



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Some things are more obvious than other things. Some things have been staring you in the face for years, decades even and you still miss them. When I 'look' for things, the number of times Mrs Griffin finds them immediately when looking in the same place is humiliating!

This last week I started a new course of study. I stumbled upon a time-capsule piece on youtube called 'Absolutely Understand Guitar'. It turns out that having owned guitars since I was 15 and attempting to play them sporadically I absolutely did not understand guitar. Like at all. I play a bit of blues and barre chords but often get hand cramps and wonder how guitarists make it through whole songs, let alone whole concerts. I've been holding the instrument wrongly for my whole life. Across my right leg forces a cramped action the shoulder and hands whereas across my left leg makes it possible to touch four different frets at the same time. This is because guitars were designed by and for human beings not aliens and humans have four fingers and a supporting thumb.

This is ridiculously obvious but it had never occurred to me. And suddenly, I found I was a considerably better player. This is frustrating and joyous in equal measure. Frustrating because I've wasted so much time and worried about arthritis and joyous because how could a simple change wield such results! What other things might I discover that can release new possibilities? It's quite exciting. In a broad way, this is how I think about our lives as human beings and becomes a basis

of my faith. You are alive. There was a time when you were barely conscious of your existence and then at some point in your life, you realised that you were not connected by an umbilical cord anymore but had thoughts, feelings and desires of your own. That if you hurt or made someone else happy that it had an impact on you, but it was not you. You could do some things and could not do other things. This is part of being a toddler (my friend recently told me of their toddler who was crying with rage because they could not read the book they were sitting on!!). But somehow, the sheer wonder of your life gets lost amid the washing up, meter readings and council tax bills.

One of the things that came out from our recent series on creation is that your life is a gift but because we forget this in the everyday whirl of life you have to work to cultivate that sense of wonder. Your life will be palpably better when you do this. If you're washing up, notice the translucent sheen of the surface tension of a bubble; when you walk the dog look at the stars, if you don't have a walk, go outside and pick a leaf off a tree and look at it...when I consider the works of your hands O Lord says the Psalmist... humans are made to wonder and when we put our phones down and look at the world, life is better. You know this already; it's obvious. But sometimes you need someone to point it out.

God Bless

Nick

St George's **News**

A WONDERFUL BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

We had a truly special evening on Wednesday as we were blessed to welcome Bishop Michael Langrish, along with our baptism and confirmation candidates. Mercy and baby Nathan were baptized at the font, and we celebrated the confirmation of 9 candidates: Lisa, Karen, Will, Thomas, Guy, Chigozirim, Chimdiebube, and Olumachi. Johnny also reaffirmed his baptismal vows. It was a beautiful moment for all of us. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith,

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



On Sunday at the 11am Service we shall welcome Mercy back and baby Nathan to the Church family...I do warn you that Nathan will melt all your hearts...it'll be so wonderful having all the Nzemeke's here at St George's!



A GOOD READ FOR ANOTHER YEAR?

Could you make time to read the Bible every day, if a short a Bible passage, an interesting explanation or comment, and a suggestion for prayer or meditation were all printed on a page a day, in a small pocket-sized booklet?

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 24th November

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 25th November

10.30am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Worship Gathering

Tuesday 26th November

CLERGY OUT FOR THE DAY

12.00pm SOUP

7.00pm Alpha

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 27th November

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 28th November

7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 30th November

1.00pm Wedding of Rob and Charlotte

Sunday 1st December

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

WOMEN NOT IN THE PUB

Monday 2nd December - making Christmas table decorations with Sue Stenhouse. Cost £4

TUK TUK CAROLS

Tuesdays in December at 6.30pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 7th December 2pm-5pm

CHRISTMAS BUGGY SERVICE

Wednesday 18th December 10.00am

A group of us at St George's use notes published by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) of which our most popular series is "New Daylight". Most series follow the same format of daily readings, with topics covered for two weeks, each written by different people. Booklets cover four months: the small sizes cost £4.99, and the large print version of New Daylight costs £6.35. New Daylight is also available as a daily email, and as a gift subscription, direct from BRF.brfonline.org.uk.

We have a collection of samples of most of the BRF booklets in the bookcase in church just to the right of the main entrance for people to borrow and try out.

The advantage of being part of a group order such as ours is that we do not have to pay postage. It also enables us to share our thoughts and reactions informally with others. People have said how valuable and enjoyable they find the notes, and welcome the variety of approaches of the different writers who come from a variety of church backgrounds.

If you would like to know more about the Bible Reading Notes or would like to order them via me, I can be contacted via the Church Office, or after the 9.30 service in church or over coffee in the hall. I enjoy a chat and am usually among the last to leave!

Marion Nunn

TAUNTON WELCOMES REFUGEES



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Taunton Welcomes Refugees' charity

have put out an appeal for board games (scrabble, monopoly that sort of thing) Also trainers in good condition, sports clothes and men's toiletries. If you can help in anyway please contact Lin Wood 278241 or 07989832996

Thank you so much everyone!

Lin Wood

CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELP

As the time for the Fayre draws near, we're reminded of how important it is for all of us to come together as a church family. With over 200 members, we've had a wonderful response from a few, but we still need a little more help to make everything come together. If you haven't already joined a team, perhaps this could be a wonderful opportunity to contribute – even an hour of your time would make a huge difference. We'd be incredibly grateful for any help you can offer.

We need a Hospitality team for help on BBQ, Mulled Wine, Pizza making stall, Refreshments.

We need a team to help with the Setting up and clearing up - even an hour helping is an extra pair of hands for that hour!

FAYRE CHECKLIST

DONATE

- ✓ Chocolate for Tombola
- ✓ Bottle for Tombola
- ✓ Nearly New Gift

BAKE

- ✓ Mince Pies
- ✓ Cake/Traybake

HELP

- ✓ Setting up/Clear Down
- ✓ Helper on Stall (Maze, Pizza, Tree Festival)
- ✓ Entrances (Need 12 people in total!)

PLEASE HELP WHEREVER YOU CAN AND SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS IN CHURCH

We need people to meet and greet the community at the Entrances.

We need people to help on the childrens activities - crafts and facepainting.

Your church needs YOU.

And then the donations...we need donations of bottles, chocolate, nearly new, mince pies and cakes.

So come on you lovely St George's lot - let's show this community what a wonderful bunch we are and put on the BEST Fayre for them that we can!

THANK YOU ALL SOOOOOO MUCH!!





CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year, we are offering local organisations, businesses, and community groups the opportunity to participate by entering a decorated Christmas tree into the festival.

Here's how it works:

- You provide and decorate a Christmas tree (real or artificial, and 4ft in height).
- Entry fee is £10, which will go into the prize fund for the winning tree.
- During the festival, visitors will vote for their favourite tree, and the tree with the most votes will win the total of all the £10 entry fees!

Additionally, we encourage you to include a small information leaflet about your organisation next to your tree, along with donation pots or donation QR codes if you'd like to raise funds for your cause during the festival.

Key Details:

- Dates: The Christmas Tree Festival will take place on 7th December 2-5pm.
- Setup Date: Trees should be set up by 2nd December and will remain on display throughout the festival to be taken down on the 14th December.
- Voting: Visitors will vote for their favourite tree during the festival, and the winner will be announced 14th December.

Rules:

- o Tree needs to be no taller than 4ft
- o Real or artificial trees can be used
- o Tree needs to be weather proof – make sure decorations are attached well as to avoid the wind or rain destroying your design
- o All lights need to be battery powered and waterproof

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your creativity, raise awareness for your group, and engage with the local community during the festive season. If you would like to participate, **please let us know by 24th November to reserve your spot.**

For more information or to confirm your participation, please contact us at events@stgchurch.co.uk

JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

PRAYER MINISTRY AT TIAM

Come and join our Prayer Ministry team! At present there are only a handful of us and we would love for more to be involved to pray with others at the end of the service. It is a real privilege to pray with each other, so do email the office if you feel that you would like to join this wonderful Ministry

office@stgchurch.co.uk

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!

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

We're now half way through the campaign.

So far, the DEC appeal has raised more than £15m. We're overwhelmed by the generosity of the UK public, and it means we can scale up our response and reach more children in need. These funds have never been more urgent. In Lebanon, more than a million people have had to leave their homes in recent weeks. Shelters are overwhelmed, and hospitals are struggling to treat the thousands of people injured.

Our teams are working in incredibly difficult circumstances to deliver services with local partners including cash assistance, setting up learning spaces, child protection and providing essential items such as mattresses, heaters and solar lights.

Money raised from the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal will help us continue our response and reach more children and their families in Gaza and Lebanon, and other areas affected including West Bank and Syria.

So far, our response to the current crisis has included:

- Reaching over 688,000 people with lifesaving and life-sustaining services in Gaza.
- Distributing cash to more than 128,000 people so they could purchase food, medicines or whatever they needed most for their families.
- Setting up an Emergency Health Unit in Gaza working in a partner field hospital to provide maternal and newborn care in the maternity unit and pediatric inpatient and outpatient services.
- Since 23rd of September 2024 our teams have reached over 45,000 people, including 19,600 children in Lebanon.
- Setting up child-friendly spaces and recreational activities: including the distribution of recreational materials and referrals to case management.
- We know that so many of you have already supported the previous appeal for Gaza and we're incredibly grateful for that.

If you are unable to donate in person at a Church Service, you can always donate online. Visit their website



**DEC MIDDLE EAST
HUMANITARIAN APPEAL**

DONATE NOW

Children are living through a nightmare in Gaza. And now – as conflict spreads to Lebanon – things are getting even worse. Help us reach children facing extreme hunger, violence and trauma, with the food, medical care and psychological support they so urgently need.

savethechildren.org.uk/middle-east-appeal

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (213890), Scotland (SC039570) and Isle of Man (199).

DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

SAVE THE CHILDREN DEC MEMBER

Save the Children

SCAN TO DONATE



MORNING PRAYER

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
9.15-9.45am

Each morning let me learn more about your love because I trust you. I come to you in prayer, asking for your guidance
- Psalm 143:8

PRAYER SERVICE
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
WILTON
ESTD 2024

In Loving Memory

We remember

**Christine Gibbs, Gladys Lewis,
Sally Ford and Fay Moore**

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.

Please remember **Joy Twemlow** and her family as they mourn the loss of her passing last week. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare her funeral in the days ahead. More details will follow but it will take place at St George's on Tuesday 3rd December

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!

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!

**SOLD OUT SHOW
LAST YEAR**

A GOSPEL Christmas

**FRIDAY 20TH
DECEMBER
6.30PM**

Wellsprings
Leisure Centre,
Taunton, TA2 7QP

Doors open at 6pm

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!!



BOOK TICKETS

EARLY BIRD			FROM 1ST DEC		
£8	£4	FREE	£10	£5	FREE
Adults	Children (-16Y)	0-2 years (on laps)	Adults	Children (-16Y)	0-2 years (on laps)

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

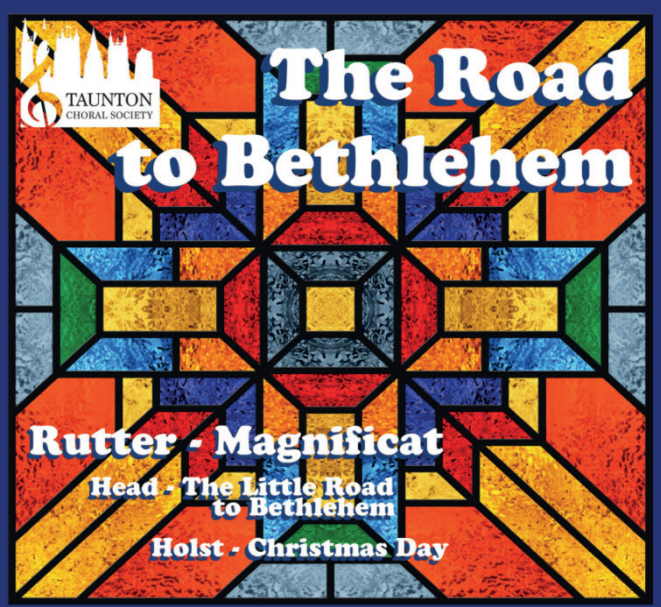
Hosted by the Pursuit of Gospel Choir & Band, Living Light Christian Church, Oakwood Church, Taunton Vineyard Church, St George's Church Wilton, TYFC, New Creation Church, Riverside Church, Wellsprings Community Church, St. James' Church, Taunton Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Church, North Street Church,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

Taunton Choral Society is the largest and oldest choir in Taunton with a membership of around eighty singers, coming from all walks of life and with a range of musical abilities. It features professional, student and amateur musicians who all work together towards achieving our vision of presenting "inspiring music, without boundaries".

This December they are performing at St James Church and the evening includes:

- Rutter – Magnificat
- McDowall – Christus Natus Est
- Head – The Little Road to Bethlehem
- G Holst – Christmas Day
- Audience Carols

Tickets can be bought by scanning the QR code.



Friday 6th Dec - 7:30pm
St James' Church,
Taunton
(next to the County Ground)

For tickets, information and much more, search **Taunton Choral Society**



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