

ST GEORGE'S

NEWSBOARD

*Sunday 1st
September '24*



A Note From

YOUR VICAR

As the summer holidays come to an end and we ease back into our usual routines, it's hard not to notice the shift happening all around us. The long days of summer, filled with sunshine and relaxation, are beginning to fade. Soon, schools will reopen, and church activities will kick back into gear.

Yet, as our lives pick up pace, nature seems to be doing the opposite—slowing down and preparing for winter.

Autumn is a season of change. The vibrant greens of summer start turning into warm shades of gold, red, and orange. The air gets crisper, and the days grow shorter. It's almost as if the world around us is settling in for a long nap before winter arrives. While we find ourselves gearing up for a busy season ahead, nature reminds us that it's okay to slow down and find moments of peace amidst the hustle.

For our church community, this new season brings a sense of excitement and renewal. Kids@11, Tots@11 and Youth is back from 8th September, midweek Small Groups are restarting, and SOUP™ and Alpha will be making a return (watch this space). It's a time to reconnect with each other and to dive back into the work and worship that we love.

But just as autumn brings a balance of activity and rest, we should remember to find that same balance in our lives.

Autumn is also a season of harvest—a time to gather the fruits of what was sown earlier in the year. Similarly, as we step into this new season at church, we can look forward to the spiritual harvest that God has in store for us. The seeds of faith, kindness, and service that we've planted over time are ready to grow and bear fruit. But just as trees shed their leaves in autumn, we might also need to let go of things that are holding us back—whether it's old habits, worries, or distractions—to make space for new growth.

As we move into this new season, let's embrace it with open hearts. Let's look for ways to grow in our love for God and in our love for each other. Whether it's through the busy times or the quieter moments, may this season be one of deepening our connection with God and spreading His love in all we do.

Rob

St George's **News**

SENDING OUT OUR DI

As many of you know, we will be sending off the lovely Di Vickery to head off for Ordination training at Trinity College, Bristol. and her last Sunday with us will be on **Sunday 8th September.**

We are so thrilled that Di will be going on this new journey and know she will be AMAZING in wherever this path will lead her. Those of you who know Di, know how beautiful her heart is for others and most importantly for God. We are so very thankful to Di for all she has done here for us at St George's - stepping into fulfill the role of Churchwarden when we really needed someone. Her thoughtfulness, her kindness, her support, her wisdom has been so appreciated, Although a gentle lady, my word she is super strong in every way. She has faced many, many challenges along her path so far but her faith and her love for Christ simply shines through in all she does and says....and she's also great fun!

Always part of our church family here in Wilton, we will be sending her out (not saying goodbye!) next Sunday and will be having a light ploughmans after the 11am service.

You are all invited to come along, but do let us know if you are so we can make sure there's enough to go around! Simply email **rob@stgchurch.co.uk** by **Thurs 5th Sept** or **scan the QR code below to sign up**



Sending Out Di

Join us for some **light refreshments after the 11am service** as we send Di out on her Ordination journey.

Please email **rob@stgchurch.co.uk** by **THURSDAY 5th SEPT** to let us know if you can join us so we know how many to cater for or scan the QR code to sign up



Sunday 8th September

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 1st September

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

1.30pm Baptism of Matilda Parris

7.00pm PRAY

Monday 2nd September

7.30pm Women NOT in the Pub

7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 3rd September

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 4th September

VICAR IS BACK IN BUSINESS

9.30am Stay and Play IT'S BACK!!



Thursday 5th September

7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal

7.30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 7th September

2.00pm Wedding of Clare and Kurt

Sunday 8th August

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

12.15pm Sending Out Di Celebration

UPCOMING DATES

HARVEST BARN DANCE Sat 21st Sept 7pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL Sun 22nd Sept 9.30am

HARVEST AT THE FARM Sun 29th Sept 11.00am

PRAY

This Sunday we have our monthly PRAY Service at 7pm. As Nick always says, when we pray, stuff happens and we WANT 'stuff to happen'. We were called to pray.

Regular prayer helps build a strong foundation of faith and helps is to build a deeper relationship, so let's meet together, pray together and worship together!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

PRAY

1ST SUNDAYS @7PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a 1st Sunday for a short time of prayer, reflection and worship.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20



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!



HARVEST
Barn Dance
Celebrate Harvest With Us
with Ceilidh music and light buffet

Limited Tickets BOOK NOW

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

WELCOME TO 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 so that they can put you in touch!
Thank you so much!

Michael Hayes

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



Next one Mon 2nd Sept In Church Hall

Women NOT IN THE PUB
MEETS EVERY 1st MONDAY at 7.30pm (EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS!)

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Come and join us on the 1st Monday of the month. We'll often bring something "to do" - a quiz, a craft but it's more about having time together to catch up!

OPEN TO ALL
You don't have to attend St George's to come along!
For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk

WOMEN NOT IN THE PUB

As we're sure most of you know, The Vivary Arms looks to be closed more than open these days and they have not been opening on a Monday in quite a while, so until we can sort out another venue, we're going to meet up in the Church Hall.

We meet on **Monday 2nd Sept at 7.30pm** for a potpourri evening of tea/ coffee, a quiz, a craft and getting to know you!

Just as a heads up - the Hall car park is used for the group who meet in the Dunning so you may need to park elsewhere if coming by car!

Kate Taylor

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

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

BISHOP'S LETTER

- Reimagining generosity

In John's Gospel, the first of the signs that Jesus offers to show who he is happens at a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee (John 2: 1-11). Jesus saves the whole event from being a social disaster. The presenting issue is that the wine runs out. This exposes the families that have organised the event to the possibility of severe embarrassment. Rather than modelling lavish hospitality, they are in danger of showing themselves to be stingy and disorganised. Thankfully Jesus's mum is alerted to the situation and gets Jesus on the case. He comes up with a solution and all is well.

What gets me every time about this story is the scale and the quality of the solution that Jesus presents. If my calculations are right, Jesus saves the day by creating the equivalent of six wheelie bins full of wine. And not just your supermarket bottom shelf stuff. The wine he provides is of the very best quality – stuff that would delight sommeliers and wine snobs the world over.

In his first action, Jesus could have chosen to show any number of things about himself – his wisdom, his power, his goodness or so on. What's striking is that he begins by revealing that he is someone of astonishing and abundant generosity. This is at heart who Jesus is.

If this is who Jesus is, then that means that this is who God is too. For 'in God there is no unChristlikeness'. In his first action, Jesus is showing us that at heart, God is abundantly and astonishingly generous.

If we're all made in God's image, might that be at heart who we're called to be too? Often, the call to be generous can be portrayed as hard and difficult, about self-sacrifice and denial, of the costly call to put others first. But what if we reimagined what being generous means? If we understood being generous as in fact the way to reveal and enjoy our true selves – lavishly, abundantly, joyfully... merrily? A wheelie bin of wine anyone?

+ Bishop Michael



24-hour WAVE OF PRAYER

Across the diocese from 7pm on Friday, 6 September.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is joining our Diocese for a number of prayer events across Bath and Wells, over 24 hours, starting with a worship evening for young people in Bath on Friday, 6 September and then continuing in varied locations in each of the three archdeaconries on Saturday 7 September.

"Ours is a vision grounded in prayer and it will be wonderful to come together on this day, encouraged by our archbishop, to pray for God's continued love and guidance as we journey alongside one another. Together we will help more people in our communities to come to know God's immense love for them, and in so doing play our part in transforming communities."

You would be welcome to join Archbishop Justin and Bishop Michael for a time of prayer on Saturday 7th September at Sedgemoor Auction Centre, Junction 24, Bridgwater. Do look at the Diocese website for more information. More info at <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/faith/diocesan-wave-prayer/>

Prayer

*Loving God, You alone bring growth to your Church and transformation to our communities. Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and grace in living and telling your story. Help our churches to grow in commitment to you, in numbers and diversity, and in partnership with our local communities in all that gives life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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Free, expert money coaching

FREE
4 week course
at St Georges

Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple at St Georges Wilton, Fons George, Taunton. Best bit? It's totally free.

The course starts 10th September 2024 @7pm
@ St Georges church hall and runs for 4 weeks 10th,
17th, 24th September and then 1st October
Book your free place, contact: 07813 211137

capuk.org/trymoneycoaching

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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.

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://capuk.org/get-help/get-to-grips-with-your-finances>

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
AT ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL
DUNNING ROOM AT 7PM**

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

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

FOR
ONE
WEEK
ONLY

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY has been providing free professional debt help through local churches across the UK since 1996. We want to see an end to poverty in the UK, so we campaign, petition and produce research to influence policy.

So we take action. And we also experience the daily privilege of seeing people discover hope as they begin to work with CAP and their local church. Tens of thousands of lives have been positively impacted through the powerful combination of practical help, restorative church communities and Jesus' love.

Transformed lives. Thriving churches. An end to UK poverty.

If you are unable to attend the church services, you can still donate by visiting their website:

<https://capuk.org/appeals/june-appeal-2024>

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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



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14.4 million in the UK are in poverty

UK poverty is at a critical level. The number of people in need of help has surged, and it's getting harder to meet the rapidly growing need

[Donate now >](#)

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In Loving Memory

Although there are no anniversaries of people passing this week, we do remember and think of those recently bereaved, so we pray for Paul as he adjusts to a life without Rose. We pray for Hilary, Vicky and Sarah as they are in the preparations for John's funeral.

Lord we ask you to be with them while they struggle in the darkness of grief. May they recognise joy in the memories, hope in your love, and peace in the pain. May you walk beside them in their journey to recovery, filling the void and emptiness with your presence. Amen

John's funeral will be here at St George's Wilton on **MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm** followed by tea/coffee in the Church Hall

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!

*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*

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



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