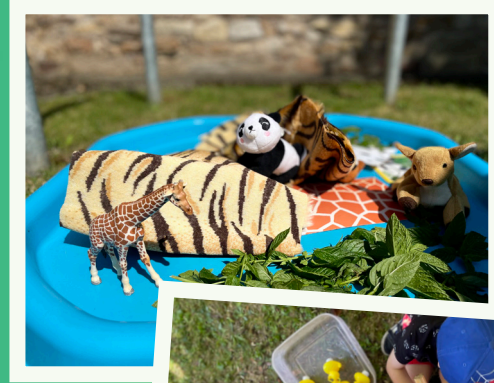
Thanks again to the Mossy team for all their work putting this on - put your feet up now as we take a break for the summer but we did have such good fun.

If you would like to join our Mossy team do get in touch with families@stgchurch.co.uk

It is such a good outreach time to gently spread the word, get families into the church and get to know one another and we heard many asking "what else happens here?"

So what will our next adventure be?

ALL CHILDRENS/YOUTH GROUPS HAVE STOPPED FOR THE SUMMER BREAK BUT WE WILL HAVE SOME ACTIVITIES/CRAFTS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH ON SUNDAYS AS WE WANT YOU TO COME AND ENJOY WORSHIPPING AND LEARNING TOGETHER THIS SUMMER!!



ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST is a dynamic and innovative Christian faith-based youth charity working with young people, primarily in the area of Taunton. Since 2000 they have been reaching the Youth of Taunton with the good news of Jesus in the most relevant ways possible.



In September 2022, they launched our Outreach van that you can find at various locations across the town throughout the week. They go into schools as well as running Youth Alpha's and Bible Studies. They have a deep conviction to love the young people of this town and by providing them with a supportive community, practical skills, and a foundation in Christian values, we aim to empower young individuals to navigate life's challenges, make positive contributions to society, and become compassionate leaders who positively impact their families, communities, and beyond. Ultimately, they aim to serve as a beacon of hope, fostering personal growth, spiritual resilience, and a sense of purpose in the lives of our young people.

Our call and commitment revolves around the profound desire to reach young people with the transformative power of the Gospel.

Rooted in prayer and reliant on the Holy Spirit's guidance, they are sowing seeds of faith, nurturing spiritual growth, and equipping young people to become devoted disciples of Christ, empowering them to impact their communities and the world for His glory.

If you are unable to attend the church services, you can still donate to this wonderful local Christian charity by visiting their website:

<https://taunton.yfc.co.uk/donate/>

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

pastoral care

Pastoral visitors are good listeners who care for others based on an understanding that God's love is for all people.

If you think that either you or anyone you know would benefit from having regular visits as they can't get out much, please do get in touch!

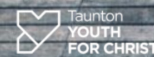
Hilary McKegney

Pastoral Care Coordinator

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August charity collection



By showing Jesus in a way which is relevant to every young person in Taunton.

Taunton Youth for Christ is a dynamic and innovative Christian faith-based youth charity working with young people, primarily in the area of Taunton. We were established in the year 2000 and since then, have been reaching the Youth of Taunton with the good news of Jesus in the most relevant ways possible.



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
home groups

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Join one today for friendship and faith
Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk

In Loving Memory

We remember

**Dorothy Thomas and
Eric Lane**

*and pray that you would bless
those who mourn with the comfort
of your love that they may face
each new day with hope and the
certainty that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.*

*May their memories become
joyful, their days enriched
with friendship, and their lives
encircled by your love.*

*Through Jesus Christ, our lord.
Amen.*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

Please also remember **Rose Cole**
in your prayers as mentioned earlier.
Pray for Paul as he tries to navigate his way
through this very difficult and sad time.

ST GEORGE'S **GIVING**

- If you have started coming to St George's regularly, or have been coming for some time but haven't yet done so, may I encourage you to **join our committed Christian Giving scheme** by completing a pledge form and possibly a standing order form. Just email Robin on giving@stchurch.co.uk to find out how you can begin to give to the work of St George's
- If you pay income tax, and have not already done so, please consider **Gift Aiding your giving**
- If you are putting your affairs in order and are considering making a will or revising an existing one, would you like to remember **St George's in your will?** It can make a huge difference to us.
- Another way to donate to the work of St George's, is via our **Give A Little page** which you can access on our website, Alternatively you can donate directly into our bank account using the following information and putting 'Donation' reference:
Account Name: **St George's Wilton Stewardship**
Account No: **59935227**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

Would You Consider A Gift In Your Will To St George's?



In the scriptures, financial giving is part of our worship and as many people have supported this church throughout their lives and giving a gift in your will enables you to make one last significant gift to the whole community.

Your legacy will help us to continue to give glory to God and serve our community for many years to come.

Pick up a leaflet or speak to one of the team to find out more

*Each man should give what he has
decided in his heart to give, not
reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. God
is able to make all grace abound
to you, so that in all things at all
times, having all that you need, you
will abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:7-8



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