



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Despite living here for most of my life, I had never been to Taunton Flower Show before arriving here as the vicar 3 years ago (yes it has been that long!). Now I'm three for three.

I think what put me off for all of those years is that it's called a 'flower show' and I'm just not that into flowers. What I didn't know is that it's really a two day festival with food, music, displays and a million shops. You can buy a belt, a pork pie, some organic dog food or some double glazing if any of these take your fancy. Many of these stands will give you free stuff. Some housing company gave me some Pimms, BBC Somerset were keen to throw as much stationery at me as possible and the wine tasting tent offered 6 different shot glasses of wine for a quid (Walnut leaf wine was excellent – who knew?).

In the displays this year was an impressive sheep dog trial man replete with a flat cap looking the part (think how Rob dresses). His control over those five dogs was astonishing. He could call their individual names, then once he did, a single whistle would be ignored by the others with a single command – 'lie' – which halted the animals on the spot. Amazing to watch. On the other hand, the Birds of Prey were less obedient. It may have been the Pimms but I loved it when two consecutive birds disappeared looking for pigeons in the surrounding trees. The commentary when it all goes a bit wrong 'oh no, I've forgotten the ladder' and 'It's just not happening today' is comedy

gold. I have a soft spot for birds of prey (I'm thinking of you Scops Owl) and don't worry they did return safely.

Animals are one of the things that clearly connects us to the natural world around. Our relationships with them are complex. Some treat dogs and cats like surrogate children, some we feed (ducks) and some we despise (Seagulls!). What's interesting is the motivations of both parties. If you watch a sheepdog it simply longs for the approval of it's master; other creatures are more transactional – so if a bird of prey gets a live offer rather than scummy scraps of chicken – it'll be off. It makes me reflect on those Psalms; 'How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time'. But it also makes me think of all of our motivations; what motivates me? What keeps me going or wakes me up to do different activities? What motivates you to keep going or give up? I work with volunteers on a daily basis. These are workers who choose to give their time to make a difference in their community. What motivates them? Partly they look to their maker as in the Psalm – partly they want to be part of something that makes a real impact in their community. What are you looking for?

God bless

Nick

St George's **News**

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Our next Stroll will be a short walk along the Sherford Stream in Trull, one of our popular summer venues on **THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST**.

We will meet in the village car park opposite Trull Church, at 10.15, for a 10.30 start. We shall be following a short circular route, and hope that all who would like to can join us at the Hive café afterwards for refreshments.

Please let Rachel know if you would need - or could offer - a lift to Trull. It would also be helpful to know in advance if you are hoping to stay for refreshments, so that Rachel can alert the café staff of our approximate numbers and time of arrival.

Contact: Rachel 07818003297

*Jesus You Walk With Me;
Help Me To Walk With You.*

A promotional image for the 'Stroll for the Soul' event. It features a photograph of an elderly man in a blue jacket walking in a wooded area. Overlaid on the image are several text elements: a purple circle in the top left says 'NEXT STROLL THURS 22ND AUGUST'; a red circle in the top right says 'JESUS YOU WALK WITH ME'; a large red circle in the center contains the text 'ST GEORGE'S WALTON Stro!! FOR THE Soul'; a red circle in the bottom right says 'HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU'; a dark red banner at the bottom says 'A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS'; and a dark red banner at the very bottom says 'Conversation Fellowship Contemplation'. At the bottom right, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK'.

CONFIRMATION

A reminder that we are looking to hold another Confirmation Service before the end of the year and we were wondering if there were any of you interested in coming forward for Confirmation.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11th August

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 12th August

ROB AWAY ON HOLIDAY UNTIL SAT 24TH AUGUST

9.15am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Worship Gathering

Tuesday 13th August

7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Friday 16th August

2.30pm Memorial Service for Rose Cole

Saturday 17th August

9.30am Churchyard Gardening

Sunday 18th August

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Confirmations are a way of affirming the faith that you hold. If you're thinking about ordination then you'll need to get confirmed but it is primarily a way of saying publicly that you belong to this church

There will be a just a couple of classes together before the service so if you are interested please do **email nick@stgchurch.co.uk** to talk more about it or **office@[stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)** to sign up.

WHAT IS

confirmation



AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

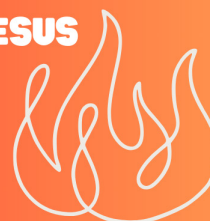


STATING OUR BELONGING TO THE CHURCH



AND FOLLOWING JESUS

If you would like to discuss confirmation, please get in touch **nick@stgchurch.co.uk**



SAYING GOODBYE TO ROSE

Just a reminder that we will be saying goodbye to our Rose on **Friday 16th August at 2.30pm** here in the Church followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Do remember Paul in your prayers for the memorial day and the days ahead. Thank you.



WORSHIP NEWS

WORSHIP GATHERING

We know it's out of the usual pattern but we're trying to do more and also the last Monday is a Bank holiday so we will be meeting up **THIS MONDAY - Monday 12th August**

Come and join us at our next Worship Gathering if you'd like to get together for a jamming session - bring your instrument (which could be your voice) and join us as we rehearse new worship songs and pray together. It's about being "community" together.

If you want to find out more about it do email chris@stgchurch.co.uk but we'd LOVE you to come and join - WE NEED MORE MUSICIANS - so come and have a jam!

CHOIR DATES/REHEARSALS

After this Sunday, our 9.30am Choir will be taking a break until we're back again in September.

We'll be posting dates for rehearsals and services here shortly so that you can pop the dates in your diaries and for those of you who may be interested in coming along and singing with our choir.

We'd love to have as big a Choir as we can so our voices will raise the roof and give praises to God for the community to hear, so if you love singing, are able to hold a note and have a heart for worship, then please do come along and join us. We'd love to have you! If you would like to ask any other questions about it and what it involves, do email chris@stgchurch.co.uk

CHURCHYARD GARDENING

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have been helping with churchyard gardening whether at the Saturday sessions (3rd Saturday morning of the month, March – November), or by caring for an area of the churchyard in your own spare time, as part of St George's ADOPT-A-PLOT scheme.

The sessions are between 9.30 – 12.30, but sometimes people come for just an hour. That's absolutely fine of course; although they might then miss the tea break!

If you feel you would like to come along and help please do; or come and have a word if you'd like to know more about caring for a specific small area of the churchyard in your own spare time.

And THANK YOU AGAIN to all of you who do already help.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS **SATURDAY - SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST**

Jane, Michael & Tricia

On behalf of St George's Churchyard Gardeners

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
CHURCHYARD
gardening

"Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Help us to care for our Churchyard

3rd Saturdays
9.30am - 12.30pm
March - November

For more information, please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Weeding Trimming Raking

Bring some gloves and any tools and let's dig in!

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST is a dynamic and innovative Christian faith-based youth charity working with young people, primarily in the area of Taunton. Since 2000 they have been reaching the Youth of Taunton with the good news of Jesus in the most relevant ways possible.



In September 2022, they launched our Outreach van that you can find at various locations across the town throughout the week. They go into schools as well as running Youth Alpha's and Bible Studies. They have a deep conviction to love the young people of this town and by providing them with a supportive community, practical skills, and a foundation in Christian values, we aim to empower young individuals to navigate life's challenges, make positive contributions to society, and become compassionate leaders who positively impact their families, communities, and beyond. Ultimately, they aim to serve as a beacon of hope, fostering personal growth, spiritual resilience, and a sense of purpose in the lives of our young people.

Our call and commitment revolves around the profound desire to reach young people with the transformative power of the Gospel.

Rooted in prayer and reliant on the Holy Spirit's guidance, they are sowing seeds of faith, nurturing spiritual growth, and equipping young people to become devoted disciples of Christ, empowering them to impact their communities and the world for His glory.

If you are unable to attend the church services, you can still donate to this wonderful local Christian charity by visiting their website:

<https://taunton.yfc.co.uk/donate/>

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.

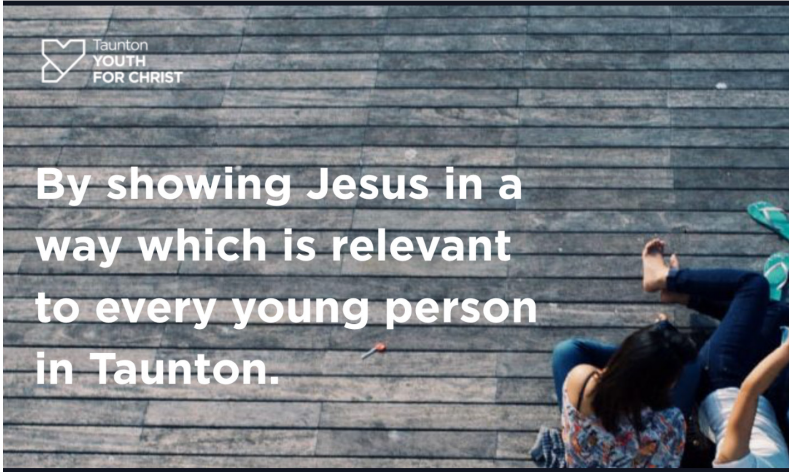
The food will vary in quantity and description from day to day. We never know what will be donated!

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



August charity collection



By showing Jesus in a way which is relevant to every young person in Taunton.

Taunton Youth for Christ is a dynamic and innovative Christian faith-based youth charity working with young people, primarily in the area of Taunton. We were established in the year 2000 and since then, have been reaching the Youth of Taunton with the good news of Jesus in the most relevant ways possible.

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

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Free, expert money coaching

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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In Loving Memory

We remember

Dora Wyatt, Alfred Wyatt, Kay Rice, Denys O'Brien and Roy Parsloe

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

Please also remember Paul and the family as we say goodbye to **Rose** this Friday.

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@stchurch.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!

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

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



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