

ST GEORGE'S

NEWSBOARD

Sunday 15th
September '24



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Some little bits of technology change the way you do things. I've got some of these little ear buds that you can put in your ears that go through the magic of Bluetooth to broadcast any kind of audio. They are quite marvellous. Compared with traditional headphones which go over the top of the head these are quite subtle. They don't say 'go away', in fact you can still hear things around them. I love to read but I do find it hard to get concentrated time to read. So a device which lets me 'read' whilst I'm walking the dogs or doing the dishwasher is a gift. To listen to an audiobook in a headphone is a distinctly intimate experience. These little headphones go direct into your ear canal and so it feels like they're speaking just to you. When the author is actually reading the book to you this experience is only more close to you. I'm on one of these free trials for Audible which allows you to get a book per month for a few months.

I've just finished listening to Matthew Perry's autobiography 'Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing'. He was the big sitcom star of Friends and by his own admission his particular way of speaking has been very culturally impacting – could it BE any more dramatic – which I've watched over the years. To listen to his voice is odd because it is no longer his particular voice. The timing and sheer ability to be funny is the same but he has destroyed his own vocals through decades of drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

This was even more spooky because he died last year of a Ketamine overdose which made all of the 'I won't be doing drugs anymore' pronouncements particularly ghoulish beamed straight into your cerebellum.

The main theme that stood out is the central contradiction of the 'Big Terrible Thing'. Perry was a big star, at one point worth \$80 million dollars and starring in the biggest TV show and Hollywood film simultaneously (Friends and Whole 9 Yards). He was rich, extremely famous and dated the most famously beautiful women on the planet. He wrote: 'Nobody believes you unless you've been famous and rich, but they aren't the answer and won't fill the hole inside'. The story is sad and repetitive. In fact I kept wondering which rehab it was this time. I also found it hard to believe that he really would trade places with others, which is kind of his point that nobody believes him. I wonder how many of us think that if we were rich and famous – that is had the freedom to do what we want when we want and the sense of attention and love that comes with fame – we think our lives would all be better. Jesus says, 'What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?'. I wonder what we'd really be willing to trade and at what cost.

God bless,

Nick

St George's **News**



AND SHE'S OFF....

Finally it's my turn to switch off and flip the Out of Office on for some much longed for holiday time....so you know what that means folks...yep - rain! Although, I may be doing you all a favour by hopping across the pond meaning you may all have the sunshine but if you're heading away in the same direction as me I can only apologise!!

I shall be back on Monday 30th Sept and hopefully raring to go again after recharging the batteries.

I am sure that the Vicar and the Curate will manage just fine without me here - will probably appreciate the quiet and the no nagging time and I have tasked Rob to pick up NewsBoard for me in my absence as otherwise this would have been a massive bumper 3 week edition and we want to keep all the goings on here nice and fresh in your memories so I have passed the baton on (thank you Rob!)

So if you need anything to be communicated to the church whilst I am off do ping him an email **rob@stgchurch.co.uk**

Enjoy the peace and the much shorter non rambling emails whilst I'm off folks and see you in October!!

Bethan x

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!!

You can now visit our website here and book your tickets to our **Harvest Barn Dance** which we hope will, be a time to have some fun together.

We've booked some callers with some ceildh music to dance along to as we Dosey Doe. Alternatively you can scan the QR code below. Tickets are limited in number and are £10.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15th September
9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**
11.00am **Worship Service with Communion**

Monday 16th September
10.00am **Buggy Buddies**
7.30pm **Mens Shed - BBQ NOT IN SCOUT HUT!**

Tuesday 17th September
7.30pm **Bellringing Practice**

Wednesday 18th September
9.30am **Stay and Play**

Thursday 19th September
3.00pm **Wedding of Rowan and Naomi**
7.30pm **Choir Rehearsal for Harvest**

Saturday 21st September
9.30am **Churchyard Gardening**
7.00pm **Harvest Barn Dance**

Sunday 22nd September
9.30am **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
11.00am **Worship Service with Communion**

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE
STROLL FOR THE SOUL
Thursday 26th September

TAUNTON YOUTH GATHERING
Sat 28th September 7pm

HARVEST AT THE FARM
Sunday 29th Sept 11.00am

LES MISERABLE COURSE
Thursday 3rd October 2.30pm

B1 UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday 6th October 10.30am (Wellsprings)

TOWN WEEK OF PRAYER
Beg Monday 7th October

ALPHA
Tuesday 8th October 7.00pm

FAITH HOPE & MENTAL HEALTH
Saturday 19th October 10.00am (TBC)

BISHOP HENDERSON OPEN SCHOOL
Thursday 17th October

So book your tickets NOW! It should be great fun together!

You can book by scanning the QR code on the image or visit our website here <https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/0zheicuf>



HARVEST

Limited Tickets BOOK NOW

Barn Dance

Celebrate Harvest With Us
with C  ilidh music and light buffet

Saturday 21st September
Starts 7pm
at St George's Church Hall

Book here:
<https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/0zheicuf>
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



£10 a ticket

DON'T WAIT TO DONATE...

Please do start bringing in your Harvest donations to church so that we can use some of the donations as decorations for our Harvest Service on Sunday 22nd September (9.30am Service)

The produce after our Harvest Services will be split between our 3 chosen charity/projects - Taunton Foodbank, Taunton Open Door and St George's Community Fridge as we did last year.

Have a look at the list below and see what you can donate - they will be grateful for all donations.

We will be collecting again when we have our Harvest at the Barn service for the 11am but we really would love for the church to be decorated with some produce so do bring along on Sunday so that our clever flower team can turn it into a creative display!

Our Charity Collection for the remainder of September will go to giving Taunton Open Door and Taunton Foodbank some funds so that they can purchase anything they need as additional supplies!

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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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

NEW COURSE ALERT!!

On **Thursday 3rd October at 2.30pm**, Geoff Treasure will be beginning a new course that is based on the novel Les Miserables.

Do get in touch with Geoff if you have any questions about it or you can email him on geofftreasure31@gmail.com

The course runs for 5 weeks but please do not worry if you cant attend all sessions, you are welcome to join us for as few or as many as you like.

ALPHA

In October we are holding our next Alpha course and we'd love for you to start thinking about who you could invite to the course.

It will be held on Tuesday nights starting with a meal from 7pm.

This is such a great way to introduce people who do not yet know Christ to find out more about Him and a safe space to ask questions about faith.

If you would like to sign up or signpost someone to sign up then please visit <https://www.stgchurch.co.uk/alpha>

**Unpack the
Christian *faith*
together.**



**STARTS
TUES 8th
October
7pm**

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.

If you would like to sign up or signpost someone to sign up then please visit

<https://www.stgchurch.co.uk/alpha>

Big Parenting Questions - CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Raising children isn't for the faint-hearted. Just when you think you've got a handle on parenting, your child moves to the next stage of life and many of the tactics you've acquired become less effective, or even obsolete.

As your child gets older, decision-making becomes trickier and there are no clearcut answers to many of their requests. 'Can I have a phone?' 'Can I stay home on my own?' 'Can I have Snapchat?'

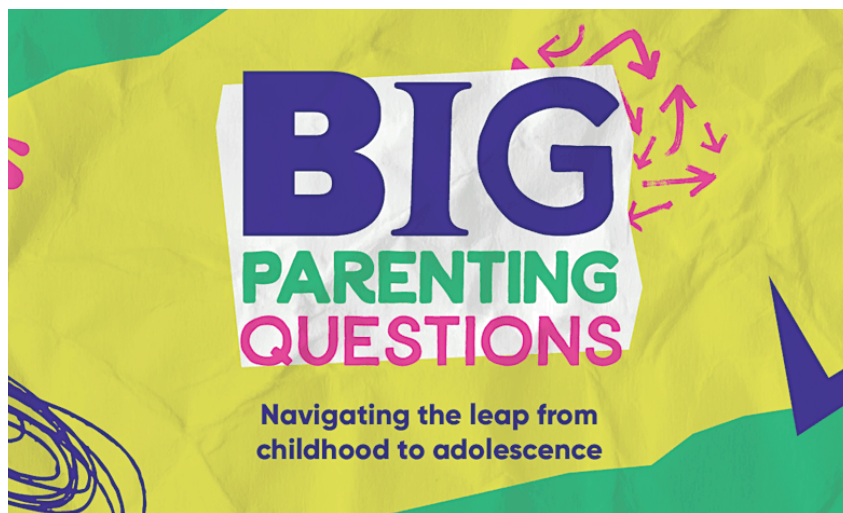
You can find yourself in unknown territory, scrambling to find answers and overwhelmed with questions of your own. How do you know what's best for your child? How can you give them the freedom to grow without letting them wander into chaos?

Big parenting Questions is a brand-new event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through this time of change in our children's lives.

We'll explore principles that will equip you to come alongside your child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world. You'll come away with ...

- A framework to help you answer tricky questions
- A better understanding of what's going on with their bodies – and in their brains
- Practical ways to stay connected with your child whilst letting them go
- Strategies to keep your child safe, both in the real world and online
- Ways to help your child establish their identity and develop independence
- Increased confidence in how you, and your child, can thrive during this crucial stage in their development

It is coming to **Taunton on 15th October at 7.30pm, Oakwood Church** and you can sign up on the website. Early Bird tickets are still available for only £6 until 19th Sept then go up to £11 per person. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-parenting-questions-taunton-tickets-867555781697?aff=BPQwebpage>



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

COMING SOON

soup
ST GEORGE'S WILTON

TUESDAYS
In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

It's a New
DAY

**ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL**
www.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



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

In Loving Memory

We remember
**Abigail Wedderkopp, Dora Allen,
and Ernest Smith**

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

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



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!

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