

ST GEORGE'S

# NEWSBOARD

Sunday 18th  
August 2024



## A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

'Sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me.'

So that was a lie.

This little rhyme was never true and indeed the very fact that it exists undermines its central message, for if words really didn't have any impact then we wouldn't have to chant this to our children. The last week has seen extraordinary scenes on our streets with cars set alight, riots and many police officers hurt or injured. The terrible murders of those girls in Southport – so young – so tragic – so meaningless and has inspired more violence, more aggression and seemingly more meaninglessness. You know the story by now. The man who killed those girls was initially reported to be Islamic but which was quickly corrected when it emerged he wasn't religious and had grown up in Wales as a quiet introverted lad. Somehow this became a rallying touchpoint for these terrible riots. Some were clearly driven by a particular ideology; some were clearly along for the adrenaline ride and those looting 'Crocs' from Sports Direct are hardly landing blows for immigration policy.

It is also so strange how sometimes words 'catch on' and other times they fade into insignificance. Smokers regularly toss out their glowing cigarette ends onto the floor and it's mostly messy and inconsiderate but not life damaging; but sometimes it causes raging fires. Most of the time stupid comments online remain stupid comments and sometimes they swirl things into actions. Emojis those little cartoons – once

patronised as something only children use – are now getting people imprisoned for incitement of violence.

St James writes:

*'The tongue is a small part of the body but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body and corrupts the whole person...'*

If you haven't read it, the letter of James doesn't mince his words because he knows words are powerful and have to be used carefully. Not all of those who posted on facebook, twitter or whatever other social media thing necessarily felt like their words would have effect but somehow it did and now they pay the consequences. In a small town like Taunton it can feel like we're small players on the world stage – that we are – yet still our words matter and we do not know which of them will fall to light a spark. Your words matter.

How we use them is the second question and there the bible gives different advice. Silence is a good course much of the time, if you don't know what to say, then shutting up is better than speaking until you land on an opinion. And yet the bible is clear that people must speak out against injustice. We remember how those deeds of that 'Good Samaritan' were not directed to those who looked, spoke and even believed the same things.

God bless

*Nick*

# St George's **News**

## **HOLIDAY SEASON**

Well the holiday season is truly underway with both Nick and Rob having some very well deserved time off .

Rob has hopefully now already had a lovely relaxing week off and is looking forward to this next one as Nick will begin his fortnight off. So it really will be a "quiet time" in the Parish.

Rob's return will be on the August Bank Holiday weekend when alot of the team will be away so **unfortunately we'll not be able to offer livestream that Sunday (24th).**

Everyone will be back up and running at full team strength from 4th Sept but in the meantime you can still get in touch with the Parish Office!

*Bethan*

## **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

Hopefully many of you will have picked up one of our Events Calendars so will have seen that in September, in between our two Harvest services, we have a **Harvest Barn Dance** - a time to get together for some fun.

We've booked some callers with some ceilidh music to dance along to as we Dosey Doe.

Tickets are available now from our website or by scanning the QR code below. Tickets are limited in number and are £10. So book your tickets, practice your "Country Bumpkin" and "Cumberland Square Eight" and pop the date - **Saturday 21st September** into your diaries



## **WEEK AHEAD**

### **Sunday 18th August**

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service with Holy Communion**

### **Monday 19th August**

**ROB AWAY ON HOLIDAY UNTIL SAT 24TH AUGUST**

**NICK ON TIME OFF UNTIL WED 4TH SEPT**  
**7.30pm Mens Shed**

### **Tuesday 20th August**

**7.30pm Bellingring Practice**

### **Thursday 22nd August**

**10.30am Stroll For The Soul**

**7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal**

### **Saturday 24th August**

**12.00pm Wedding of Emily and Rob**

### **Sunday 25th August**

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service - THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE LIVESTREAMED**

**Limited Tickets BOOK NOW**

HARVEST  
**Barn Dance**

Celebrate Harvest With Us  
with Ceilidh music and light buffet

**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**

## THANK YOU

I thought you would all like to hear about the sale of cards in July. You have helped me send £200 to our Hospice. This includes donations from 3 non St. George's people who give me an order from time to time and a little I already had

it is a wonderful amount and the Hospice Fundraiser is so appreciative. Thank you all so much for your support.

We will have a break now until September so enjoy the rest of the holiday period.

*Rosa*

## 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 with a white beard and glasses, wearing a blue jacket, walking outdoors. The image is overlaid with several text elements: a purple circle in the top left corner says 'NEXT STROLL THURS 22ND AUGUST'; a purple circle in the top right corner says 'JESUS YOU WALK WITH ME ST GEORGE'S WILTON Stro!! FOR THE Soul HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU'; a red banner at the bottom says 'A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS'; a white banner at the bottom says 'Conversation Fellowship Contemplation'; and a small white box at the bottom right says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK'.

## HOSPITALITEA... AND COFFEE

As you know, our Rev'd Hospitality is off at the moment but he has asked for us to put out a call for some more people to join our Tea and Coffee Team on a Sunday morning.

Some of the current team are having to step back for a moment or two and it would be great to expand the team so that the workload is spread more.

Being on the Tea and Coffee team is such a great way to serve our church community and also a great way to meet people and get to know people better from across the two services, so do pray and let us know if you would like to find out more about joining the team. Email **rob@stgchurch.co.uk** or **office@stgchurch.co.uk**



## FEED ST GEORGE'S DONATIONS through your food shops!

Whether it's your big food shop, a weekly top-up, or picky bits for a summer party, six leading supermarkets are available to shop and raise money for St Georges!

We have joined **easyfundraising** and so if you sign up and choose St George's Wilton as the charity/cause you wish to support, when you go and do your online grovery shop, we may get a few pennies!



easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands (so not just your groceries!!!) who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

All you need to do is **visit easyfundraising.org.uk** and after you have signed up, select the online shop and then we'll hopefully get some pennies.

I know pennies don't sound much but if a few of you can help and do this then they do add up and every penny is very much appreciated!

**FREE**  
4 week course  
at St Georges

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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](https://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

**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...

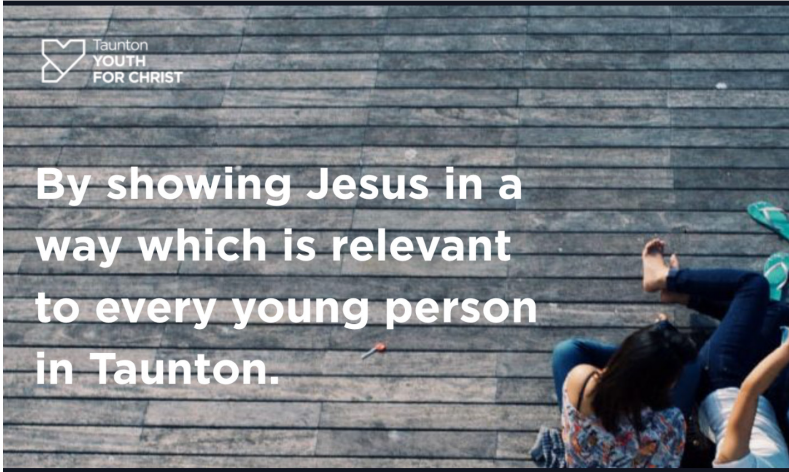
Bring your own bag and help yourself to whatever food is in there up to a maximum of 5 items and follow the instructions in the Fridge Shed.  
The food will vary in quantity and description from day to day. We never know what will be donated!

### 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](mailto: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.

# *In Loving Memory*

*We remember*

**Lily Shire, Betty Winterson,  
Leslie Russell  
and Gerry Atkinson**

*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@stchurch.co.uk](mailto: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!*

*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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