



A note from **YOUR VICAR**

This week beautiful chaos reigned in St George's Hall as we hosted our barn dance. Rob, Carmen and Hilary organised the food, and we borrowed true authentic Scot - Imogen Ball from Trull church to be our caller. On complimenting her skills, she told me that it's normal for kids in Scotland to learn the moves for a ceilidh from a school age. I can barely believe this. In Somerset, children are encouraged to do 'country dancing' which is clearly related but not at all with the seriousness with which Imogen described it. I half wonder if getting really good at the dance and then exporting it south for us lot to bash into each other is a very subtle and long-planned cunning joke on their behalf. Anyway. It was super fun.

I'm not really a dancer. I like it but I can't really do it and so that makes you too nervous to try. I know I'm not alone - those first ones onto the dance floor at a wedding are a rare angelic breed especially when they manage it without any special courage to aid their efforts. But the thing with the great Celtic export is that you're told what to do (rather than just 'go and dance') and because it's done in groups everyone can be involved. Last Saturday we had kids as young as 2 (I know because I was carrying one!) and grown ups closer to 82. All dancing in the same space. So much of life segregates different groups of people into different categories. Sometimes we smush people into doing the same activities the other is particularly interested in whether that's parents taking kids to see some terrible Paw Patrol movie at the cinema or on the

other hand taking the kids to see long-lost relatives are frightfully dull but rarely do we really do the same activities together. Now this isn't always seamless... admittedly the kids were often-times a trip hazard for the more mature ones with their 'freestyle' approach to dance but it is refreshing to find genuinely all age activities which aren't too compromised either way.

The bible writes this:

'There is no Jew or Gentile, slave or free, neither male or female but all one in Christ'.

Being a Christian doesn't melt down our very obvious and real differences but it does flatten who are the most important and lowly figures and church is also meant to be a place where divisions are healed rather than made worse. Age is one of the biggest dividers in our society. Our approach with our kids and young people work has been to make sure that we look after each member, rather than only focusing on one side of the family. It has to work for everyone or it works for nobody. This can't always apply but that's always the plan.

A good example is this week as we gather to celebrate God's harvest time with our barn service at Cutliffe Farm. The band is massive, there are kids activities and a 'punch bowl' (careful!). Look forward to seeing you there.

God bless,

Nick

HARVEST AT THE FARM!

The band are busy rehearsing, and final preparations are being made, for our 11am Harvest celebration at Cutliffe Farm.

There will be activities for children and an opportunity within the service to bring your harvest offering, so please do bring what you can. Please see the next page for details on what items our chosen charities are able to accept.



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Address:

Cutliffe Farm
Sherford, Taunton
TA1 3FU

Directions from St George's:

- Head up Fons George
- Turn left onto Middleway
- Turn left onto Sherford Rd
- Turn right to stay on Sherford Rd
- The Farm (Cutliffe Farm/Parris tractors) should be on your right.

HARVEST DONATIONS

PLEASE START BRINGING IN YOUR HARVEST DONATIONS FROM THIS SUNDAY(8th) ONWARDS

HARVEST SERVICE

22ND SEPT 9.30AM

HARVEST IN THE BARN

29TH SEPT 11.00AM

Thank You!

WEEK AHEAD:

Sunday 29th September

9:30am Holy Communion

11:00am **HARVEST AT THE FARM**

Monday 30th September

10:00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 1st October

7:30pm Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 2nd October

9:30am Stay & Play

Thursday 3rd October

2:30pm 'I Dreamed a Dream'

Sunday 6th October

9:30am Holy Communion

10:30am **BI TOGETHER**
(Wellsprings Leisure Centre)
NO 11AM

7:00pm PRAY

UPCOMING DATES:

TOWNWIDE WEEK OF PRAYER
Starts Monday 7th October

WOMEN (NOT) IN THE PUB
7th October 7:30pm

MEN'S SHED
7th October 7:30pm

SOUP™
Tuesday 8th October 12pm

ALPHA
Tuesday 8th October 7:00pm

FAITH, HOPE & MENTAL HEALTH
Saturday 19th October 10:00am

BISHOP HENDERSON OPEN SCHOOL
Thursday 17th October

September charity collection



For the rest of September we will be supporting these three charities projects with not just produce but hopefully also some funds, so do give what you can - check out NewsBoard for the list of things to donate but they also find money helpful so they can target any specific areas of need!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

HARVEST DONATIONS



TAUNTON OPEN DOOR

FOOD

Tinned Food: Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Peas, Beef, Ham, Custard

Basics: Cereals, Salt/pepper, Gravy Granules, Flour, Margarine/Spread, Cooking Oil

Drinks: Fruit Juice, Squash, Coffee, Long life Milk, Hot Chocolate Sugar

Sweet Things: Biscuits, Cakes, Sweets, Sauces, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Brown Sauce

Snacks: Cuppa Soups, Crisps, Cereal Bars, Pot Noodles

NON-FOOD ITEMS

Washing Powder, Wet Wipes, Deodorant Clothing and footwear suitable for people aged 20-40 years (please check before taking to centre)



Our Church Service retiring collections over the Harvest period will also be donated to TAUNTON OPEN DOOR and TAUNTON FOODBANK as they also need money to help with their running costs.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY FRIDGE

ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT

Sealed packaged food

Fresh Fruit

Fresh Vegetables

Table Sauces

Pastry

Salad

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Cooked food from home or unregistered sources

Bean sprouts

Cooked rice

Raw milk cheeses

Unpasteurised milk

Eggs or pates

Products that could contain any of the above

Unlabelled multiple ingredient items



TAUNTON FOODBANK

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Tinned Meat (Stew, hotdogs, meatballs)

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Tins of Soup

Sweets And Chocolate

Uht Dairy Whole Milk

Jars of Pasta Sauce

Toiletries

Nappies (Size 6)

Microwave Rice

PLEASE NO MORE...

Cereal

Baked Beans

Tea

Sanitary Items

Pet Food

Soya/Plant/Oat And Other Alternative Milk



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Unpack the Christian *faith* together.



Sign up here!

**STARTS
TUES 8th
October
7pm**

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>



I DREAMED A DREAM

A 5 Week Course based on Les Miserables
with Geoff Treasure

Thursdays 2.30pm
in Dunning Room.
Starting Thursday 3rd October

Speak to Geoff or email office@stgchurch.co.uk



TUESDAYS

In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**Next one
Mon 7th
October
In Church Hall**

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
**Women NOT
IN THE PUB**
MEETS EVERY
1st MONDAY at 7.30pm
(EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS!)

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

Next meeting:
**Monday 7th October
7:30pm**
in the **Church Hall**.

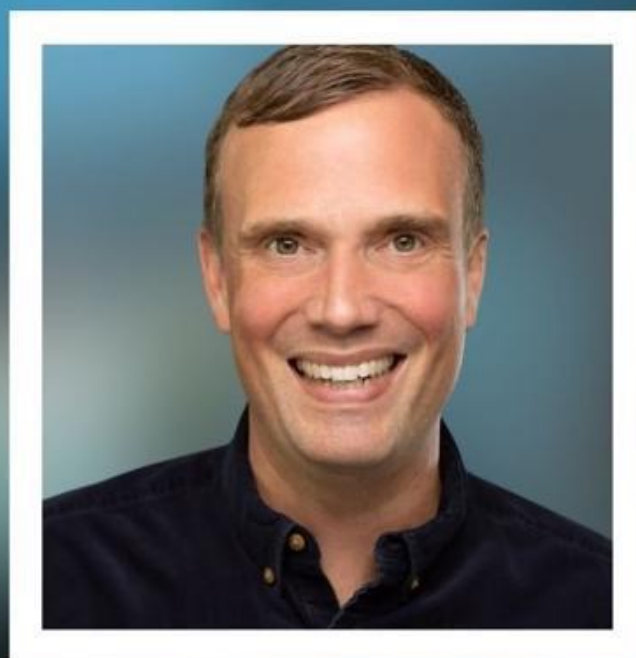
Rosa will lead a greetings card making workshop. There will be a small charge of £2 for materials.

B1 CHURCHES

JOIN US WITH CHURCHES ACROSS THE TOWN ON **6TH OCTOBER**
AT **WELLSPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE**, STARTING AT **10:30AM**.
THERE WILL BE NO 11AM SERVICE THIS WEEK.



B1 together



Sunday 6th October at 10:30am
Location: Wellsprings Leisure Centre

Guest Speaker - Gavin Calver
CEO of Evangelical Alliance



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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'

WEDNESDAY:
TRULL
CHURCH
'YOUTH'

THURSDAY:
SILVER ST
CHURCH
'OUR TOWN'

FRIDAY:
NORTH STREET
CHURCH
'NEW LIFE'

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

£10
a ticket

faith
hope & 
mental health
22:37

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
10.00AM - 3.30PM
AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Talking about mental health and how it relates to our faith.
Talks from our special guest

Rev Rob Merchant

- Author of **"Broken by Fear, Anchored in Hope:
Faithfulness in an Age of Anxiety"**

With lunch and a special Q&A panel

**For more information email events@stgchurch.co.uk
TO BOOK YOUR TICKET, SCAN THE QR CODE**

SCAN THIS



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 WEEK OF PRAYER

Mon 2nd September

Mon 14th October

Mon 4th November

*Starts 7.30pm at
Living Light Church*

Mon 7th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Riverside Church

Tues 8th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at St James Church

Wed 9th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Trull Church

Thur 10th Oct 7.30-8.30pm
at Taunton Baptist

Fri 11th Oct 7.30-9pm
at North Street

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

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Special Birthday Celebrations

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



In Loving Memory

We remember
Peter Reeves, Gordon Pointing
and Peter Smith

We 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 WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air fitness friendship ...and free!

Term Time Mondays at 10am

Meet in St George's Wilton Churchyard Taunton TA1 3JT

RUN BY A FRIENDLY TEAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF BUMPS, BABIES AND TODDLERS



JOIN THE TEA-M Today



To help with our teas & coffee, email rob@stgchurch.co.uk

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