

## A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

I write on the cusp of the election. The noise has been building for weeks and filling my social media and news feeds with nonsense on a daily basis as each side tries to use each mistake as a sign that the other is doomed. Both sides Republican and Democrat demonise one another as both predict a total meltdown of society if the other wins. Democrats picture a Handmaiden style fascist theocracy and Republicans warn of economic doomsday brought on by illegal immigrants. I don't really remember western public dialogue falling to such poor standards.

'Security experts' warn that whatever the result the threat of violence in the US is very high and it's worth just remembering how bizarre all this drama is. The levels of public violence in speech and action is very high and somehow normalised and after such a long period of extended peace in the West, we can be lulled into thinking that peace will just persist forever. But the history of human beings indicates that peace is the exception not the rule of history, the peace we now enjoy is a delicate fabric which can easily be torn. Human society is fragile. When it breaks, the situation left is not always better and not all change is good.

This week is Remembrance Sunday. Most of the generation that fought in those great and awful wars have now died, so what does remembrance now mean? Two things are clear to me;

first we honour those who've gone before even if they don't know about it and secondly because the act of remembering shapes the mind of the generations that flow through time afterwards. It tells us that life is precious but it is fragile; that in order to say yes to things like freedom we have to say no to bullies; that bullies don't really listen to words and so sometimes you have to show 'no' as well as say 'no'. It's a bit like staying still. When you're dashing about it sounds like the easiest thing in the world but to really stay still, to actually not move, takes a lot of work; restraint and self control. To make peace you have to work at it. The passage we'll use in the scout service this week will be Psalm 46.

*'Be still and know that I am God.'*

It's a passage that is often used at retreat centres but actually it's not a retreat but follows the end of a long section where conflict has been rife and the world falling apart.

That 'being still' and not freaking out like the rest of the world is hard work. Remembrance invites us to be still together for just 2 minutes and in the stillness, my prayer is that we find truth, that we even find God.

May God bless you,

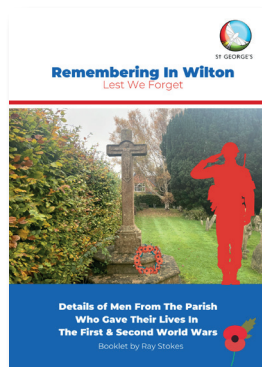
*Nick*



# St George's **News**

## **REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR PARISH OF WILTON**

Following on from Nick talking about Remembrance this Sunday, may I signpost you to a rather wonderful booklet that a very lovely gentleman names Ray Stokes put together from his research.



The booklet details the men listed on our War Memorial and where possible details of their families and their links to the parish. It is rather moving in places, especially reading the story of the two brothers who died on the same day in the same place, aged just 20 and 21.

The booklet will be available in Church this Sunday for anyone to read, though I do have an electronic copy should anyone be interested.

HUGE thanks to Ray for this wonderful booklet that we will keep in the Church. Lest We Forget.

*Bethan*

## **WOMEN NOT IN THE PUB**

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.

Women Not In The Pub had a great time on Monday having lots of fun at a Beetledrive... what will we get up to next? A great way to meet other ladies in the Church so do join us!



## **WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday 10th November**

**9.45am JOINT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

**11.15am UNIFORMED ORGANISATION SERVICE**

**Monday 11th November**

**10.30am Buggy Buddies**

**7.30pm Worship Jam**

**Tuesday 12th November**

**12.00pm SOUP**

**7.30pm Bellingring Practice**

**7.00pm Alpha**

**Wednesday 13th November**

**9.30am Stay and Play**

**7.30pm Confirmation Class in Dunning Room**

**Saturday 16th November**

**9.30am Churchyard Gardening**

**Sunday 17th November**

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service with Communion**

## **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

## **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

We're delighted to be holding a Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Michael Langrish.

We really want to show him what a supportive Church family we have here at St George's so please do come along to this special service on **WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 7pm** to welcome Kenneth and Mercy's new bundle of joy being baptised as well as 5 others from our Church family being Confirmed. Please pop this service into your diaries and join us.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELP

Sorry everyone...we are going to keep mentioning our Fayre as there really is not long to go now.

As we have been mentioning, we would really love as much help as we can this year to help us have the BEST Fayre we've ever had so please do get in touch if you can help us. It's such a great event and we can help to raise lots of money to help with the work of the church so please do get in touch **events@stgchurch.co.uk** to let us know.

This Sunday there will be sign up sheets for you to pop your name on for how you would like to help. This week they will be down in the Church Hall at coffee time after the Remembrance Service.

We have to say the one where we are always short and therefore exhausted is the clear up team - the more of us there are, the quicker. Our very small events team are so shattered by the end so if we could have some support we would be so grateful.

You can sign up for set up/clear down/ making mince pies/cakes for the cake stall/ help on a stall/help on the entrance for an hour....PLEASE do sign up for something. Thank you so much!!

## SENDING THANKS

Diane from St George's Care Home and her family would like to thank everyone from St George's and Stay&Play for all their cards for her 104th Birthday.

The Care Home said that she inspires them every day with her sense of humour, quick wit and wonderful stories of when she was a FANY in the war - First Aid Nursing Yeomanry.

She received 113 Birthday Cards altogether - how wonderful is that and must have taken ages to open!

Thanks to you all for taking the time to write a card. It really was very much appreciated and helped to make her day special.



**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  
FUN Activities for Kids  
FOOD & Drink  
AMAZING Raffle Prizes  
Lots of Christmas Stalls  
Tower TOURS

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



## MORNING PRAYER

Just a reminder that we have Morning Prayer in Church every **Monday and Thursday at 9.15am.**

It is a wonderful way to start the day. It is structured prayer following set liturgy and usually on lasts for half an hour. It includes prayers and readings. All are welcome to join us!



ONLY £10.00 TO ENTER

SAT 7th DEC 2pm

# TREE FESTIVAL

Decorate a Christmas Tree and be in with a chance to win a money prize!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) if you would like to find out more!

# ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



## AUTUMN ADVENTURE

For 0-5's

Tuesday 19th November 10-11.30am  
at St George's Wilton Churchyard

Join us for another fun outdoor\* session with your little one  
as we explore nature with the theme of Autumn  
NATURE CRAFTS THEMED ACTIVITIES  
SENSORY PLAY STORIES SONGS

SCAN ME



Don't Forget...  
**FREE**  
Limited Spaces  
BOOK NOW



### taunton youth gathering

Bringing Church youth  
together in Taunton

School yrs 7-13



2024-2025

### THIS SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

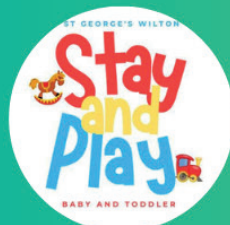
**REMINDER - CHURCH  
STARTS AT 9.45AM.  
ALL OUR SUNDAY  
CLUBS ARE ON BUT  
PLEASE COLLECT  
YOUR OFFSPRING  
AT THE END OF THE  
SERVICE FROM THE  
CHURCH HALL.**

#### HEADS UP YOUTH!

The next Youth Gathering will be on Saturday  
7th December 7-9pm for a Christmas Party.  
It will be at Taunton Baptist Church and  
should be great fun!

We'll give you more details nearer the time but  
pop the date in your diary!!

*Thanks so much -  
looking forward to seeing  
you all on Sunday!*



# 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](mailto: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*

**Bridget Monument,  
Muriel Morris,  
Ted Thorn and  
Rosemary McKee**

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)  
More events will be added but we hope this gives you a flavour!



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**Providing meals to support one another**

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