



## A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

My knee hurts for no obvious reason; my palms are bruised and there is a peculiar ache in the arch of my foot. It's not just because time never really stops.

I went climbing.

Not proper climbing you understand with little stakes and a hammer in the side of a mountain but indoor climbing in an arena that's designed to be family friendly. So there is less chalk and more multicoloured handholds with time buzzers for people to race up walls. I went with the family which inevitably meant I competed with my kids. Which probably explains my knee and hand and feet pain. On one wall, I got to compete with two of them at the same time. A race. I am bigger and stronger, so I took the harder route. 3,2,1 Go.

I was thrashed. I made it to the top of this constructed huge plastic sphere edifice thing but I was trounced by people smaller and weaker than me. How? Well because I tried to climb using my superior strength and reach – leaping for handholds and then pulling up. But I am not a gorilla and this approach has its severe limitations. They beat me because they used their arms and legs to use the different handholds whereas I was trying to dash through using my size. They used their brains; I did not! When I watched them a second time through and realised where I'd gone wrong and sped up the process....I'll get them next time!

What does winning look like? In the gospels, two men and then later their Mum (!) approach Jesus and ask to sit on his left and right. In other words, can we be the Elon to your Trump; the power beside the throne. This really really annoyed the other disciples. But probably because they hadn't thought of it first. You don't know what you ask says Jesus. And they didn't know at all. The two brothers, James and John played a big part in the growth of the early church; James was the first church martyr whereas John wrote large parts of the New Testament and died a martyr's death in exile. Both wanted to 'win' but like me on the wall they didn't really understand the game they were playing. Sometimes people ask me whether the early church all got rich from writing the bible and the answer to that question is yes and no. Yes they did get rich but not in money. The aim for the Christian is just not the same as the rest of the world around us. We ain't playing the same game and so our tools for the task aren't the same.

Blessed are the meek says Jesus. Blessed are the Poor and the gentle and the peacemakers and merciful and more. Christians 'win' when we love God and love our neighbour. Then these strange sounding phrases – blessed are you – make more sense because they give us the tools not to beat others, but to love them.

God Bless

*Nick*

# St George's **News**

## **INTERESTED? PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Following the article in last week's NB and mentioned at our 9.30am service, we wanted to remind you

that **next Sunday at 3pm** is the opportunity to come and meet up with Graham and hear all about his mission work around the world.

If you know that you would like to come, to help us have an idea on numbers, please do get in touch with the Parish Office by no later than **Wednesday 5th Feb.**

*"Individuals from St George's, and people we knew when they were at St Michael's are still supporting us - and we're tremendously grateful! We have not visited in person since 2017 so we're delighted to come back to St George's as there is so much to report back on, and we hope there would be much to encourage. Do join us on Sunday 9th February at 3pm in the Dunning Room where it would be good to see you all again and we can let you know all about the missions we were called to. We'd love to meet you."*

## **SMALL GROUPS**

As mentioned in last week's services, we would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together.

We encourage you to visit a few groups before settling on your preferred one so you know you will feel comfortable and that it works for you.

If you would like any more information on groups or how they work please contact Carmen Cromwell, our home groups coordinator by emailing **carmen@stgchurch.co.uk**



**INCREASE**  
ASSOCIATION



# **IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD**

## **ROB ON HOLIDAY FROM FRI 31ST JANUARY UNTIL MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**

### **Sunday 2nd February**

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**  
11.00am **Worship Service**  
7.00pm **PRAY**

### **Monday 3rd February**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**  
7.30pm **Mens Shed**  
7.30pm **Women In The Pub**

### **Tuesday 4th February**

12.00pm **SOUP**  
7.00pm **ALPHA**  
7.30pm **Bellringers**

### **Wednesday 5th February**

9.30am **Stay and Play**

### **Thursday 6th February**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**  
7.30pm **Mens Pub Club**  
7.30pm **Choir Rehearsal**

### **Sunday 9th February**

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**  
11.00am **Worship Service**  
3.00pm **Graham Aylett Talk in Dunning Room**

### **Monday 10th February**

**THE CURATE RETURNS...**  
9.15am **Morning Prayer**  
10.00am **BUGGY BUDDIES**

### **Tuesday 11th February**

12.00pm **SOUP**  
7.00pm **ALPHA**  
7.30pm **Bellringers**

### **Wednesday 12th February**

9.30am **Stay and Play**

## **DATES! DATES! DATES!**

**No details yet just pop the dates in your diary**

### **MONDAY NIGHT MINISTRY COMING SOON.....**

Monday 24th February 6.30pm

### **WORSHIP +**

Thursday 13th March 7.30pm A night to simply worship

### **TREASURE ISLAND HOLIDAY CLUB**

Tues 8th - Thurs 10th April



# ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

For the month of February we will be supporting our Bursary Fund so that we can support any of our Church Family who needs a helping hand.

This is a financial donation to help people to be able to join in with any of our church led events/ activities that they may wish to join in but feel that it would maybe be difficult financially. Things like our Big Church Weekend would be an excellent use of the Bursary to support families and others who otherwise may not have been able to come.

The St George's Bursary may even be used to help with attending a Christian Festival or even for smaller events that we will run through the year.

We don't want funds to be the barrier for our church family to be able to join in or access these things so we felt that if we had a fund that people could access to help make things feel a little easier on the pocket it could really make a difference and give people opportunities that may have otherwise missed out on.

Do give what you can, if you can! Our Sum Up card machines now accept card donations and there will be the usual cash boxes available in church for those bringing cash.

TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Michael & Hilary Hayes
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrowe	Fortnightly Tuesdays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding with Bible & Prayer	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Soul Food	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andrews
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure
Classic Home Group	Bishops Hull	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Elaine Bowyer

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

**Join one today for friendship and faith**  
Email [carmen@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:carmen@stgchurch.co.uk) or check out My Groups on Churchsuite

## WELCOMING BACK BISHOP RUTH

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Ruth back to the diocese following her secondment to Coventry Diocese. She will be back at her desk from Monday, 3 February but there will also be a welcome service on **Sunday 2 February at the 3pm Candlemas Eucharist at Wells Cathedral**, which is open to all.



## Diocesan Bible Passage

Over the past few years, the Diocese of Bath and Wells has developed the habit of choosing a Diocesan Bible passage for the year, which is used in a variety of ways. **The passage for 2025 will be Isaiah 55. 1-9**, suggested by Jo Stobart, Area Dean of Somerset South. One of the ways in which this passage is used is through the practice of Dwelling in the Word – listening to God through scripture and each other.

February  
**charity collection**

ST GEORGE'S BURSARY FUND  
GIVING A HELPING HAND TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**SAFEGUARDING AT ST GEORGES**  
The Protection of Children,  
Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding in the church community to make our churches safe for children, young people and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility. At St George's Wilton we take our safeguarding responsibility very seriously and we have our own safeguarding policy.

**If you have a concern over ANY issue with regards to safeguarding, please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Team**

Email our Safeguarding Officer, Hilary McKegney on: [safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk) or telephone 01823 284253 for the Parish Office



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**TREASURE ISLAND**  
Easter Holiday Club

8th -10th April  
9am-3pm  
Ages 4-11



To Book Scan QR Code

**ONLY £20 FOR 3 DAYS!**



**ST GEORGE'S BIG Weekend**

**early bird offer**  
only available until February 2025

**THURS 24th - SUN 27th JULY '25**

- youth £40 (11-17)
- child £20 (4-10)
- child FREE (0-3)
- adult £120 (Supporter)
- adult £100 (Standard)
- adult £80 (Supported)
- monthly payment available with £20 deposit

visit our website: [stgchurch.co.uk/bigweekend](http://stgchurch.co.uk/bigweekend) or scan this QR code to take you to the booking page

**Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir**  
presents  
**Together in Harmony**

with special guests **Kingsbury Episcopi Band**

**charis REFUGEES** In support of our Patrons' charities **Diversity Voice culture & community**

**Saturday 8th February 2025**  
7.30pm  
(Doors open 7:00pm)

**St James' Church**  
St James' Street  
Taunton  
TA1 1JS

Tickets £12.50 available from:

- The choir box office 01823 432495
- The choir website [tauntondeanemvc.com](http://tauntondeanemvc.com)
- Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470

# ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



**Our Sunday Clubs are on again this week and we'd love for your young ones and young adults to join us.**

If you've not been before, just pop down to the Hall with them to register them in (usually after the first couple of songs in Church) and then if your child is in Kids@11, head back to Church or if your's is a little one, come and join us in Tots@11 for circle time, songs and play.

ST GEORGE'S  
**Tots@11**  
For 0-3's and their grownUps

**song  
circle time  
craft  
play**

A space for babies, toddlers and their grown up to use during the 11am service.  
Stay with your little one as they play.  
The service is livestreamed for you to join in with.  
Find us downstairs in the Church Hall's Family Room!

**KIDS @11**

**KIDS@11 FOR 3-10**

We have great fun in our Kids@11 Club. We have songs, short creative prayer activities, Bible stories, crafts, games and activities. Starting off in the Church, we then head to the Hall for our session and come back to church to end with worship together!

**YOUTH @11**

**YOUTH@11  
SCHOOL  
YEARS  
6-10**

We start off in the Church for the worship at the 11 service and then head over to our own space to hang out for drinks, games, snacks, chat, videos.

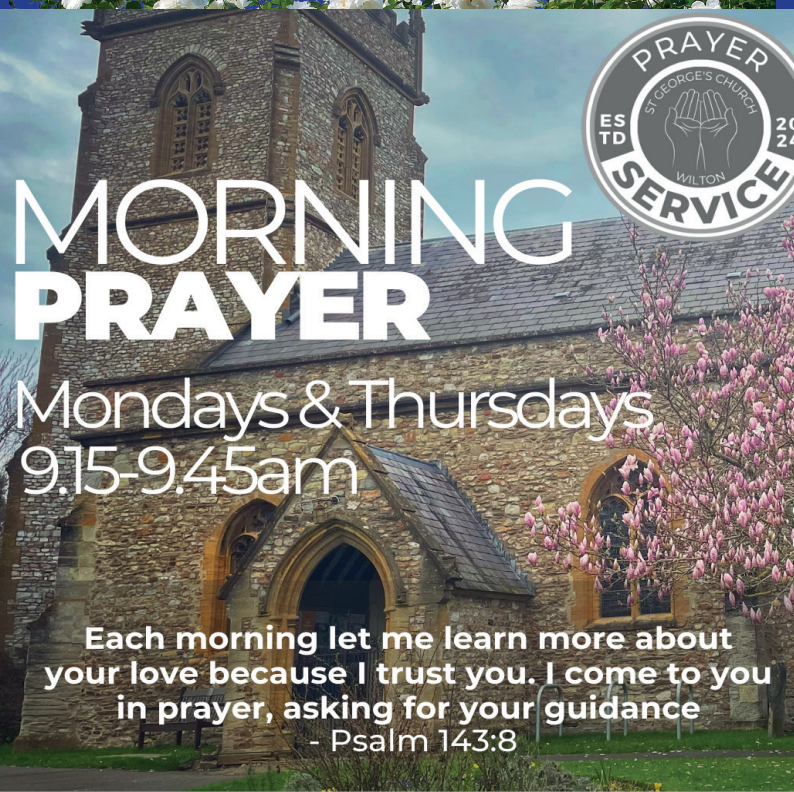
# *In Loving Memory*

*Lord Jesus we think of those we've loved who we want to remember in the days ahead*

**Eileen Northam, John Wyatt,  
Harry Brooks, Les Street.  
Norman D'Cruz and  
Pauline Mumford**

*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.*



## **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



## **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 we 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 or click here <https://givealittle.co/c/87f1f0f9-d531-42a3-bb0d-14691d850cf6> 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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