st george's **NEWSBOARD**



A Note From YOUR VICAR

Last Thursday, I attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Bishop Henderson School. Now normally I'm not a fan of anniversary type services and you know by now that this Vicar is not brilliant at the (posh version) 'incarnational presence' or (plain English) 'show your face' aspect of ministry in the Church of England. However I was deeply moved by the time together. The service was a collection of memories from pupils and staff, prayers plus a lot of music. There were traditional and modern songs plus a song that the children had written themselves about the 'school in purple'! Headteachers past and present shared memories and a small history of the school which was what I found most surprising.

I knew that this church 'built' Bishop Henderson and I often joke that the vicarage and school bear a striking architectural resemblance but I didn't know the story of the cost. St Georges raised £4000 in the early 1970s to build the school. That is a lot of money now...but adjusted for inflation that is £87,000. A hugely sacrificial giving to a new school for a single parish. Amongst the boards were written letters to the Rev. Roland Clark who led this charge. This was a great effort. But more than that volunteers knocked on doors around the area to 'prove' there were enough children to warrant a new school to be built. This is a massive labour and how Rev. Clark persuaded enough people to help him with it....well I wish I was that motivational!

So today to see hundreds of children singing worship songs – 'My lighthouse' – and belting out 'Great is thy faithfulness', representing the latest wave of 50 years of care, time, attention and sheer hard work to raise children in the good news of Christ – to love God and love neighbour – this was truly moving.

But I don't just mean 'emotion making' but really inspirational for the future. What a vision! To see the need and have the courage to take it on, to go for a project of such a scale with such a legacy lasting 50 years and beyond. In lots of ways the Church of England has lost her thunder and courage and somehow the mistakes of the past obscure the brilliance of her historic work; the enduring communities of love, trust, peace and goodness; the schools which rank amongst the finest in the world; the charities that give to the needy; the alms houses and hospitals that bear the name of Christ and his saints because those unnamed saints were willing to stand up for good things, even when it cost them, time, money and effort.

I believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ. That human beings can come to know God for themselves and that encounter can be more than personal transformation for oneself but can transform whole communities. My prayer is that if God puts such a grand vision upon the hearts of his people again, we will be receptive to it and be willing to say, yes, I will go.





HALF TERM HIATUS

We've made it to the October half term and the clergy are ready to go an hibernate for the week so they wil not be available in half term. Rob will be back for the following Sunday (3rd) but Nick wont be back in business until the Monday (4th) It also means many of our usual activities are on pause so please note: NO BUGGY BUDDIES, SOUP, ALPHA AND STAY&PLAY Thanks so much everyone - if you're off for half term too - hope you have a great one!

CONFIRMATION TIME...

We're really pleased that we have had some more candidates come forward for Confirmation which will take place here at St Georges on **Wed 20th November at 7.30pm** with Bishop Michael Langrish.

We'd still love for more of you to come forward for confirmation so if you would like to know more about it, please do get in touch. Email me – nick@stgchurch.co.uk and we'll go from there.

Nick

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...Sorry!

We have held off as much as we could but hopefully some of you will already have our Christmas Fayre on your radar and have seen the notice to get in touch if you think you can help us in any way on the day before and the day. The more people we can have on the team helping out, the more fun and the quicker it all gets done. Please do have a think if you can help with set up, help on stalls, entrances and the one we are really praying for help is the clear up operation to have everything ready for worship the next morning. We will of course bribe you all with a free hot dog and mulled wine but we would love for as many of you to come and join in so we can show this community, this town, what a great fellowship we have here at St George's.

Do get in touch with the Christmas Team and email events@stgchurch.co.uk

Another way that you can help is if you have any gifts that you could donate for our "New To You" stall. We can only accept things that are as good as new - maybe a gift you were given but you

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 27th October 9.30am Worship With Holy Communion 11.00am Worship Service with Baptisms

Monday 28th October VICAR AND CURATE ARE ON LEAVE 2.00pm Private Funeral in Church 7.30pm Worship team Gathering

Tuesday 29th October 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday 31st October 2.30pm I Dreamed A Dream Course

Saturday 2nd November 2.00pm Natasha and Charles Wedding

Sunday 3rd November 9.30am Worship With Holy Communion 11.00am Worship Service 7.00pm PRAY

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

MOSSY CHURCH STARGAZING EVENT Saturday 9th November REMEMBRANCE SERVICE JOINT SERVICE Sunday 10th November 9.45am 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



already had one of those, or a present that never quite made it to the recipient...Marlene has done and AMAZING job with this stall in the past few years (THANK YOU MARLENE!!) and we would love to make alot of funds on this stall again this year.

Do let us know if you have anything and we will soon communicate where you can deliver your donation to.

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Christmas Event Team

CARD FOR DIANA

Thanks so much to those of you who have very kindly done a card for Diana - the lady who is at St George's Residential Home and will be 104 on the 30th October.

They are trying to get her as many birthday cards as possible and I wondered if St George's could help.

The box will be there again this Sunday for you to pop your card in or there are some cards in there already if you would like to chose one to fill in for her.

Sign your name and that you're from St George's Wilton, and then pop it back into the box.

Thank you all so much!

Kate

OUR BRILLIANT BUGGY BUDDIES

We launched Buggy Buddies in September 2021 as a community outreach to show God's love through practical support for parents



and caregivers of little ones, from pregnancy to preschool. It's a free, open group designed to connect families during what can be a lonely time as well as improve mental wellbeing by being out in nature. We meet every Monday during term time from 10 AM to noon, enjoying the outdoors together in a relaxed atmosphere.

Run by a dedicated team of parent and grandparent volunteers, our sessions focus on walks in the fresh air and friendly chats, tailored to both kids' and parents' energy levels. We often explore local parks, say hi to ducks, and enjoy story and song time out and about with fun activities like parachutes and bubbles.



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On rainy days, we move indoors to the church or hall after our walk to keep the fun going!

Some of the highlights have been welcoming families to church services, groups and events who might not have attended otherwise as well as welcoming back at least four original families with their newest additions after having gone back to work from their firsts! It is a real privilege to 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!

As we look to the future, 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 **families@stgchurch.co.uk.** We also welcome your prayers for our project and the families we support. Together, we can keep this community initiative strong! Thankyou!



COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Just to let you all know that now we are heading into deep Autumn and the clocks will be going back this weekend, the Community Fridge will be shutting at 4pm.

We'll change the time again when we "Spring Forward" back to 5pm but as we are "Falling Back", we'll be closing at 4pm.

(Do see opposite about joining our Community Fridge Team - we'd love to have more of you join us!)

MENS SHED

Great to see the Men in their Shed keeping busy. This time they were tasked to make a new sign for the Wilton Scout Group for



when they are up at Huish Woods camping. Nice one chaps - looks a proper job!





WOMEN NOT IN THE PUB

Our Women NOT in the Pub gang gathered together to make some

of Rosa's wonderful crafts in the Hall when they last met and really enjoyed getting crafty and creative together. THANK YOU ROSA!! We'll be meeting up again on Monday 4th November and this time we'll have some fun with a Beetledrive - so do pop it in the diary and we hope to welcome you then!

JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

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!!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is such an important part of our church life here at St George's and we want more of it!!We'd love to be able to offer more during both the 9.30am and the 11am services so if you think that being part of our Prayer Ministry Team is something that you would like to be a part of and help us to grow our prayer life here, do get in touch with Nick, Rob or the Parish Office.

Email office@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!

STAY AND PLAY TEAM

Come and join our wonderful team at Stay & Play. We'd love some helpers to join us, even just once a month, to help set up, to help put away and for refreshments - do get in touch if you would like to join us and help with this outreach!

office@stgchurch.co.uk

st george's Children & Young People News

SOME MOSSY EVENTS THAT YOU DONT WANT TO MISS!!

The Mossy Church Team is delighted to once again invite you and your family to join us at Wildside for a nature based shimmering starry session for just £5 per family. Join us for this sparkly & fun adventure up on the beautiful Blackdown Hills. This session continues to be one of the most popular sessions of the year so book now to avoid missing out!

In the cosiness of the open sided fairy lit barn we will make and create some starry crafts. Join us in the meadow as we gaze at the night sky, guided in our gaze



by a real scientist, and explore the stars above us. Get creative with sparklers and keep warm by the crackling campfire as we toast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate.

This glimmering adventure will be suitable for families with children aged 0-12 with different crafts and activities for different ages, including twinkly sensory play, stories and songs for the youngest ones.

We invite you to bring an optional picnic supper to enjoy around the campfire at the end of the session. Space is extremely limited for this session due to parking, so BOOK NOW and we will be having a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Join us as we explore creation, engage with nature and connect with each other and the Creator!

COMING SOON.....



Taunton Minster Peregrines A talk by Robin Morrison Wednesday 6th November, 2:30 PM All are welcome



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ARE YOU A TWITCHER? OR FOLLOW TAUNTON MINSTER'S PEREGRINES TWITTER PAGE?

THIS TALK IS FOR YOU!

Taunton Minster Peregrines Wed 6th Nov 2024 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

An insightful talk about our very own Peregrines is to be given by Local RSPB Volunteer Robin Morrison.

All are welcome to come and is free entry.

There will be tea and cakes at the end. This is supported by the Mothers' Union.

You do not have to be a member to come to the talk.

DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Last year sold out so quickly and following the success of this wonderfil Gospel night, it's sure to seell 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/gospelchristmas-2024/a-gospel-christmas-2024/e-dejkrl

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!!

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

TAUNTON TEAM CHAPLAINCY

The aim of the Chaplaincy is to serve Taunton's workforce and the community in general by offering a friendly, listening ear, and impartial and confidential support through the ups and downs of life.



Chaplains are drawn from local churches and linked with a workplace or area to visit (usually) weekly with the purpose of offering friendly and supportive care to all. A chaplain's main aim is to listen and take an interest in the people they meet and provide comfort and compassion as appropriate.

Over a period a chaplain will get to know and to be known and accepted as a caring friend.

While the Chaplaincy is unashamedly Christian there is no intention to 'preach' and support is offered to all, those of any faith or none. Anyone can turn to their chaplain for support and, whilst chaplains are impartial and non-judgmental, caring for people rather than counselling them, they are able to signpost to organisations that can offer focused help. All conversations are treated as confidential within the Chaplaincy (subject to UK laws and safeguarding good practice).

As well as retail stores and offices, TTC also run Rail Responders at our Taunton Railway Station and visit Care Homes as well as now being at Taunton Magistrates Courts where they offer support to anyone who is involved in the activities of the day including staff, witnesses, victims, defendants, and their friends and family members.

If you are unable to donate in person at a Church Service, you can always donate online. Visit their website https://www.tauntontc.co.uk/support-us



Would You Consider A Gift In Your Will To St George's?

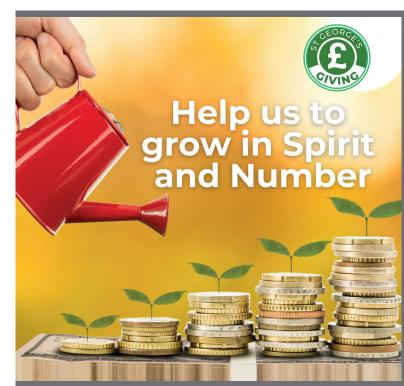


In the scriptures, financial giving is part of our worship and as many people have supported this church throughout their lives and giving a gift in your will enables you to make one last significant gift to the whole community.

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 Merlyn Carson, Michael Ryland, Grace Tracey, Geoffrey Mathews, Norah Moyle and Rita Pointing

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:

Account No: Sort Code St George's Wilton Stewardship 59935227 60-80-06

Thank you so much!

ST GEORGE'S DATES DATES AND MORE DATES



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 FEBRUAY 2025

For more informations email **office@stgchurch.co.uk,** chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!







24/12	Christingle Services
TUESDAY	There will be 2 Christingle Services at 2.30pm and 4.00pm making Christingles and singing carols

24/12Midnight Christmas Eve ServiceTUESDAYA traditional candlelit Holy Communion Service at
11.30pm will bring in Christmas morning

25/12 WEDNESDAY 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!

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