



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Last Friday I had an extraordinary meeting. My guitar needed something called a 'setup' which is a bit like a 'service' for a car. I'm not quite sure what they do but I know it's better after it. I've never had one of these before and so was quite unsure of how to proceed. Our curly-curate gave me a number of a 'guy' and so I took the plunge. Turns out he is not just a 'guy' but a proper 'luthier'.

It all went a bit wrong, at least to begin with. Firstly I happened to call him in the middle of a prayer meeting. Prayer is such an intimate thing that this mistake felt like I accidentally walked in on someone changing clothes. He hung up on me. That was weird, I said to Mrs Griffin. Texting out an apology he called back. 'Come over! I can do it this afternoon'.

Secondly, I got lost trying to find the house. When I called again, I was literally opposite with the house sign covered over by the recycling. It was not an auspicious start. 'Come in!' Mr. Luthier welcomed me! I've got a song for you. He played me a folk version of the prayer of 'thanksgiving' at the end of the communion service 'Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open...' beautiful. I kept asking him questions about his life, mutual acquaintances (does simply everyone know and love Chris Sampson – I wonder how far we can travel to find someone who disagrees!) and music. We stayed chatting for about an hour and a half.

He told me of playing music in bars and concerts; the way that half-drunk and semi-high people would hear the old gospel words

to a new instrumentation and somehow create a 'moment' of peace and harmony in the middle of a rowdy bar. The word 'rapture' is the right one; 'caught up' in a moment that only somehow musicians can open up, when there is a sense of flow, unity and harmony between people. These little moments last only shards of time and the recollection of them is both beautiful and painful at their absence. In total he played me 4 songs. I loved it.

This Christmas will be full of singing and there will be moments; instances which are opened up by notes and chords blended together to give a sense of unity and harmony amongst a group of almost strangers. Music somehow opens up little windows of reality into seeing some deeper reality of grace, of truth, of God in a way that almost nothing else can. When I pray about this busy season, I pray that the Holy Spirit will make a way, so that those who are hurried and harried by this fast paced and noisy world will enjoy those moments of grace so much that they want more of that peace of the Christ child in their wider life. This Christmas don't let the words wash over you, find a way to extend the moments of harmony beyond the initial to shaping it into a whole life lived consciously before a God who loves you.

Oh and the guitar is fixed and beautiful.
God Bless

Nick

St George's **News**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

As I write this the Fayre is a couple of days away so we cannot give you all a debrief of it but we are hopeful that it will have been a roaring success and lots of lovely funds were raised and fun was had. Praying that the weather held off for us to be warmer and drier than last year but we never know do we. What we DO know is that we are so very grateful to this wonderful Church family of ours for pulling together and helping with time, effort, love and gifts. It is so appreciated. Who's ready for the next one? ;)

TukTuk Carols in Wilton & Sherford

We'll be bringing out our TukTuk around the Parish this December to bring Refreshments and Christmas Carols to get you ready for Christmas!

Tues 10th December

Starting at 6.30pm,
on the 3rd we'll stop at:

**St George's Church
St George's Care Home
Vivary Road
Wilton Close
Mount Nebo**

Come and sing-a-long with us!



TUKTUK CAROLS

Well, we're one TukTuk Tour done and another 2 to go. We had so much fun together and the hot chocolate and mulled wine went down a treat!

We can't wait to go around and sing some fabulous carols and hand out some hot chocolate again to our community here in Wilton and Sherford.

Dont miss out folks, come and join us for an hour of fun together whilst showing unity and Christ's light to this town.

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 6.30PM

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Our recent stroll, exploring a little of the Taunton-Chard Canal from Ilminster, was much enjoyed by us all.

For our **12th December** Stroll we shall return to a local venue.



WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th December

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 9th December

10.30am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 10th December

12.00pm SOUP

6.30pm Tuk Tuk Carols

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 11th December

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 12th December

10.15am Stroll For The Soul

7.30pm Rehearsal for Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 15th December

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service with Communion

6.00pm CONTEMPORARY CAROL SERVICE

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

TUK TUK CAROLS

Tuesday 17th December 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS BUGGY SERVICE

Wednesday 18th December 10.00am

TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December 6.00pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Tuesday 24th December - 4.00pm and 5.30pm

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Wednesday 25th December 10.00am



Carole will take us on another circuit of Longrun Meadow giving us a little more history of that area. We shall join the footpath via the access from the TESCO car park, meeting at 10.15, to begin the walk at 10.30. We shall assume everyone can make their way to the start, but let us know if you need transport to get there.

Several new strollers have recently joined us - and we are always pleased to welcome newcomers!

*Jesus You Walk with Me -
Help Me to Walk with You*

TUNES AND TEA WITH A TREASURE

By popular demand, Geoff Treasure has been asked to do a Piano, Carols, Readings and Pie before Christmas so if you would like to join in, Geoff will be holding an afternoon in support of Myeloma UK on **Friday 20th at 2.30** at 31 Manor Road. Donations of at least £5 and as there is limited seating, if you want to go then please do notify Geoff in person or telephone him 01823 288504

GETTING THE CHURCH READY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

As you know we have a wonderfully talented but VERY small team who look after and display our beautiful flowers in church each week. We are so thankful for them but as we approach the busy season

we really would like some help to make our church look Christmas ready.

We need people to help us to decorate the church for the Christmas Fayre and for our Christmas Services.

If you think you could help in any way, please do speak to either Sue Stenhouse or Sheena Page asap to let them know you can give a helping hand.

SEND US OUT IN THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT

How inspiring these words are. They are part of the prayer we often say together at the end of our Sunday service, as we prepare to face the world and the week ahead. But recently, these words have made me pause and reflect:

do I truly carry them with me in the days that follow, once we return to the routines of daily life? I hope I do. I think we all try to, don't we?

For the past 14 months, I have felt so much love and encouragement from our wonderful church family here at St. George's. Through your kindness—whether in a smile, a hug, a phone call, or a simple word—you have shown me the power of faith and fellowship in action. This has made such a difference, especially for those of us who sometimes feel lonely. You have truly put love into action, and I am deeply grateful.

As a small way to say thank you, I have made a little card for each of you. You can carry it in your purse or wallet, keep it in your Bible, or place it on your fridge. My hope is that this card will remind you to step forward in the Spirit and share His love with others, just as you have so graciously shared it with me.

Thank you all. Please be sure to pick up your card this Sunday.

With love and gratitude,

Rosa

*Send us out
in the power of
your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise
and glory.
Amen.*



JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS

ST GEORGE'S

**Contemporary
Carol Service
By Candlelight**

With Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Sunday 15th December 6pm

Every child
should have
someone

The
Children's
Society

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION - DECEMBER

"We are a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. We support them through their most serious life challenges and we campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most. We've been doing this for 140 years and we won't stop until we've built a society where hope is alive in every child.

We walk towards the young people that society crosses the road to avoid. We see something in these children, that something is:

Hope

Hope for a happier home life, hope of getting a job, of getting away from the people who exploit and hurt them.

Hope of overcoming the obstacles modern life puts in front of them and hope that tomorrow can be better than today.

It's right there in the centre of every young person in Britain. Even those who have it toughest of all, those who are exploited, neglected, unsafe.

We see it.

And we fight for it.

Sometimes hope takes a battering. Sometimes it's hidden by doubt, aggression or mistrust. Sometimes it's hanging by a thread. But we know it's there.

And that's why we do everything in our power to restore it, protect it and strengthen it.

We're building hope in the young people

who need it most, through campaigning and support.

And we won't rest until we've created a society built for all children.

Where hope is alive in every child.

Because no young person should be left without it.

We fight for hope by deeply understanding the needs of young people and by supporting them through their most serious life challenges. We work with young people who have suffered years of abuse, who have run away from home or are struggling with mental health issues. We look out for young carers and those who are at risk of being groomed by criminal groups. We help refugees who have no one else to turn to in this country.

The young people we meet have complicated lives. Their experiences are always different, but young people all have one thing in common. It's a thing called hope.

Hope for a happier home life. Hope of getting a job, of getting away from the people who exploit or hurt them. So we find their hope and start there, working with them little by little, giving them whatever they need and empowering them to make decisions for the future they want.

We work with young people for as long as it takes and across all different aspects of their life as it's rarely simple for them. There might be aggression, mistrust, anger or disappointment, but even when hope is hanging by a thread we help them find it again.

In Loving Memory

We remember

**Dennis Bowler, Arthur Huntley,
Joy Bird, Marjorie Newman, and
Terence Underwood**

*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.*



**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**

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



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

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



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!

DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

"Get ready for a night of joy and celebration! Join us for a Christmas Gospel Concert on December 20th.

Don't miss out on this heartwarming evening! Book your tickets now and let's spread the holiday cheer together!"

Get your tickets via the link below.
tinyurl.com/b1gospel

Please only purchase your tickets from the TicketSource website - to ensure your safety and the validity of your tickets, please do not buy from unauthorised sources.

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!!



A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS 2024

BOOK TICKETS

FRIDAY 20TH DEC.

TICKET PRICES

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| £10 Adults | £5 Children (-16Y) | FREE 0-2Y (on laps) |
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**SOLD OUT SHOW
LAST YEAR**

6.30 pm - Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton, TA2 7QP



Christmas Buggy Crib Service

Wed 18th Dec 2024 @10am

St G's Families invites all Parents / Carers and their little ones age 0-5 to an short informal Crib service.

Exploring the Nativity story through crafts, sensory activities, storytelling and Christmas songs

Festive refreshments in the church hall afterwards!

Run by Mossy Church, Stay & Play,
Buggy Buddies
Tots@11 & Kids@11

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