



## A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

This week has been full of drama. An 82 year old man has been accused of cheating, lying and fraud at the International Conkers tournament. Mr David Jakin has been attempting to win the 'greatest show on earth' (said no one) for 42 years and this year managed it. His competitors said that he 'destroyed' their conkers with a single hit...which apparently does not happen very often. Jakin was involved in drilling and stringing up to 240 different conkers made for the competition but this time the judge won.

After receiving the 'conker crown' (I made that bit up but if there isn't one then jolly well should be), fellow contestants insisted that Mr Jakin was searched and inside his pocket was discovered a home-made steel conker painted to a great replica with a string already attached. Apparently this was intended as a joke...(which he never told) and he insists that he did not use the offending item in the competition and won simply by using the strength and power of his manly arms (I may have added a bit of flourish there).

I haven't worked in prisons but my understanding is that most residents claim they are innocent; it's something humans often do when we've done something wrong, we find ways to justify ourselves. It's why a 'guilty plea' will get a reduced sentence in law – even though the action hasn't actually changed. In lower level things people often say 'it's a joke' when they are afraid of the consequences of their actions or words.

I have a confession for you. I made a fake conker once at my friend Josh's house. It was made of baked Fimo and I dreamt of being the playground king of Bishop Henderson School. But I never used it. I couldn't bear the idea of somehow everyone finding out and then not really being the conker king but a fraud. I grew out of this dream aged 9 so it is a little sad that Mr Jakin still harbours these dreams at 82.

These seem like frivolous ideas but at root the question is about integrity. Did we really do something or fake it? Did we really mean what we said or pretend to? It's the perennial question of politics and will come into sharp focus with the US elections next month when President Trump is already claiming fraud on the other side. This feels more complex in a digital age but its only the tools that have become more sophisticated; the human heart still weaves tangled webs. The bible has much to say; *'The LORD detests dishonest scales, but accurate weights find favour with him'* says Proverbs 11 and although this may refer to trading grains the principle transfers to modern business practice very easily. Or even simpler, Jesus call for integrity, 'let your yes, be yes and your no, no'.

I've wanted to put on a conkers competition here since I started....maybe it's more dramatic than I can manage.

God bless,

*Nick*

# St George's **News**

## **CONFIRMATION TIME...**

On the **20th November at 7.30pm** we will have a confirmation service in St Georges Wilton. But what is this thing and why would you want to bother?

Confirmation is a rite of passage that affirms your place within the body of the whole Anglican church rather than just a local congregation. Only a Bishop can confirm someone, as they represent the church more widely than just a single and local church. In the Church of England 'belonging' is a funny thing; everyone who lives nearby has a right to be baptised, married and buried here because we believe that the gospel is too good to be kept for ourselves and everyone is welcome. But when you're baptised in one church – you're baptised in ALL of the churches because there is only one church. You can only be confirmed once and in confirmation, you take those words that perhaps were spoken on your behalf as an infant – 'I believe' and make them your own in a public and deliberate way that describes something of your journey as a Christian.

Within the Anglican church, confirmation has historically been the entrance to receiving communion (although because we work across the churches, this is not strictly observed), a requirement before you can hold many 'offices' of responsibility, and before you can be ordained or licensed as a lay minister. St Georges has grown marvellously in the past few years and many have come back to faith or a new faith. Perhaps this is a way of saying to God and to your friends and family, I take my faith seriously and this is my home.

What will happen?

Before the service we will meet as a little group to prepare. Then on the day there will be a service with the Bishop and he will pray for you to receive the Holy Spirit by laying his hands on your head. Afterwards you get a certificate which is like your right to engage in some of those responsibilities I listed above.

What now?

I already have 3 candidates but something inside tells me that there are some more amongst our number! If you want to be

## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday 20th October**

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service with Communion**

### **Monday 21st October**

**10.00am Buggy Buddies**

**7.30pm Mens Shed**

### **Tuesday 22nd October**

**12pm SOUP**

**7pm Alpha Course**

**7.30pm Bellringing Practice**

### **Wednesday 23rd October**

**9.30am Stay and Play**

### **Thursday 24th October**

**10.15am Stroll For The Soul**

**2.30pm I Dreamed A Dream Course**

**7.30pm Come & Sing Practice**

### **Sunday 27th October**

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service with Baptisms**

## **UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE**

### **WORSHIP TEAM GATHERING**

Monday 28th October

### **MOSSY CHURCH STARGAZING EVENT**

Saturday 9th November

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

#### **JOINT SERVICE**

Sunday 10th November 10.00am

### **CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST GEORGES**

Wednesday 20th November 7.00pm

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday 7th December 2pm-5pm



**TUESDAYS**  
In Term Time

**12.00PM-2.00PM**

**ST GEORGE'S WILTON  
CHURCH HALL**

[www.stgchurch.co.uk](http://www.stgchurch.co.uk)

It does what it says...we serve SOUP...and teas/coffees and maybe cake.  
Come for a bowl and a chat. It would be great to see you!

involved – email me – [nick@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:nick@stgchurch.co.uk)  
and we'll go from there.

*Nick*

## STROLL FOR THE SOUL

On THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER, we shall return to Vivary Park. Carole will lead the walk. She will be drawing our attention to the foliage, flowers and wild life which we often hurry by without taking the time to 'notice'. We will call at the park coffee shop too. Meet at St George's Church Porch at 10.15 to share prayer and reflection, setting off on the stroll at 10.30. Come and join us.



## MENS SHED

Don't forget those Men are back in their Shed (well, the Scout Hut) this Monday at 7.30pm. Do let any men you know that might enjoy some company and chat whilst creating and making...or watching others create and make! It would be great to welcome more down to the Shed so spread the word!



## CARD FOR CARE HOME RESIDENT

A lady at St George's Residential Home 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. If people were willing, could we write a card to Diana (we have permission to know her name!) - signing your name and that you're from St George's Wilton, and then pop it into the box which I will have in church for the next two Sundays (20th and 27th) It would be lovely if as many of us could do this to mark such a special occasion. I am hoping that some of our toddlers at Stay and Play may make some cards too - so anyone of any age can do a card. Thank you all so much!

*Kate*

# JOIN THE TEA-M Today

To help with our teas & coffee, email [rob@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

## ST GEORGE'S WILTON Christmas Fayre

**Come and Help Bring The Christmas Sparkle To St George's & Wilton!**

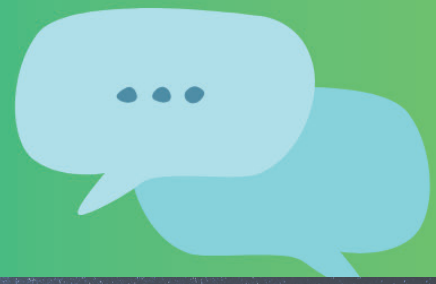
**We need help with:**  
stalls  
setting up  
clearing up  
refreshments

**Help us bring the FUN and raise the FUNDS!**

**If you can help us, please email [events@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:events@stgchurch.co.uk) and let the christmas fayre team know!**

**DEADLINE for NewsBoard** articles is **Tuesdays at 12pm**. If this is missed then your article will be in the following week's edition. *Thank you!*

# 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!

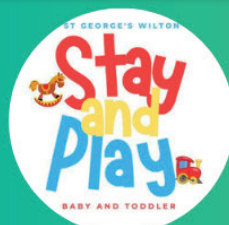
In the cosiness of the open sided fairy lit barn we will make and create some starry crafts. Join us in the meadow as we gaze at the night sky, guided in our gaze by a real scientist, and explore the stars above us. Get creative with sparklers and keep warm by the crackling campfire as we toast marshmallows 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.....

# 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>

## October charity collection



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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](mailto:fridge@stgchurch.co.uk)



# *In Loving Memory*

*We remember*  
**William Fell, Margaret Gordon,  
and Merlyn Carson**

*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

## **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**



## 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 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](mailto: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!*

**SOLD OUT SHOW  
LAST YEAR**

# A GOSPEL Christmas

**FRIDAY 20TH**

**DECEMBER**

**6.30PM**

**Wellsprings  
Leisure Centre,  
Taunton, TA2 7QP**

**Doors open at 6pm**



## BOOK TICKETS

EARLY BIRD

<b>£8</b>	<b>£4</b>	<b>FREE</b>
Adults	Children (-16Y)	0-2 years (on laps)

FROM 1ST DEC

<b>£10</b>	<b>£5</b>	<b>FREE</b>
Adults	Children (-16Y)	0-2 years (on laps)

Come and celebrate Christmas with a live **Gospel Choir and Band** for an evening of Christmas Carols, Gospel Classics and more.

*Hosted by the Pursuit of Gospel Choir & Band, Living Light Christian Church, Oakwood Church, Taunton Vineyard Church, St George's Church Wilton, TYFC, New Creation Church, Riverside Church, Wellsprings Community Church, St. James' Church, Taunton Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Church, North Street Church, Creech Baptist Church, All Saints Trull*

## **DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Last year sold out so quickly and following the success of this wonderful Gospel night, it's sure to sell 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/gospel-christmas-2024/a-gospel-christmas-2024/e-dejkr1>

**DO NOT** buy your tickets from any other source.

Our Chris leads the Gospel Choir, so you know you're in for a Christmas treat!!

# 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 FEBRUARY 2025

For more informations email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk), chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!

*Jesus you walk with me, help me to walk with you.*

## 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**

For any more information email [chris@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:chris@stgchurch.co.uk)



## Dates for Diaries

**STARGAZING at Wildside**  
For 0-12's

**Saturday 9th November 4.30pm**

## AUTUMN ADVENTURE

For 0-5's

**Tuesday 19th November 10.00am**

*Explore Engage Connect*

Mossy Church is a relaxed, nature themed Christian group exploring creation, connecting with others & getting to know the Creator.

Check out our Facebook page for regular ideas and to find out about our activities, trails and fun family events!

**06/10**

SUNDAY

### B1 United Service

We will join to worship together with other churches across the town at Wellsprings Leisure Centre.

**10/11**

SUNDAY

### Joint Remembrance Service

A joint service at 10.00am followed by the laying of the wreath and Act of Remembrance at 11.00am

**03,10,  
17/12**

TUESDAYS

### Tuk Tuk Carols

We will be touring the Parish on 3 Carolling journeys with our sturdy Tuk Tuk, mulled wine & hot chocolate

**07/12**

SATURDAY

### St George's Christmas Fair

Our very success Christmas Fayre will be back with Santa, stalls and lots more fun for all the family

**15/12**

SUNDAY

### Contemporary Carol Service

Our Contemporary Carol Service will be led by our worship band, with responses and prayer

**22/12**

SUNDAY

### Traditional Carol Service

Our popular traditional candlelit Christmas Carol Service with readings, a talk, and with popular Carols

**24/12**

TUESDAY

### Christingle Services

There will be 2 Christingle Services at 2.30pm and 4.00pm making Christingles and singing carols

**24/12**

TUESDAY

### Midnight Christmas Eve Service

A traditional candlelit Holy Communion Service at 11.30pm will bring in Christmas morning

**25/12**

WEDNESDAY

### Joint Christmas Day Celebration

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](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)  
More events will be added but we hope this gives you a flavour!



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