



A Note From **YOUR VICAR** *Administrator*

Well, they've gone and deserted me this week and it's only now that I have realised that it has meant, little old me is writing the front page to you all...

It's certainly been a busy week here at St George's once more and reflecting back, I've realised that in these last 7 days there has been a baptism, a funeral and a wedding - with Halloween snuck in there too.

From the joyous celebration of the baptisms to an emotional farewell at a funeral, followed by the joyous union of a wedding, it's a real rollercoaster of faith, love, and remembrance.

It was wonderful to have the baptisms of two children in our Church in our 11am service as it meant that the whole church welcomed them into our family. Baptisms remind us all of the fresh starts and new life that God offers us. We witnessed (even online - thanks tech team!) the start of their journey of faith, with Christ and the Church. It says in the liturgy that as a church "As members of the church we all have a duty to support these children by prayer, example and teaching" so it was a privilege for the church family to be there. So do hold Charlotte and Rosanna in your prayers.

Then came the funeral, which brought a much different tone. Family and friends gathered to honor a life that was lived. It's never easy to say goodbye, but witnessing the love shared in those moments was incredibly powerful and emotional. The family and friends cried together, shared stories, and celebrated the life of a good man. It reminded me of the importance of

community, of being there for each other in our darkest hours. Putting aside differences and past hurts to come together. As Christians we find solace in the promise of eternal life and the hope that comes from our faith.

And right on the heels of these significant events, we have a wedding! A celebration of love and commitment uniting two lives. Weddings are reminders of God's love and the covenant He establishes, not just in our individual lives but within our church family. It was the perfect contrast to the week's earlier event—a celebration of new beginnings, hope, and the promise of forever. Congratulations Natasha and Charles!

Amidst all this, let's not forget that we also had Halloween. While the world might focus on spooky ghosts and ghouls, we as a church choose to seek the light. We have the incredible opportunity to shine brightly in a time that often dwells on darkness. We need to be beacons of hope and joy! Instead of haunted houses, we need to celebrate the goodness of God.

So as we come to the end of one week and begin this next one, I'm sure it will again be filled with highs and lows, but together, we can navigate these moments with love, support, and grace. Let's continue to uplift one another, celebrating the joys and comforting each other in sorrow, all while seeking the light in every situation as we said those words at the Baptisms

"Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God."

God Bless
Bethan

St George's **News**

AND JUST LIKE THAT...

...it's over...Half term is done and dusted and we're now properly into the Winter season where we have so much to look forward to. There'll be so much going on and we want you all to be a part of it. Do keep reading future NewsBoards to see what you can get involved with and how together, we can make this winter season filled with tidings of comfort and joy! So everything is back on - Buggy Buddies, SOUP, Stay and Play, Alpha with some Mossy Church events and small groups (Mens Shed and Women NOT in the Pub) all returning this week.

And we have **PRAY.**

It's a wonderful space to come together, pray about our church, our town, our concerns as we share together and simply pray. Prayer is our most powerful tool and when we pray together (thats the key word-together!) "stuff happens". With a sprinkle of easy worship, we'd love you to join us. **This Sunday 7pm in Church.**



ST GEORGE'S BIG WEEKEND

We hope that most of you had the "pleasure" of seeing our launch video for St George's BIG weekend and we hope it's got you excited to come and join us for a great weekend together. We will be at Wick Farm, near Brean so as you can imagine, it's an area with lots to do near by, b&b's for those not tempted by the free camping, and not a long journey to get there! So what is it? Well it's a retreat designed to bring our church community together. Through shared meals, worship, and fun activities, we'll be creating space to connect with one another and encounter God in a deeper way.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 3rd November

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

7.00pm PRAY

Monday 4th November

10.30am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Mens Shed

7.30pm Women NOT in the Pub

Tuesday 5th November

12.00pm SOUP

7.30pm Bellingring Practice

7.00pm Alpha

Wednesday 6th November

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 7th November

2.30pm Final Les Mis - showing the film

7.30pm Come and Sing Rehearsal

Saturday 9th November

4.30pm Stargazing - Mossy Church Event at Wildside

Sunday 10th November

9.45am JOINT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE **MINI MOSSY CHURCH AUTUMN ADVENTURE**

Tuesday 19th November

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST GEORGES

Wednesday 20th November 7.00pm

STROLL FOR THE SOUL WALK

Friday 22nd November

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December 2pm-5pm

Whether you're looking for uplifting talks, moments of reflection, or time to simply enjoy being with others, this weekend has something for everyone. Expect laughter, meaningful conversations, and memories that will stay with you long after we return home.

Don't miss out on this special time to rest, grow, and be inspired together. Book your tickets whilst they are at the Early Bird prices or get in touch with the office if you would like to pay monthly and spread the cost. We want ALL OF YOU to come!!!

<https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/ctm1saew>

visit our website: stgchurch.co.uk/bigweekend
or scan this QR code to take you to the booking page



early bird offer
only available until February 2025

THURS 24TH - SUN 27TH JULY '25

ST GEORGE'S **Big Weekend**
Bringing Us, Spirit Together

- adult £120 (Subsidised)
adult £100 (Standard)
adult £80 (Supported)
- youth £40 (11-17)
child £20 (4-10)
child FREE (0-3)
- monthly payment available with £20 deposit

There will be one Confirmation Class together in the Dunning Room on **Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm** for those being confirmed.

We'd still love for more of you to come forward for confirmation so if you would like to know more about it, please do get in touch. Email me - nick@stgchurch.co.uk and we'll go from there.

Nick

REMEMBER NEXT SUNDAY IS A JOINT SERVICE

For this year's Remembrance next **Sunday (10th Nov)** we will be having a **JOINT service** together at an earlier time than the usual Joint Service time of **9.45am**. This is to make sure that we are able to finish the service in time for the Act of Remembrance at our own War Memorial.

There will be kids provision on that week so come along to the church service together and then collect them from Kids Clubs at the end.

When our service has finished, we will be joined by our Uniformed organisations (Brownies, Scouts, Cubs...) for their service in Church. It is always really special to get these groups of young people through the church doors - some of which may be for the first time! And we hope the parents will come along too.

Normal service will resume again on the following Sunday 17th.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELP

We're still hoping that we can get some Volunteers to help us this Christmas time for our Christmas Fayre. The last two years we made £2000 but we really want to smash that target and have the Fayre even bigger and better. BUT we can only do that with YOU!

If you can help on a Stall, on the entrance, help with setting up, clearing down, refreshments... there's so much you can get involved with!

Please do get in touch events@stgchurch.co.uk and let us know how you can be a part of the best Fayre in town!!

Christmas Event Team

LADIES THAT LUNCH

Women not in the Pub invite ladies to join them for lunch on **Thursday 21st November 12 noon** at Le Bonne Vie, High Street.

Booking and pre orders are essential. Please see Kate or Jenny to view menu and book.

Reminder, that Women not in the Pub meet **this Monday at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall**



CONFIRMATION TIME...

We're really pleased that we have had some more candidates come forward for Confirmation which will take place here at St Georges on **Wed 20th November at 7.30pm** with Bishop Michael Langrish.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Christmas Fayre

Book to see Santa, buy your Christmas gifts, kids face painting and activities, refreshments and so so much more...

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2-5PM

Tree FESTIVAL COMP
LIVE MUSIC
Santa's Grotto
AMAZING Raffle Prizes
Lots of Christmas Stalls
Tower TOURS
FUN Activities for Kids
FOOD & Drink

Only £2 entry (Under 12's FREE)
St George's Wilton
Fons George Taunton TA1 3JT

Bishop's letter – 'It takes the whole world to know Christ'

Do you think a fish knows that it's swimming in water? I've been reflecting on this question not because it's some kind of Buddhist koan – the type of question that asks, 'What's the sound of one hand clapping?' Rather it's because I've been reflecting recently on questions of culture and world view. Do I see the world purely from the perspective of being who I am? (A 55-year-old white Englishman who grew up in a small village in the 1970s.) If that's the case, is what I see an accurate representation of the whole of reality? Might other perspectives be possible? If I could see the world through the eyes of others, might my vision be richer, wider, deeper? Like a fish that suddenly realizes that seeing can happen not only through water, but through air as well?

Seeing things from the perspective of others was something that Jesus did. An example of this happens when Jesus heals a centurion's servant in Luke's Gospel (Luke 7: 1-10). The centurion comes from a background and culture that's entirely different to that in which Jesus grew up. Yet Jesus is blown away by the insight that the centurion has about who Jesus himself is. This leads Jesus to exclaim 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!'

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has a link with the five Anglican Dioceses of Zambia. There's much to be celebrated in the friendship that we share: the joy and vitality of the Zambian Church, the opportunities our link offers to help some of the world's poorest communities. But for me, the greatest gift we gain is the opportunity our link offers to stand in the shoes of others and to see the world, our faith, and the whole of reality from a different perspective.

A wise person once said to me 'It takes the whole world to know Christ'. Our link with Zambia enables us to see more of the Jesus we share than we could ever hope to experience otherwise.

Bishop Michael Beasley

JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

We'd love to enlarge our group of volunteers who open / clean / close the St. George's Community Fridge. Why not volunteer by contacting me (Mervyn) at fridge@stgchurch.co.uk to find out more? We'd also like to be able to offer to have the Fridge open much more as the word is spreading across the town so if we can serve our community in this way it would be great to have more of you onboard!!

BUGGY BUDDIES

We walk alongside everyone at such a precious and often challenging time of life and to demonstrate the Christian faith in a gentle, practical way whether that's a sympathetic listening ear, pushing a buggy for a Mum while she walks with her active toddler, or providing a flask of free hot coffee for the grown ups!

We urgently need more volunteers to keep Buggy Buddies running and allow it to thrive. If you can help out for just 2-3 sessions each term, please reach out to us at

Email families@stgchurch.co.uk

MOSSY CHURCH TEAM

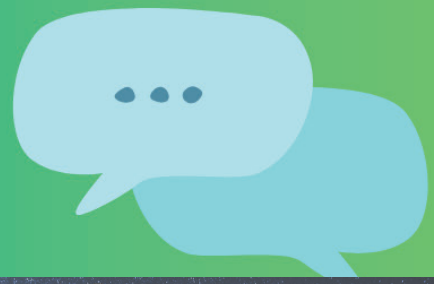
We have 'mini' sessions which take place during weekdays, two to three times per term as well as occasional Saturday or school holiday sessions for older children normally once a term. Joining the team wouldn't involve helping at all of the sessions, even once per term would be brilliant. This might be helping to prepare a craft or activity, or if you're not crafty, welcoming or making refreshments, or reading a story on the day. Email families@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to find out more!

STAY AND PLAY TEAM

Come and join our wonderful team at Stay & Play. We'd love some helpers to join us, even just once a month, to help set up, to help put away and for refreshments - do get in touch if you would like to join us and help with this outreach!

office@stgchurch.co.uk

ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



SOME MOSSY EVENTS THAT YOU DONT WANT TO MISS!!

The Mossy Church Team is delighted to once again invite you and your family to join us at Wildside for a nature based shimmering starry session for just £5 per family. Join us for this sparkly & fun adventure up on the beautiful Blackdown Hills. This session continues to be one of the most popular sessions of the year so book now to avoid missing out!

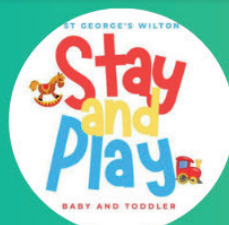
In the cosiness of the open sided fairy lit barn we will make and create some starry crafts. Join us in the meadow as we gaze at the night sky, guided in our gaze by a real scientist, and explore the stars above us. Get creative with sparklers and keep warm by the crackling campfire as we toast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate.

This glimmering adventure will be suitable for families with children aged 0-12 with different crafts and activities for different ages, including twinkly sensory play, stories and songs for the youngest ones.

We invite you to bring an optional picnic supper to enjoy around the campfire at the end of the session. Space is extremely limited for this session due to parking, so BOOK NOW and we will be having a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Join us as we explore creation, engage with nature and connect with each other and the Creator!

COMING SOON.....

Taunton Minster Peregrines
A talk by Robin Morrison
Wednesday 6th November, 2:30 PM
All are welcome



**Followed by
Refreshments**
**hosted by
Mothers' Union**

Mothers' UNION

Taunton Minster, Church Square Taunton, TA1 2SA
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office@tauntonminster.org

**TAUNTON
MINSTER**
ST MARY MAGDALENE

ARE YOU A TWITCHER? OR FOLLOW TAUNTON MINSTER'S PEREGRINES TWITTER PAGE?

THIS TALK IS FOR YOU!

Taunton Minster Peregrines

Wed 6th Nov 2024 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

An insightful talk about our very own
Peregrines is to be given by Local
RSPB Volunteer Robin Morrison.

All are welcome to come
and is free entry.

There will be tea and cakes at the
end. This is supported by the Mothers'
Union.

*You do not have to be a member to
come to the talk.*

DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Last year sold out so quickly and
following the success of this wonderful
Gospel night, it's sure to sell out
quickly again so get your early bird
tickets now by scanning the QR code
or by visiting the ticket website only -
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gospel-christmas-2024/a-gospel-christmas-2024/e-dejkr1>

DO NOT

buy your tickets from
any other source.

Our Chris leads the
Pursuit of Gospel Choir,
so you know you're in for
a Christmas treat!!

**SOLD OUT SHOW
LAST YEAR**

A GOSPEL Christmas

**FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER
6.30PM**

Wellsprings
Leisure Centre,
Taunton, TA2 7QP
Doors open at 6pm

BOOK TICKETS

	EARLY BIRD	FROM 1ST DEC
£8	£4	FREE
Adults	Children (-16Y)	0-2 years (on laps)
		Adults Children 0-2 years (-16Y) (on laps)

Come and celebrate Christmas with a
live **Gospel Choir and Band** for an evening of
Christmas Carols, Gospel Classics and more.

Hosted by the Pursuit of Gospel Choir & Band, Living Light Christian Church, Oakwood Church, Taunton Vineyard Church,
St George's Church Wilton, TYFC, New Creation Church, Riverside Church, Wellsprings Community Church, St. James' Church,
Taunton Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Church, North Street Church, Creech Baptist Church, All Saints Trull

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Our collections for the beginning of November will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The poppy remains a symbol of both **REMEMBRANCE** and **HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE**.

For 100 years The Royal British Legion has been raising vital funds to help serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces community and their families, from those who served in the First World War to the men and women of our Armed Forces today. In 2020 The Royal British Legion awarded 7,668 grants to members of the Armed Forces community, totalling £11.7 million.

As they reflect on their achievements over the last 100 years, The Royal British Legion stands ready to support the next generation when they need them.

Please donate if you can. There will be a retiring collection by the church door for those of you who come along to our in church services and for those joining in with Church At Home, you can still donate.

You can also support the Poppy Appeal by donating via text or online. If you can, do support and remember those who have served and sacrificed.

Visit their website at:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>



**charity
collection**



The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community.

We're here through thick and thin – ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten.

We've been here since 1921 and we'll be here as long as they need us.

We are the country's largest Armed Forces charity, with 180,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities; helping us give support wherever and whenever it's needed.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
**COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**

St George's Church Hall, Car Park
Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT

OPENING HOURS

SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

9.30am to 4.00pm Autumn/Winter

9.30am to 5.00pm Spring/Summer

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE AND FOOD
POVERTY IN TAUNTON

IF DONATING...

If you wish to donate to the Community Fridge, please put them in the crate to your right of the door.

If it requires refrigeration please pop it in the basket on the top shelf in the fridge. Check our facebook page to see what can/can't be donated first.

IF COLLECTING...

Bring your own bag and help yourself to whatever food is in there up to a maximum of 5 items and follow the instructions in the Fridge Shed.

The food will vary in quantity and description from day to day. We never know what will be donated!

IF WANTING TO HELP...

If you wish to help us to keep this Fridge open and serving the Community - we'd love you to join the team!

email: fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



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



In Loving Memory

We remember

**Kathleen Suter, Arthur Walker,
Vera Marriott, Judy Breeze**

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.

We remember **Lesley Turner** who died last week and was a member of the Wilton Mothers' Union and joined Stroll for the Soul in recent months. After a short illness she passed away peacefully at home.

Also remembering **Mike Godleman** whose funeral service was on Monday at St George's Please keep Lesley and Mike's family in your prayers as they deal with their grief.



Help us to grow in Spirit and Number

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 DATES DATES AND MORE DATES



A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS



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.

STROLL THE SOUL DATES

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2025

For more informations email office@stgchurch.co.uk, chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!

Jesus you walk with me, help me to walk with you.

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

7th November

- Rehearsal for

Joint Remembrance Service

21st November

- 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!

10th November

- Joint Remembrance Service at 9.45am

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

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

11th November

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



Dates for Diaries

STARGAZING at Wildside
For 0-12's

Saturday 9th November 4.30pm

AUTUMN ADVENTURE

For 0-5's

Tuesday 19th November 10.00am

Explore Engage Connect

Mossy Church is a relaxed, nature themed Christian group exploring creation, connecting with others & getting to know the Creator.

Check out our Facebook page for regular ideas and to find out about our activities, trails and fun family events!

06/10

SUNDAY

B1 United Service

We will join to worship together with other churches across the town at Wellsprings Leisure Centre.

10/11

SUNDAY

Joint Remembrance Service

A joint service at 10.00am followed by the laying of the wreath and Act of Remembrance at 11.00am

**03,10,
17/12**

TUESDAYS

Tuk Tuk Carols

We will be touring the Parish on 3 Carolling journeys with our sturdy Tuk Tuk, mulled wine & hot chocolate

07/12

SATURDAY

St George's Christmas Fair

Our very success Christmas Fayre will be back with Santa, stalls and lots more fun for all the family

15/12

SUNDAY

Contemporary Carol Service

Our Contemporary Carol Service will be led by our worship band, with responses and prayer

22/12

SUNDAY

Traditional Carol Service

Our popular traditional candlelit Christmas Carol Service with readings, a talk, and with popular Carols

24/12

TUESDAY

Christingle Services

There will be 2 Christingle Services at 2.30pm and 4.00pm making Christingles and singing carols

24/12

TUESDAY

Midnight Christmas Eve Service

A traditional candlelit Holy Communion Service at 11.30pm will bring in Christmas morning

25/12

WEDNESDAY

Joint Christmas Day Celebration

We will join to worship together and celebrate this special day at 10.00am followed by Holy Communion

For any information on any of the above events/services email office@stgchurch.co.uk
More events will be added but we hope this gives you a flavour!

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