



A note from **YOUR VICAR**

Metamorphosis is a strange little story by Franz Kafka. One day a man wakes up only to find that over-night he has turned into an enormous beetle. His family are clearly alarmed and run away in horror shutting him into bedroom (though he gets a bit squished at one point). The beetle-man too is in horror as his mind remains human even though he is in the body of a giant vermin and can no longer communicate. There's a good bit when his boss comes over to see why Gregor hasn't turned up for work but is confronted by the beast and runs away screaming. See it is not just the physical change that occurs, instead it's all of his social relationships with parents and sister that make up the biggest 'change' of the story.

On a base - non English literature perspective - it's a story about change and how it happens quickly and without anybody even realising. My friend told me this week that he woke up in the morning to find a giant telegraph pole in own his front garden. This was not a rented house but somebody whose property had been gifted a ten metre wooden stake plunged between the begonias. He was astonished for the company had not told him of their intentions and one day workmen had just turned up, installing the great thing. Sharing this surprise on Facebook, he received a torrent of abuse with foul opinions about the supreme sovereign powers of BT Openreach to install poles wherever they fancy. It was removed by lunchtime after an enterprising visit to the contractors office but we'll have to wait until Spring to know how the begonias fared...

A sudden change and everyone has an opinion about it. I think about the moment when Jesus started his ministry and suddenly everyone has an opinion - not always positive - about the one who previous was just 'Joseph's son' and alright with a hammer and chisel. I think about St Paul and how his Jewish contemporaries would have talked about his sudden change or indeed how the Christians felt about that change given his murderous history. I think about those opportunities not taken because we're worried about what people will say. I think about the faith of those Christians converts who have to hide their faith because of the reaction of those around them in countries where the cross becomes a target. How would you be? How would I be?

Can you prepare for these sudden changes? No because then they wouldn't be unexpected. But yes, one can work on building your character in a manner that doesn't always know what will happen yet tries to be consistent amid change. Humans need to be a bit like swiss-army knives and less like scalpels. Less specialist but more useful and ready for anything.

God bless,

Nick



NEWS

Harvest Celebration

We celebrate harvest because farmers grow the food we rely on. It's a time to thank God for the successful crops and acknowledge the hard work of farmers. Harvest reminds us of our dependence on the land, encourages gratitude, and inspires us to share with those in need.

We are celebrating harvest over two weekends this year. This weekend we have our **Harvest Barn Dance** on Saturday evening (do book in here if you are reading this in time) and on Sunday we have our 9:30am **Harvest Celebration**. Our church will be decorated beautifully and we will give thanks to God for his provision throughout the year.

Next weekend we celebrate Harvest again, this time at our '**Harvest at the Farm**' 11am service. Next week's Newsboard will contain more details and directions - but do prepare for an amazing celebration in a barn at the local farm - it will be a wonderful occasion and we look forward to seeing you there!

HARVEST DONATIONS

PLEASE START BRINGING IN YOUR HARVEST DONATIONS FROM THIS SUNDAY(8th) ONWARDS

HARVEST SERVICE
22ND SEPT 9.30AM

HARVEST IN THE BARN
29TH SEPT 11.00AM

Thank You!

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd September

9:30am **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

11:00am Worship Service

Monday 23rd September

10:00am Buggy Buddies

7:30pm Worship Team Gathering

Tuesday 24th September

7:30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 25th September

9:30am Stay & Play

Thursday 26th September

10:15am Stroll for the Soul

Saturday 28th September

7:00pm Taunton Youth Gathering

Sunday 29th September

9:30am Holy Communion

11:00am **HARVEST AT THE FARM**

UPCOMING DATES

LES MISERABLES COURSE

Thursday 3rd October 2:30pm

B1 UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 6th October 10:30am
(Wellsprings)

TOWNWIDE WEEK OF PRAYER

Starts Monday 7th October

SOUP™

Tuesday 8th October 12pm

ALPHA

Tuesday 8th October 7:00pm

FAITH, HOPE & MENTAL HEALTH

Saturday 19th October 10:00am

BISHOP HENDERSON OPEN SCHOOL

Thursday 17th October

September charity collection



For the rest of September we will be supporting these three charities projects with not just produce but hopefully also some funds, so do give what you can - check out NewsBoard for the list of things to donate but they also find money helpful so they can target any specific areas of need!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

HARVEST DONATIONS



TAUNTON OPEN DOOR

FOOD

Tinned Food: Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Peas, Beef, Ham, Custard

Basics: Cereals, Salt/pepper, Gravy Granules, Flour, Margarine/Spread, Cooking Oil

Drinks: Fruit Juice, Squash, Coffee, Long life Milk, Hot Chocolate Sugar

Sweet Things: Biscuits, Cakes, Sweets, Sauces, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Brown Sauce

Snacks: Cuppa Soups, Crisps, Cereal Bars, Pot Noodles

NON-FOOD ITEMS

Washing Powder, Wet Wipes, Deodorant Clothing and footwear suitable for people aged 20-40 years (please check before taking to centre)



Our Church Service retiring collections over the Harvest period will also be donated to TAUNTON OPEN DOOR and TAUNTON FOODBANK as they also need money to help with their running costs.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY FRIDGE

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT

Sealed packaged food

Fresh Fruit

Fresh Vegetables

Table Sauces

Pastry

Salad

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Cooked food from home or unregistered sources

Bean sprouts

Cooked rice

Raw milk cheeses

Unpasteurised milk

Eggs or pates

Products that could contain any of the above

Unlabelled multiple ingredient items



TAUNTON FOODBANK

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Tinned Meat (Stew, hotdogs, meatballs)

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Tins of Soup

Sweets And Chocolate

Uht Dairy Whole Milk

Jars of Pasta Sauce

Toiletries

Nappies (Size 6)

Microwave Rice

PLEASE NO MORE...

Cereal

Baked Beans

Tea

Sanitary Items

Pet Food

Soya/Plant/Oat And Other Alternative Milk



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Unpack the Christian faith together.



Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

A chance to explore the big QUESTIONS OF LIFE

SIGN UP HERE

If you would like to find out more about what Alpha is about and what the evening would be like, speak to Rob or email him on rob@stgchurch.co.uk.



STARTS TUES 8th October 7pm

IF YOU MISSED THE LAST ONE IT'S BACK BY REQUEST...

PIANO TEA & CAKE

Playing Songs from the Shows and the Silver Screen

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2.30PM

ALL PROCEEDS TO MYELOMA UK IN LOVING MEMORY OF LIS TREASURE

31 Manor Road, TA15BG

FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS CONTACT GEOFF TREASURE 01823 288 504

£5 Limited No. Available



I DREAMED A DREAM

A 5 Week Course based on Les Miserables with Geoff Treasure

Thursdays 2.30pm in Dunning Room. Starting Thursday 3rd October

Speak to Geoff or email office@stgchurch.co.uk



TUESDAYS

In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM



A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS

Conversation Fellowship Contemplation

Join our walking group, **Stroll for the Soul**, where we meet monthly for a gentle walk together. We go to a different location each time, talk as we walk and stop for reflection and prayer.

When: **Thursday 26 September.**
Where: **Trull Church at 10.15am,** to begin our stroll at 10.30am.

Marlene will be leading us. At the end of the walk we will pay a visit to The Hive Cafe for refreshments.

Please let Janet or Marlene know if you are able to join us - so that we can tell the Cafe how many we will be.

JESUS YOU WALK WITH ME - HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-13

Taunton

YOUTH GATHERING

~SOCIAL~GAMES~BIBLE~CRAFT~SPORT~WORSHIP~

28TH SEPTEMBER 7-9PM

Taunton Baptist Church
£1 per person

RSVP FAMILIES@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

B1 JOINT SERVICE

JOIN US WITH CHURCHES ACROSS THE TOWN ON **6TH OCTOBER**,
AT **WELLSPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE**, STARTING AT **10:30AM**.
THERE WILL BE NO 11AM SERVICE ON THIS DAY.



B1 together

Sunday 6th October at 10:30am
Location: Wellsprings Leisure Centre



Guest Speaker - Gavin Calver
CEO of Evangelical Alliance

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

£10
a ticket

faith
hope & 
mental health
22:37

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
10.00AM - 3.30PM
AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Talking about mental health and how it relates to our faith.
Talks from our special guest

Rev Rob Merchant

**- Author of "Broken by Fear, Anchored in Hope:
Faithfulness in an Age of Anxiety"**

With lunch and a special Q&A panel

**For more information email events@stgchurch.co.uk
TO BOOK YOUR TICKET, SCAN THE QR CODE**

SCAN THIS



ST GEORGE'S Worship News

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1-2

With so much going on with worship, we thought we'd give you all the dates you'll need right up to Christmas so you can jot them down in your diaries.

ST GEORGE'S 9.30AM CHOIR THURSDAY REHEARSALS 7.30pm

Join us in the Choir Room
upstairs in Church Hall

5th September
19th September

- Rehearsal for Harvest Service

10th October
24th October

7th November

- Rehearsal for Joint Remembrance Service

21st November
5th December

- Rehearsal for Christmas Carol Service

12th December

- Rehearsal for Christmas Carol Service

ST GEORGE'S 9.30AM CHOIR SUNDAY SERVICES 9.30am

Join us in the Choir Room
upstairs in Church Hall at 9am for Warm Up!

8th September
22nd September

- Traditional Harvest Service

13th October
27th October

10th November

- Joint Remembrance Service * 10am

24th November



22nd December

REHEARSAL 4PM IN CHURCH
SERVICE 6PM

ST GEORGE'S WORSHIP TEAM GATHERING

MONDAYS AT 7.30pm

Join us in the Church for a time of teaching
worship songs, praying together and rehearsing

23rd September
28th October
25th November

ST GEORGE'S WORSHIP JAM

MONDAYS AT 7.30pm

Bring your instrument, your voice and join us
just getting together for a time of worship

9th September
11th November

WORSHIP TEAM SPECIAL SERVICES

29th September

- **HARVEST IN THE BARN** AT 11AM

10th November

- **JOINT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** AT 10AM

We'd love you to join with the 9.30am Choir

15th December

- **CONTEMPORARY CAROL SERVICE** AT 6PM

B1 WORSHIP & PRAYER DATES

WORSHIP SCHOOL WEEK OF PRAYER

Mon 2nd September

Mon 14th October

Mon 4th November

*Starts 7.30pm at
Living Light Church*

Mon 7th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Riverside Church

Tues 8th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at St James Church

Wed 9th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Trull Church

Thur 10th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Taunton Baptist

Fri 11th Oct 7.30-9pm
at North Street

For any more information email chris@stgchurch.co.uk

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Special Birthday Celebrations

Bishop Henderson School is 50.

"Rooted and grounded in love, we flourish and grow"

We give thanks for the vision given to Rev Roland Clarke, the vicar and the PCC in the early seventies, to establish a church school in the then Parish of Wilton.

Visits were made to the local residents and there was overwhelming support, as well as from the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Bishop at the time giving his name to the school.

Hedley King was appointed as the first head teacher and he became a prominent member of St Georges Church for many years.

The school opened with 120 pupils and 4 teachers including Rosa Parsloe. Barbara Reeves and the late Janet Ball were appointed for the second year. Many of the staff that followed were members of St G's including Gerald Dunning who was also the organist.

Over the years the school has been extended with several major extensions with a current number of 430 pupils and upwards of 50 staff.

The Lord has richly blessed the school and it has always been grateful for the support of St George's Church both financially and prayerfully.

The school will be holding a celebratory Service on **Thursday 17th October.**

Unfortunately there is only room for school pupils staff and invited guests.

The good news is that the school will be open from early evening for anyone to come and look round the school and to view an exhibition of old photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia.

There will be an opportunity to share memories and meet with old friends or to simply discover more of the life of Bishop Henderson School.

Book the date now!

Do you, I wonder have any photos etc that you could share?

Do speak to Jenny Jeffery, the School chaplain.

You can contact her for further details at revjen@sky.com



In Loving Memory

We remember
Blanche Wood, Marion Hoad
and Edna Billingham

We 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

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@stgchurch.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!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air fitness friendship ...and free!

Term Time Mondays at 10am

Meet in St George's Wilton Churchyard Taunton TA1 3JT

RUN BY A FRIENDLY TEAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF BUMPS, BABIES AND TODDLERS



JOIN THE TEA-M Today



To help with our teas & coffee, email rob@stgchurch.co.uk

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