



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

I'm back from holiday. It was good – thanks for asking :) – we went to France and drove the long way down. As our family has grown, our car has not. So rather than trying any Home Alone hijinks, I figured I would make the car grow by sprouting that most familiar of family holiday outgrowths – the top box.

Now for the uninitiated the humble top box is a confusing world. I was completely flummoxed by the different options. Square bars, U-Bars or Thule bars; do you have a normal roof or a roof with panels (?) Then there are the adjustment bar handles which you may or may not need (depending on your roof type and chosen bar type) before you finally reach a decision which feels completely irrelevant by the time you get to it, what type of box do you actually want. My answer was simple. The biggest one and cheapest one. These systems are expensive with the most pricey options easily touching into the £700-800 mark. These top boxes are magical. They are often nice colours, they have contour lines on them and they have the brand name clearly written on them 'Thule'. I plumped for the (much much) cheaper which looks like the school jumper your Nan knitted with the name 'Halfords' written on the back in apologetic grey, replete with a Times New Roman font and the bog standard square racking system. It is not fancy but does the job with a

certain 'hardy aesthetic' and no sign of any 'go faster stripes'. I don't like the feeling of buying radically cheaper stuff especially when there are much more expensive options available. It can feel like you're missing out on something and in a field where you don't know the options, you don't know what you're missing.

But then I opened the box and inside I did not find a sticker for Halfords. I found a sticker for Thule. It turns out that the box I bought was less than a third of the cost of the more expensive rivals but made by the same company; Halfords just put their own sticker on and sell them cheaper. Speaking with Rob who worked as a buyer, apparently manufacturers do this all the time. Of course! It's not like Halfords have some separate top-box factory making all the different bits and bobs. The branding was really all in the mind.

In the Old Testament, when David was selected to be King, the old language translation has it very clearly: "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." You know this already. But living it is much harder than saying it and when we're confused in a new scenario we can revert to old favourites - well there must be something that this more expensive box is doing that the other one is not doing....? There really wasn't. God bless

Nick

St George's News

PRAYERS FOR DI AS WE SEND HER OUT

This Sunday we send off our lovely Di off up to Trinity College Bristol to begin her Ordination Training. A new chapter for her and one where this chapter at St George's will miss her but know that she is going to be so wonderful wherever this ordination journey takes her.



Di loves Jesus.

You know she does as it just shines through her and she speaks so honestly and openly about her faith and how it has sustained her through life's many challenges.

From hearing some of her stories, she has most definitely brought many to God already (even if she does not realise it) but with her gentle and easy manner, her love for people and God, her heart to serve, she will no doubt continue to bring many more into His Kingdom.

We will miss you very much Di but we send you out with our love and our prayers for this exciting new journey.

A NEW TERM BEGINS

So last week we had the return of Stay & Play and this week coming sees the return of our Sunday Clubs and Buggy Buddies! WooHoo! We hear you parents cry! As much as it's nice to have time together as families, there's something rather comforting about getting back into a routine for a while.



SUNDAY CLUBS

We're so pleased our Sunday Clubs are back this Sunday -

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th September

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**

11.00am **Worship Service**

12.15pm **Sending Out Di Celebration**

Monday 9th September

10.00am **Buggy Buddies**

1.30pm **Funeral of John Howe**

7.30pm **Worship Jam**

Tuesday 10th September

7.30pm **Bellringing Practice**

7.30pm **PCC Meeting**

Wednesday 11th September

9.30am **Stay and Play**

Sunday 15th September

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**

11.00am **Worship Service with Communion**

UPCOMING DATES

HARVEST BARN DANCE Sat 21st Sept 7pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sun 22nd Sept 9.30am

TAUNTON YOUTH GATHERING Sat 28th Sept

HARVEST AT THE FARM Sun 29th Sept 11.00am

Tots@11 for 0-3's to have a story, circle time and play with their parent/carer

Kids@11 is back in the Main Hall for 3-10 year olds to have their session - this week on "God made me"

Youth@11 will meet for up again for the 11-16 year olds.

If you're a new family here at St George's and haven't been to our Clubs yet, come on down to the Church Hall after the first bit of worship and sign your child if they'd be in **Kids@11**, or if you have a baby or toddler you are very welcome to stay in church or bring them down to **Tots@11** which is a space for you and your little one, where we have a story, may sing a song and have some craft play!

Do get in touch with Bryony, our Families Coordinator if you would like any more information on all that we have going on for our children and young people.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

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



Term Time Mondays at 10am

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

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

For more info email: families@stgchurch.co.uk

BUGGY BUDDIES

Buggy Buddies will be meeting again on **Monday 9th meeting at 10am** outside the Church in the churchyard. Join us for a walk with your little one (or bump) at our relaxed and welcoming group. (Indoor song/story time after shorter walk if bad weather) And it's free to attend! Email families@stgchurch.co.uk for more info!

If you would like to help with Buggy Buddies we'd love to have a chat with you - so do get in touch!

Bryony

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR OUR HARVEST CELEBRATION

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 ceilidh 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.

So book your tickets NOW!

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

HARVEST

Barn Dance

Celebrate Harvest With Us
with Ceilidh 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

Limited Tickets BOOK NOW

HARVEST DONATIONS

Talking about Harvest...from this Sunday onwards we'd be really grateful for your Harvest donations to come in.

It 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.

Please continue reading NewsBoard to see what we can accept to donate onto these charities. You can place your donations at the back of the church.

We also like to use some of the donations as decorations for our Harvest Service on Sunday 22nd September (9.30am Service) so do please bring in your donations from this Sunday onwards. Thank you so much!

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!

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Ok you lovely Strollers, here are some dates for your diaries.

We'll let you know more detail in NewsBoard each month but we thought you may find it helpful to have these future dates in your diaries.

There are some printed versions of this available in church so do pick up a flyer for yourself or pass onto anyone you may think may also be interested to join us!



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.

STROLL THE SOUL DATES

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER
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.

Unpack the
Christian faith
together.



ALPHA RETURNS

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 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>

STARTING TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

WE ARE



Our Fridge has saved 4415.15kgs of Food Waste and had 3360 visits this year!

4415.15kgs =

- 11 Grand Pianos
- 11 Crocodiles
- 22,000 cups of sugar
- 22,000 tubes of toothpaste
- 11 Sea Lions
- 22,000 hamsters



A WARM WELCOME AT ST GEORGE'S

Do you have a warm smile!?

Would you like to help out
by being a Welcomer
occasionally
at the 11 o'clock service?

It would be good to have 3 or 4
more people so that duty would
be once every 5 or 6 weeks.

Please speak to Michael Hayes to find out what is involved
or email into the Parish Office - office@stgchurch.co.uk
so that they can put you in touch!
Thank you so much!

Michael Hayes

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) MONEY COACHING

CAP Money coaching is designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances, from understanding the basics of bank accounts, debit and credit cards to money saving tips, full budgeting and debt guidance.

The course is **totally free**, relaxed, friendly and will provide you with ongoing access to CAP's fantastic online budgeting tool. Robin & Helen Stamp will be guiding you through a range of topics over a four-week period, sharing from their own experiences and knowledge and using CAP Video presentations, with the individual group sessions lasting around 90mins but with them also happy to chat 1-1 with you if you want some personal guidance.

Besom



Thank you to all who have supported Besom recently, not just at the fundraiser in June but also with one-off gifts. We are so grateful. Besom sends out a monthly prayer and newsletter, and if you would like to receive it, so that you can keep up with our news and particularly if you would like to support us in prayer, you can use the QR code to take you to the sign-up page. Alternatively you can find the sign up link on our web page at

<https://www.tauntonbesom.org.uk/prayer>.

The prayer letter for August is linked here.

Besom is founded on prayer and as we trust God to supply, he answers. Please have a look around our website, and check the Blog where we post short testimonies of how recipients respond when we are able to help. They are heart-warming.

Jane Hamilton

SAVE THE DATE

The next Youth Gathering with some of the other local churches will be on **SATURDAY 28TH**

SEPTEMBER More details will follow but we wanted to get you the date so our Youth can pop it in their diary...scrub that...they'll pop in

YOUTH
@11

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If you want to book your place or ask any questions about the course you can call them on 07813

211137 or you can book direct via <https://refresh.capmoney.org/join-course/7a8a7f72-9eeb-4d03-a709-2c6d184543d3>

Just pop your postcode into the search box and you will see our own course and any other local courses listed.

Robin and Helen Stamp

COURSE DETAILS DUNNING ROOM AT 7PM

TUES 10TH SEPT TUES 17TH SEPT
TUES 24TH SEPT TUES 1ST OCT

christians
against
poverty

CAP

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

As well as collecting for our Harvest service our physical donations of food and other items for Taunton Open Door and Taunton Foodbank, we will be donating our retiring collections throughout the month of October to these two charities.

These local charities also need money to pay their running costs and, occasionally, to purchase items which are needed but not donated.

Both organisations are very grateful for your generous support. There is still a huge call on both organisations as 'the cost of living crisis' continues to be squeezing so many people and so in turn, more families and people who may have lost everything need to look for help.

If you cannot give in person or would prefer to give electronically, please visit their websites and donate that way.

Taunton Open Door <https://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/donate/>

Taunton Foodbank <https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



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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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

Mon 23rd September

Mon 14th October

Mon 4th November

*Starts 7.30pm at
Living Light Church*

WEEK OF PRAYER

Mon 7th Oct 6-7pm

Tues 8th Oct 6-7pm

Wed 9th Oct 6-7pm

Thurs 10th Oct 6-7pm

Fri 11th Oct 7.30-9pm

*Venues to be
confirmed nearer date*

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

In Loving Memory

We remember

**John Tiet, Clare Martens,
Mary Huntley, Betty Rowsell,
Mary Mathews and John Hobbs**

*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

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**

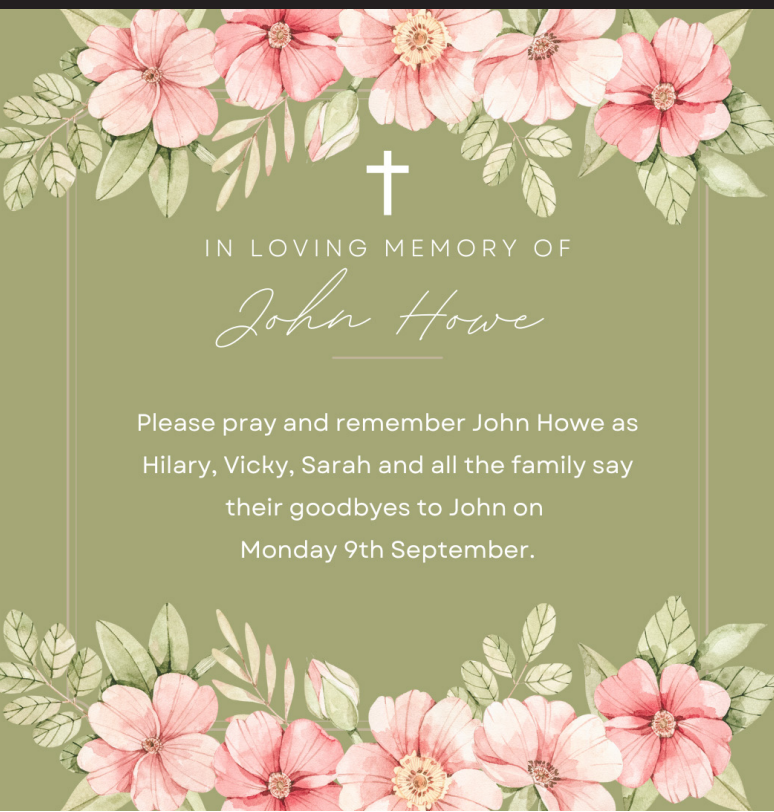
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Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

*Each man should give what he has
decided in his heart to give, not
reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. God
is able to make all grace abound
to you, so that in all things at all
times, having all that you need, you
will abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:7-8



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