ST GEORGE'S

NEWSBOARD

Sunday 6th October 24



A Note From YOUR VICAR

The '5 love languages' is an idea popularised by Gary Chapman. It's quite a famous concept now but we always introduce it to our marriage preparation couples and many haven't heard of it. The idea is simple; people communicate and receive love in different fashions. Some are cuddly characters, others appreciate compliments whilst others find that 'acts of service' make the other swell with happiness. When one part of a couple says 'he/she doesn't ever tell me they love me', the other half is often dumbfounded 'but I've been doing/saying/giving all of these things'. This happens in all kinds of relationships; if your boss at work appreciates words, then at the end of the day saying 'well done' can go a long way or whilst a cuddle might get you fired a hearty pat on the shoulder might pay dividends in the relationship. To stretch it to a ridiculous level, even dogs seem to communicate differently breed by breed. My two are attention seeking maniacs but hide when it's walkies time: whereas my friends dog is aloof so if you try to stroke him he will go and hide, until you get the lead when he is raring to go.

One of the 5 languages that Chapman lists is 'gift giving'. This is a peculiarly human trait (although I'm told my cat's love of leaving mouse-kidneys by the back door was an act of respect?). Yesterday, I went to see a priest-mentor of mine who has supported me for 12 years. At the end he gave a gift of advent calendars to my 3 kids. When I looked

in the bag I noticed that he took care of each of their different needs. I welled up in the car on my own. It's not the financial heft of the gift, it is the thought and care that is expressed through the gift. Gifts aren't meant to be an arbitrary tax on relationships but an outward expression of internal feelings.

Last week we had an amazing harvest service in the barn which concluded our month of celebrations for harvest time. To put that service together took months of planning, hours of prep-work and then excellent delivery on the day. Many many were involved in the day but I must say a public thanks to our two 'Matts' (Norman and Ellett) who gave their entire weekend (and more) to make a celebration on such a scale. Look it up on youtube, if you missed out. The only thing we thought afterwards was – we can't really go bigger so let's stretch it out for longer!

Harvest is at root, a time of thanks. We recognise our dependence on God for the gift of our very lives. We recognise the goodness of God in giving the gift of his Son to die for us that we might live. We recognise the gift, see the enormity of the affection expressed through it. And at harvest, we take the time to say to the one from whom all good gifts flow;

Thank you. God Bless

Mick



AND SHE'S BACK...

OK, you saw the rain...yep, it was a typical Bethan weather holiday - though I must be thankful for a couple of days sunshine which is more than I usually get but I am back in the saddle again and it feels good to be back.

The Reverends seem to have done a cracking job picking some of my things up whilst I am off, so thank you chaps and to Matt N for helping me by doing the Sunday slides - I did appreciate it. Maybe I'll try taking a month next time and see:)

There's lots to catch up on but the office is back to full team so we're here to help you all!



CENSUS TIME

So now we're in October and it's time for the usual Church Attendance Census.

For those of you new to us, each October we are asked by the Church Of England to do a census so that we can try to understand how many people come through the doors. Each Sunday through October, you should be given a Census form for you to complete for you and your children.

Please can you make sure that you fill in the form in full for me so that we can be as accurate as we can and also check that we have the right details for you.

They will need to be filled in each Sunday, so we'd be really grateful for your help with this!

NO 11AM SERVICE

Just a reminder that there is no llam service this week as we will be joining in with the United Worship Service with the Bl churches across the town at Wellsprings Leisure Centre. This year Gavin Calver is the main speaker.

Gavin Calver is the CEO of the Evangelical Alliance. He has a burning passion to see the church working together to share the Gospel throughout the UK. Formerly the leader of

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 6th October 9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion** 7.00pm **PRAY**

THERE IS NO ELEVEN SERVICE AS WE GATHER AT WELLSPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE -B1 UNITED WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday 7th October 10.00am Buggy Buddies 7.30pm Mens Shed 7.30pm Women NOT in The Pub

Tuesday 8th October
12pm SOUP
7pm Alpha Course
7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 9th October 9.30am **Stay and Play**

Thursday 10th October 2.30pm I Dreamed A Dream Course 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 12th October 9.30am Churchyard Gardening

Sunday 13th October 9.30am Worship With Holy Communion 11.00am Worship Service

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE BISHOP HENDERSON OPEN SCHOOL Thursday 17th October FAITH HOPE & MENTAL HEALTH Saturday 19th October 10.00am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE JOINT SERVICE Sunday 10th November 10.00am



Youth for Christ and chair of Spring Harvest, he's an ordained evangelist and regular public speaker, and has authored six books.

Our 9.30am is still going ahead and the 11am will be back in the church again on Sunday 13th October!

HARVEST THANKS

Phew! Well what a Harvest season that was begining with a really fun Barn Dance where we laughed, danced and had a great time together - thanks so much to those who helped to make that happen from the decorations to the food to the music. Such fun!

We then followed that with wonderful traditional harvest Service the following day. Huge thanks to our fabulous flower team who never cease to amaze us with their skills with their displays. Please know we are so grateful for your time and talents.

We finished with our Harvest celebration at the Farm - a barn filled with people, hay bales, tractors and a 12 strong worship team! It was so special giving thanks for the harvest whilst the farm was actually harvesting!

Our tech team excelled themselves once more pulling off a livestreamed service from a farm, with amazing lighting - a mammoth effort to set up - you're superstars!











ALPHA BEGINS AND SOUP RETURNS

A new month and things are returning....with Alpha and SOUP!

If you havent signed up yet or know someone who would like to sign up for Alpha, please make sure you do so asap. It's such a great way to find out more about faith in an easy, welcoming and safe space. We've cut the course slightly so it's not as long as before but it will be just as great and we're really looking forward to it so please - remind people to sign up now!

And SOUP returns the same day - Tuesday 8th October.

We're really excited for SOUP to return and hope that all of you who came along last winter will come back and join us again for some delicious homemade soup. It's a great space for you invite a friend and catch up.





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

FAITH HOPE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Following the success of our first Faith Hope and Mental Health day in June, we are now holding another one on SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER.

This time our Special Guest is Rev'd Rob Merchant. Rob will share some of his life experience and learning as written about in by Fear, Anchored in Hope: Faithfulness in an Age of Anxiety". Rob will explore what it means to serve God and follow a calling when our past pours into our present, and

the incredibly open and honest book "Broken

the ways in which we can know the hope of Jesus that sustains us each day.

Tickets are only £10. Sign up by scanning the QR code or click here https://stgchurch. churchsuite.com/events/xdg6hpgc klajsdlaksjdlksajdlaksdjlaksdjlakdjlaksdj





Mens Shed

After a great time at our Mens Shed BBQ last time (thank you Carsons!!) we will be meeting back at the Hut on **Monday 7th October.**

You dont have to have been before, we're always ready to welcome new recruits! We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month so our next one is this Monday 7.30pm!



Women NOT In The Pub

As the men meet in the Shed, our ladies It has been a very healing place as well, also meet up once a month on a Monday at and I pray will continue to be for each of 7.30pm - we aim for the first Monday of the you, as you navigate life's ups and downs. month, bank holiday willing, so we too will I am missing you all so much, though am be meeting sadly not in the Pub but in the very thankful for such warm welcomes here at Trinity. It was all rather exhausting



My huge apologies for this thank you being SO delayed in getting to you - I wanted to wait until a few updates on settling in, then before I knew it, another week has gone by...

But...

Thank you thank you, thank you St George's Church Family!!! What an amazing sending off service and lunch, and what a wonderful surprise the generous gift was - I was totally overwhelmed!!!

It is already proving useful towards a new NRSV Bible, and some course books, so thank you! I was so touched by everyone's prayers, kind words, cards and encouragements - it really did mean so much! As well as heart-felt thanks for the send off, I can't thank you all enough for the warm and generous welcome you extended from the very first day I arrived, and which I've seen week by week offered to others! It has been such a delight getting to know so many of you - you are a living testimony to the the love, hope and joy of Jesus as you come together each week, and it has been so precious to have been a part of that over the past few years. It has been a very healing place as well, I am missing you all so much, though am very thankful for such warm welcomes here at Trinity. It was all rather exhausting with the move, etc, but life is settling into a more steady pace, thank the Lord. Lectures have now begun, so lots of reading, etc, but Bessie-Dog is proving to be a blessing to me and to many, in time off site, and in exploring lovely new walks locally. Please do keep in touch, and if you'd like to receive updates each month or so, please do let me know - it'll be great to know others are praying along the way, and over this new journey. I shall be very much

I shall be very much keeping you in my prayers too!

Much love to you all, Di x



Wonderful Weather 10-11.15am

– for those with children aged 0-5 Thursday 10th October at St G's This is an BRAND NEW session! Join us as we explore the wonderful weather! FREE, but limited space so booking essential.

In this session, designed especially for 0-5's, we'll engage with creation through activities like our special welly splash, musical journey of weather sounds, nature themed crafts, including making windchimes, weather wheels, real rainclouds, colourful rainbows and more!, a scavenger hunt, weather stories, songs and sensory play all along the theme. So pop on your welly boots and join us outdoors* as we explore and connect with creation together.

The session will be fully accessible. Toilets / baby changing on site. Please note that these is a family events and children are to be supervised by their parents / carers at all times.

Our other sessions this term will be...

'Stargazing' at Wildside for ages 0-12 (Blackdown Hills) 4.30-6.30pm on November 9th – one of the most popular Mossy events each year, join us as we explore the night skies, enjoy sparkly crafts, sensory play, toast marshmallows on the crackling campfire and much more besides. Full details and booking link will be sent to you later on in the term. This session costs £5 per family to cover costs and venue. Booking essential.

Autumn Adventure - a Mini Mossy
Church session for 0-5's November 19th
10-11.15am FREE to attend, but limited
space so booking essential – another
popular session at St G's. Join us as we
adventure through the Autumn season
with lots of nature crafts, a crunchy leaf
walk, crackling campfire apples, & lots more
activities, songs, stories and sensory play.
Booking link to be sent later in the term.

Do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions, we'll do our best to help.













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



PRAYER & FASTING

United for Revival

Mon 7th - Fri 11th October

Morning Sessions (Online)
Early Morning Prayer:
6:30 - 7:00am

Evening Sessions (In-Person)

Mon - Thu Evening : 7:30 - 8:30pm Fri Evening : 7:30 - 9:00pm

MONDAY: RIVERSIDE CHURCH 'OUR HEART' TUESDAY: ST JAMES CHURCH 'LOCAL CHURCH" TRULL CHURCH 'YOUTH' THURSDAY: SILVER ST CHURCH 'OUR TOWN'

FRIDAY: NORTH STREET CHURCH 'NEW LIFE'

In Loving Memory

We remember

Alexander Watt, Ray Arscott,

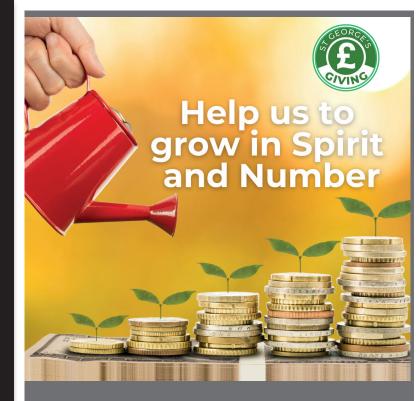
Dorothy Thomas

and Peter Holden

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

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

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!

Desus you walk with me. help me to walk with you.

ST GEORGE'S

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

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

10th November Joint Remembrance Service * 10am

24th November

REHEARSAL 4PM IN CHURCH SERVICE 6PM

ST GEORGE'S WORSHIP TEAM GATHERING

loin us in the Church for a time of teaching rship songs, praying together and rehearsir

WORSHIP JAM

Bring your instrument, your voice and join us just getting together for a time of worship

9th September 11th November

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



Bringing Church youth together in Taunton



games and craft and snacks and teaching and worship and

prayer

28th Sen/ Taunton Baptist Church 7-9pm

7th Dec/

Taunton Baptist Church/Christmas party 7-9pm

25th Jan/

Taunton Baptist Church/

Movement Worship Night/ time TBC

21st-23rd Mar/

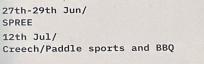
Weekend away/Dartmoor

17th May/

Taunton Baptist Church 7-9pm

SPREE

12th Jul/





@tauntonyouthgathering



please bring £1 contribution and a member of your youth/children's team who has safeguarding WEDNESDAY

06/10 **B1 United Service** We will join to worship together with other churches SUNDAY across the town at Wellsprings Leisure Centre. 10/11 **Joint Remembrance Service** A joint service at 10.00am followed by the laying of SUNDAY the wreath and Act of Remembrance at 11.00am 03,10, **Tuk Tuk Carols** 17/12 We will be touring the Parish on 3 Carolling journeys with our sturdy Tuk Tuk, mulled wine & hot chocolate TUESDAYS 07/12 St George's Christmas Fair Our very success Christmas Favre will be back with SATURDAY Santa, stalls and lots more fun for all the family 15/12 Contemporary Carol Service Our Contemporary Carol Service will be led by our SUNDAY worship band, with responses and prayer Traditional Carol Service 22/12 Our popular traditional candlelit Christmas Carol SUNDAY Service with readings, a talk, and with popular Carols **Christingle Services** 24/12 There will be 2 Christingle Services at 2.30pm and TUESDAY 4.00pm making Christingles and singing carols 24/12 **Midnight Christmas Eve Service** A traditional candlelit Holy Communion Service at TUESDAY 11.30pm will bring in Christmas morning 25/12 **Joint Christmas Day Celebration**

We will join to worship together and celebrate this

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!

special day at 10.00am followed by Holy Communion

Bishop Henderson School is 50.

"Rooted and grounded in love, we flourish and grow"

We give thanks for the vision given to Rev Roland Clarke, the vicar and the PCC in the early seventies, to establish a church school in the then Parish of Wilton.

Visits were made to the local residents and there was overwhelming support, as well as from the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Bishop at the time giving his name to the school.

Hedley King was appointed as the first head teacher and he became a prominent member of St Georges Church for many years.

The school opened with 120 pupils and 4 teachers including Rosa Parsloe. Barbara Reeves and the late Janet Ball were appointed for the second year. Many of the staff that followed were members of St G's including Gerald Dunning who was also the organist.

Over the years the school has been extended with several major extensions with a current number of 430 pupils and upwards of 50 staff.

The Lord has richly blessed the school and it has always been grateful for the support of St George's Church both financially and prayerfully.

The school will be holding a celebratory Service on **Thursday 17th October.**Unfortunately there is only room for school pupils staff and invited guests.
The good news is that the school will be open from early evening for anyone to come and look round the school and to view an exhibition of old photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia.

There will be an opportunity to share memories and meet with old friends or to simply discover more of the life of Bishop Henderson School.

Book the date now!

Do you, I wonder have any photos etc that you could share?

Do speak to Jenny Jeffery, the School chaplain. You can contact her for further details at revjen@sky.com



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