



A Note From  
**YOUR  
VICAR**



I can't have you all around to look at my holiday photos so you'll have to listen to a story instead!

We visited France where I quickly discovered that my GCSE French is in dire need of a replenishment from Duolingo. I would start a sentence and then quickly discover that the lovely Francophone was speaking much better English than I could speak French. In England, speaking multiple languages is a sign of sophistication and education whilst elsewhere it is simply normal for everyone from the security services, ice-cream sellers (my main conversation partner admittedly) to local gentry speaking multiple languages without even thinking about it. I feel I'm missing out somewhere here. Wittgenstein once wrote "The limits of my language mean the limits of my world" meaning that if you expand your linguistic abilities your world gets bigger (he meant more than that but not for now!).

Travel always extend the corners of your tent a little and it is always the small things that I normally enjoy about visiting other countries. I like seeing the different ways they run supermarkets – what's normal and sold in bulk (goats cheese?!), the way roads run (excellent) or even rubbish is collected (short answer...it's not!) tells you something about a different people.

But this time was different because the thing that struck me the most was Mont St Michel. Go and see it. It is amazing – truly amazing. A grand total population

of 30 people, it is a massive monastery/ abbey built on an island stretching into the sea and mud flats. It is now rather filled with touristy shops but this did not detract from the sheer wonder of the place, the sheer soaring ambition of a people with much less money, power and tools than we have now building something extraordinary to the glory of God.

A Bishop said he had a vision of the Archangel Michael telling him to build a church on an island in the sea. So he did. And it grew and grew into a stupendous building soaring to the heavens and crowned with a great image from Revelation with the angel defeating the dragon. The church became castle-like in appearance and was never conquered despite two besieging attempts (by the English in the Hundred Years war. I thought I knew what this place was but I had missed out and if this is unfamiliar look it up.

I came away astonished at the sheer vaulting ambition of the place. Of what is really possible when people get together and commit to do something awesome. The world is a confusing place at the moment with lots of different things that seem like they're about to be torn up and destroyed. Us humans are really good at blowing stuff up and destroying but we're also really really good at building things. Proverbs phrased it; *Wisdom builds the house, but folly tears it down with their own hands*". When you're evaluating people's perspective and words, ask not just what they are against but what are they trying to build?

God Bless  
*Nick*

# St George's **News**

## **KITCHEN REFIT REMINDER**

The kitchen refit is now underway - thanks to all of those who have helped so far and to those of you who have been putting up with the disruption whilst the work is ongoing! We shall keep you all posted on progress but so far all is going to time....you just never know what will happen with building projects! In the meantime please avoid the kitchen until completion!  
Thank you so much everyone!

Rob



## **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

This year for Harvest, we will be holding **BOTH** our 9.30am and our 11am Harvest Services in the Church rather than the 11am being at the Farm due to manpower so we're really looking forward to celebrating together on **NEXT SUNDAY 28TH SEPT**

Please come and join us for some harvest fun - we'll share some food together, we'll have a bar and some games and harvesty things to do for the younger ones. We'd love for as many of you to be there to celebrate harvest so please do come along **SUN 28TH AT 12.30pm** and join us for some apple pressing fun....just remember to bring your apples!! :)



## **IN THE DAYS/WEEKS AHEAD**

### **Sunday 21st September**

9.30am **Common Worship Communion**  
11.00am **Worship Service including Baptism of Primrose Turner**  
12.30pm **Welcome Lunch**

### **Monday 22nd September**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**  
10.00am **Buggy Buddies**  
7.30pm **Worship Gathering**

### **Tuesday 23rd September**

7.30pm **Bellringers**

### **Wednesday 24th September**

9.30am **Stay & Play**

### **Thursday 25th September**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**  
11.00am **Funeral of Shirley Lee**

### **Sunday 28th September**

9.30am **HARVEST Common Worship Communion**  
11.00am **HARVEST Worship Service**  
12.30pm **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

### **Monday 29th September**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**

### **Tuesday 30th September**

7.30pm **Bellringers**

### **Wednesday 1st October**

9.30am **Stay & Play**

### **Thursday 2nd October**

9.15am **Morning Prayer**

## **DATES TO SAVE:**

**Prayer Ministry Course -**  
Sun 5th Oct 7pm

**Healing Service**  
Sun 19th Oct 5.30pm

**Baby Loss Memorial Service -**  
Thurs 9th Oct 7.30pm  
more details to follow

Also do remember to bring along your Harvest Donations into church from now on, or remember to bring them on that Sunday so we can receive the gifts for Open Door and Foodbank. If you want to bring any fresh produce then our Community Fridge will happily take them as donations if they are excess for you!

Please see the list of this years "wants" from these charities further on in NewsBoard.

## Explore life, faith & meaning

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FONS GEORGE TAUNTON  
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Alpha

### ALPHA

This Autumn we're excited to explore the faith around food, chat and good time together starting **Tuesday 30th September from 6.30.**

Nick is leading this one with the team and we'd love you to come along and bring some others to explore and ask their own questions.

The talk of the Quiet Revival across England is wonderfully encouraging and across the country we're so excited that there is so much more openness to hearing the gospel of Jesus. So be brave and invite those people who you know who've always been on the edge of interest in God to take the next step to explore.

What does an evening look like?

We start with food; then watch a video presenting the faith and then have a chance to digest and ask questions together. We'll normally finish by around 9.00.

We're running a shortened version of the course and expect to finish in Mid-November.

There is no charge for Alpha and we'd just love people to come together and be blessed. Lastly, do pray for our Alpha course that the conversations are honest, rich and full of God's graceful presence.

Nick



## BISHOPS LETTER

**BISHOP MICHAEL BEASLEY**  
BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS



In August I was privileged to dedicate the restored clock in the tower of Montacute church. It's not just any old clock. In fact, Montacute's is amongst the oldest in the country. Built in the village in around 1400, the clock is so old that it is held in place by iron wedges. At the time of its construction, the nut and the bolt wouldn't be invented for another hundred years! The Montacute clock is an artefact that seems to generate generosity. In the 1980s the clock was restored by Humphrey Hamlin, for whom it is now named. Humphrey poured time and energy into its mechanism, preventing it from being scrapped. During the last two years, heroic efforts by the people of Montacute have led to its further restoration. All this was marked last month by a whole village gathering. The community choir sang, morris men danced, the local pub provided a hog roast, cake was dispensed in huge quantities.

Montacute is a beautiful example of how generosity begets generosity. Like a chain reaction, one act of generosity, the restoration of the clock, led to another, another and another. As a result, a whole community was brought together in celebration and joy.

In his second letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul writes of the church in Macedonia that 'their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity' (2 Cor 8:2). Having nothing, the Macedonians discovered that they could still give. In turn, their generosity enabled Paul to challenge and encourage the church in Corinth to do the same. All to help the struggling Church in Jerusalem.

As I travel around our diocese, I see this pattern of generosity begetting generosity happening in so many places. One person starts, another adds their contribution, more join in and soon we learn that together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. This is the economy of God. It's an economy that all of us are invited to join.

**Bishop Michael Beasley**



## Home Groups Are Back!

We're excited to share that Home Groups are starting up again! These groups are one of the best ways to grow together in community and in faith. They provide a smaller, welcoming space where you can build deeper connections, share life, and explore faith alongside others.

This year, we have a mix of new groups beginning as well as existing groups with space to welcome more people. Whether you're looking for a traditional Bible study or an interest-based group, there's a place for you.

Now is the perfect time to join in—don't miss the opportunity to be part of something that will encourage, challenge, and support you on your journey.

To find out more or to sign up, please speak with me, Carmen - [carmen@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:carmen@stgchurch.co.uk)

*Carmen*







TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding, Prayer & Video Studies	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch <b>FULL</b>
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell <b>FULL</b>
Bible & Prayer	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andre <b>FULL</b>
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 3.00pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure <b>FULL</b>
Womens Group	St Georges Square	1st and 3rd Thursdays 7.30pm	Kate Taylor
Video Study & Prayer	Cheddton Road	Fortnightly Thursdays 7.30pm	James & Kitty Powner

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Email [carmen@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:carmen@stgchurch.co.uk) or check out My Groups on Churchsuite Also check our our website: [www.stgchurch.co.uk/small-groups](http://www.stgchurch.co.uk/small-groups)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

It has been wonderful to hear of the birth of baby Martha Surtees this week - even though she arrived in this world rather earlier than expected.

Huge congratulations to Molly and Jeremy - we are so happy for you both - just take it easy and know we are all praying for the 3 of you.

Now, Church, this is where we kick in and help out our lovely church family in the best way we can - **with food!**

Little Martha may be in Musgrove for a while as she was really rather tiny so we dont yet know when Molly and Jeremy may need some help but if you are willing and able to help provide a meal during this newborn time, please do get in touch with our Support Meals Team by emailing [supportmeals@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:supportmeals@stgchurch.co.uk)

Thanks everyone - we cant wait to meet her!

## BABY HATS....

Very fittingly, Kate has been in touch to let us know that we have managed to so far knit a whopping 345 baby hats for Musgrove Maternity Unit.

We are wanting to reach our target of 365 before Christmas so do get in touch if you still need the pattern as we can make that available to you.....

Go St G Knitters!! That's amazing and who knows? Maybe our newborn baby Martha may get to wear one!!



## SOMERSET ARTS WEEK

A couple of weeks ago, we mentioned that our Ati Etesami was having an art exhibition in Bath. Well now, closer to home, you can pay a visit to see some of her work in the new Coffee Shop and Art Shop down at the riverside called Without Borders.

She will be showing her installation about Jesus and refugees that is called Voyage of Light and Grace!

It would be so lovely if we could show Ati our support if we could go along and see the exhibition!

Thanks everyone!

Lisa



## COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Just to let you know that community fridge piece aired last week on aople:fm and incase you'dlike to listen to it, it can be found here.

<https://player.autopod.xyz/1013724>

The chat starts at 00:11:27 and goes to 00:19:03 before Tiger Feet is played for Mervyn.

<https://applefm.co.uk/ondemand/>

Thanks everyone for all your support for our Community Fridge - using us to put your extra food waste can really help prevent waste and may also help others.

We always need more volunteers so if you fancy giving us a helping hand , do get in touch!

Mervyn



## TWEENS & TEENS

Care for the Family is running an evening for parents, out local one being in Exeter on 23rd October. Tweens and Teens is an event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through the turbulence of those tween years and beyond. Packed with practical advice and strategies to help parents feel better equipped to come alongside their child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

You'll come away with ...

- 1. Practical ways to stay connected with your child whilst letting them go
- 2. Strategies to keep your child safe, both in the real world and online
- 3. Ways to help your child establish their identity and develop independence
- 4. Increased confidence in how you, and your child, can thrive during this crucial stage in their development

Book tickets: [cfc.org.uk/tweens](https://cfc.org.uk/tweens)



## PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE STARTING SOON

This short two session course is offered to encourage All Christians to have confidence in

Praying for each other, not just for healing but for any issue that may arise in our lives.

It is based on Biblical principles and examples, with Jesus as our role model both in what He did, but also what He taught.

For example in Jesus' final instructions to his disciples before His Ascension we read in Mk 16.15 on

*"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all – In my name you will place your hands on sick people and they will get well".*

Prayer Ministry is for all people, Christians and non Christians alike.

Jesus also tells us, His followers that He gives us power and authority to minister to others, to cure diseases, and to heal the sick ( in mind, body or spirit) Luke 9.1-2. Throughout the Gospels we find accounts of Jesus healing all kinds of disease, paralysis, seizures, severe pain, even those affected by demons.

Until Jesus returns He has passed this ministry of prayer on to us . In John 14.12, Jesus clearly states *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing."*

There it is, Jesus wants us to be exercising Prayer Ministry in His name today.

In the book of James we read further encouragement *"Pray for each other so that you may be healed (James 5.16).*

The course will include looking at good practice in how we pray for each other, respecting boundaries and being conscious of the safeguarding and welfare of every one at all times, and will include opportunity to practice praying for each other.

Keith



# PRAYER MINISTRY Course

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

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*"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all –  
In my name you will place your hands on sick people and they will get well"*

*The Lord heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up their wounds Psalm 147.3*



ST G's

# Healing Service

Sunday 19th October 2025  
5.30pm

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**Movement worship nights** are a great chance for young people in Taunton to get together to worship God.

If you haven't attended before the format is, social time for the young people followed by worship, a short talk, response time and prayer.

Everyone is welcome (content aimed at age 11+) and it is a great event for young people to bring interested friends. We love to see young people come as groups with an adult which really helps facilitate response time.

*Movement is facilitated by the Movement team and volunteers from local churches who are all safely recruited.*



MOVEMENT

# WORSHIP NIGHT

TAUNTON

SUN 21 SEPT 2025 | 6:00PM  
TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
19 SILVER ST, TAUNTON TA1 3DH

MOVEMENT WORSHIP NIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS. GATHERING TOGETHER TO MEET WITH GOD IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT WITH CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AND LIFE APPLICABLE TEACHING THAT IS PRACTICAL, RELEVANT AND USEFUL

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## 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, Roll On Deodorant, Large Rucksacks, Carrier Bags, Sleeping Bags, Roll Mats  
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 Complete Meals (Vegetarian)

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Tins of Soup

CupaSoup

Savoury Snacks

Jars of Pasta Sauce

Toiletries

Clean, strong carrier bags/bags for life

#### PLEASE NO MORE...

Cereal

Sanitary Items

Pet Food

Soya/Plant/Oat And Other Alternative Milk



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# ST GEORGE'S **CHARITY COLLECTION**

As well as collecting for our Harvest service our physical donations of food and other items for Taunton Open Door and Taunton Foodbank, we will be donating our retiring collections throughout the month of October to these two charities.

These local charities also need money to pay their running costs and, occasionally, to purchase items which are needed but not donated.

Both organisations are very grateful for your generous support. There is still a huge call on both organisations as 'the cost of living crisis' continues to be squeezing so many people and so in turn, more families and people who may have lost everything need to look for help.

If you cannot give in person or would prefer to give electronically, please visit their websites and donate that way.

## **Taunton Open Door**

Open Door in Taunton is a support centre for those who are rough sleeping. In the first instance we provide a warm welcome, a smile and a cuppa. After that we work to ensure people have their basic needs met. We have showers, a clothing store and provide a laundry facility. We also serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited refills of tea, coffee and juice. This all works to increase people's self-esteem and gives them a positive sense of belonging to our community.

We then offer tailored support plans for individuals which target key goals such as developing life skills, sustaining accommodation and accessing employment. All of this is underpinned by a staff team of three and a huge team of over 30 volunteers. Without our volunteers, and support from donors, we would not be able to make such a difference in people's lives.

<https://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/donate/>



## **Taunton Foodbank**

"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

Our foodbank is run by local people for local people – we rely on the community's support to ensure we can continue to stop people going hungry.

<https://taunton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>





# *In Loving Memory*

*Lord Jesus we think of those we've loved who we want to remember in the days ahead, especially the family of*

**Blanche Wood and Marion Hoad,**

*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*

## **FUNERAL NEWS**

On Thursday 25th September 11.00am we will be saying goodbye to Shirley Lee here at St George's Wilton

Please do remember Shirley and her family in your prayers as the family say their goodbyes to Shirley.

***"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual  
light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen"***



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

# **Christian Giving Scheme**



## **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 we 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 or click here <https://givealittle.co/c/87f1f0f9-d531-42a3-bb0d-14691d850cf6> 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!*

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