



**Sunday 10th September 2023**

## A Note From **Your Vicar**

When you take on the leadership of a church you inherit many things. Some of them expected and some of them less expected. You look after buildings, staff teams, patterns good and ill plus unusual bits like a stone hand broken off from the frieze at the front as each vicar passes on the 'hand of Jesus'...Another thing is the house and garden. I don't even have a landline, which means nobody can call me about PPI or call to ask whether I've had an accident. But one of my predecessors had 5 separate landlines installed and has left the entrails wrapped throughout the house. You also get to see the horticultural passions of your predecessors. James left me a chicken wire fence and others have left tropical plants, two plum trees, a voracious walnut tree that is annually raided by squirrels and a fig tree.

It feels wrong to anthropomorphise a plant but I'm going to anyway. This fig tree is 'haughty'...It has massive growing tendrils all over the place and an actual second trunk that started as a root but got ambitious and sought for the skies. Yet it produced zero figs and I mean zilch, nada, not one actual fruit. Regular readers will know I am hardly Alan Titchmarsh and so took the advice to 'stress the roots' with joy.

Last January, I was aggressive with my pruning. Or in my native tongue, I mulled it, absolutely smushed it. That second 'head' was gone, anything above the trunk itself, gone. Mrs Griffin pondered that I had been a bit harsh.

But this year the tree rebounded with prideful fury, doubling in height and shooting out a third 'head'. But no fruit.

Those of you who know your bible will remember the story of the fig tree that produces no figs...chop it down say the servants make it useful....one more year replies Jesus, perhaps it will yet bear fruit and at least in my head, I had already booked my Dad in with his chainsaw until yesterday I noticed strange blobs on the tree.

September....September! And Fruits are arriving. We may actually see some edible fruit from this tree. I suppose the lesson, if any, is that you don't know when the real fruit is going to arrive. Life is surprising, God is surprising and if you jump in too quickly with the chainsaw you might cut off the chances of surprises yet growing up.

Only trouble is I don't even like figs.

God Bless  
*Nick*



# St George's **News**

## Curious About Faith?

Try Alpha.

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith.

Then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

**St George's Church, Wilton**  
Starts 13th September at 6:30pm

## ALPHA COURSE STARTING WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPT

This is your last call for Alpha, which starts this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Alpha is the perfect place to come along to. A place where you can come along and bring a friend so they feel comfortable to ask questions without judgement and find out more about the Christian faith.

No pressure. No commitment required just an open, enquiring heart to find out more.

The evenings will always start with a meal - hospitality is always a great way to start - and then it will follow with a video and then questions to challenge us.

Please do think about who you can invite and be bold in inviting them along - we really will have a fantastic time. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday, there will be a flyer on your chair at church with details on how guests can book in. Any questions, do email [rob@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

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**PRAYER SHED**

## Colouring & CONTEMPLATION

**Thursday 21st September 7.30 - 9pm**

An evening of colouring bible verses, contemplation, prayer and reflection together in the Prayer Shed

**For more info email:**  
[karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com)




## COLOURING & CONTEMPLATION

**Thursday 21st September, 7.30 - 9pm**

Join us in the Prayer Room for another evening of colouring Bible verses as a way to meditate on God's Word.

There are many beautiful designs to choose from and we will each pick one or two to colour. The aim is not to create great art, but to contemplate God's Word as we colour, and to rest in His presence. The evening will open and close with reflection and prayers, and will include music such as Taizé. Refreshments included.

If you would like to come or would like any further information, please email [karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com)

**HELP US MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER**

**Christmas is coming!**

**St George's Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 2nd December 2-5pm**



**WE'LL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN TO MAKE IT FUN FUN FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Please get in touch with us to let us know if you are willing to come and help us this year.  
Email: [events@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:events@stgchurch.co.uk)





## Easter evening

Why not spend a year serving God through our St George's Ministry Experience Scheme. Come and find out more....

**Monday 11th September 6.30pm**  
**Winston Room**  
**St George's Church Hall, Taunton**

"It gave me the space and focus to continuing discerning what God is calling me to. The various classes that we had during the week exposed me to many perspectives, encouraging my walk with God."  
- a previous MES participant.



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underfoot so put on your boots, pack your picnic and come and join us for a time together.

If you would like any further information, do get in touch with Di Vickery or email the Church Office.

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# WOMEN'S Walk

PUT YOUR BOOTS ON, GRAB A PICNIC AND JOIN US FOR A RAMBLE ON THE BEAUTIFUL BLACKDOWN HILLS

**SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK](mailto:OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK)

# wednesday prayer

A short time of worship and prayer at 12.30pm each week in the Prayer Shed.

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**Next week's edition of NewsBoard will be a double edition** due to Bethan going on holiday so if you have anything happening in Sept you want to let people know about please get in touch **by no later than TUESDAY 12TH SEPT** or it will have to wait until 30th September edition

- Thank you!

## WOMENS WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

Following on from our "Bake and Share" event a couple of months ago, we said that this was the first of our events for our Womens Ministry.

We would like to invite the ladies for our Women's walk which will be up at Wildside on the beautiful Blackdown Hills taking in Dunkerswell Abbey.

We'll meet at 10.30am and have a walk and a natter and then find a suitable spot to have a picnic together.

There will possibly be styles along the way and we're not sure what it will be like

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# COMMUNITY FRIDGE

OPENING HOURS  
**SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**  
**9.30am to 5.00pm**

St George's Church Hall  
Fons George  
Taunton  
TA1 1JX

**OUR FRIDGE**

- Bring Your Own Bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there with a max of up to 5 items
- Food available will vary in quantity and description from day to day
- If you're bringing food to date, please weigh them and sign them in.
- Helping to tackle Food Waste and Food Poverty in the community

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

# GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

- 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 [office@stchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stchurch.co.uk) for Bethan to send you the form to complete.
- 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!*



**Join one today for friendship and faith**  
Email [carmen@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:carmen@stgchurch.co.uk)

Please pray for Rosa, Tim, Nick, Angie and Claire as they say goodbye to Roy on Tuesday 12th September 12pm here at St George's.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory  
in the name of Jesus.  
Amen**



## OUR WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 10th September

**9.30am** Community Fridge

**9.30am** Holy Communion in Church with Come and Sing Choir

**11.00am** Worship Service

**12.15pm** Worship Team Meal

### Monday 11th September

**10.00am** Buggy Buddies

**6.30pm** Ministry Experience Taster Evening

### Tuesday 12th September

**9.30am** Community Fridge

**12.00pm** Roy Parsloe Funeral

### Wednesday 13th September

**9.30am** Community Fridge

**9.30am** Stay and Play

**12.30pm** Prayer in the Prayer Shed

**6.30pm** Alpha Course

### Friday 15th September

**9.30am** Community Fridge

### Saturday 16th September

**10.30am** Womens Walk at Wildside

## The Collect

### Sunday 10th September 2023

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**



# CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

*Our Charity Collection....*

**FOR CREATIONTIDE  
WE'RE SUPPORTING  
PRACTICAL ACTION**

**Practical  
ACTION**



"CREATIONTIDE" is the period in the annual church calendar, in September, which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The theme for this year is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". The prophet Amos cries out 'Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream'. Amos 5.24.

We all know that the way we are treating the Earth is not as God intends - and that we are destroying the delicate balance of nature.. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with the Earth and on the Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions, and so we are called to join with that river of justice and peace, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity - and to care more for the Earth and it's people.

Therefore, for this year's 'Creationtide' we shall be making our retiring collections for " Practical Action " - a UK registered development charity dedicated to a world that works better for everyone, by supporting communities to develop ingenious, lasting and locally-owned low tech solutions for agriculture, water and waste management, climate resilience and clean energy. Then to share what works best with others so that many more people can work with and for their environment and conserve the natural resources that so many communities rely on - and which are increasingly under threat.

" Practical Action's " work over 50 years has shown that it is possible to design solutions that benefit both people and the planet. " Practical Action " has been nominated for an 'Earthshot' Prize in 2023 for it's work finding environmentally sound technologies to promote low carbon and climate resilient development. "



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24



# FAMILIES at St G's



## KIDS @11

**WE'RE BACK THIS SUNDAY IN FAMILY ROOM AT 11 SERVICE! WOOHOO!!**

**SUNDAY GROUP FOR KIDS AGED 3-10 AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON**



## song circle time craft play

at St George's Wilton

### Creche @11

A space for babies, toddlers and their grown up to use during the 11am service. Stay with your little one as they play. The service is livestreamed for you to join in with. Find us upstairs in the Winston Room!



## STARTING BACK THIS SUNDAY

## YOUTH @11

### COME JOIN THE YOUTH @11 TEAM

We're so pleased that we're able to offer **weekly Youth@11 Sessions** at our 11am Service, where we meet in the Church Hall and then head over to our new hangout - **The Prayer Shed**.

Drinks, snacks, games, videos, chats...and more...

But we'd really like for more help in our team

If you think you can help us either as a Leader or a Helper with this great group of young people and help to water those early sown seeds, do get in touch - even if just to find out more...

**Contact Jay on his mobile 07817 172994**

*"start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*  
Proverbs 22



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## Buggy Buddies

Term Time Mondays at 10am  
MEET IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCHYARD

To find out more email  
FAMILIES@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

A relaxed walking group for parents/carers of bumps, babies & toddlers

walk  
natter  
songs  
stories  
coffee  
fresh air  
fitness  
friendship  
...and free!

See you on Monday!

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Come and join the fun!

## stories snacks songs friends crafts toys

£2 PER FAMILY

WEDS 9.30-11.00 TERM TIME

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CHURCH HALL  
FONS GEORGE  
TAUNTON  
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COME AND JOIN OUR POPULAR, FRIENDLY PLAYGROUP FOR BABIES & TODDLERS. FRESH SNACKS FOR THEM AND AN EXCELLENT COFFEE AND CAKE FOR YOU!

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**Stay and Play**  
BABY AND TODDLER

# Who's **WHO**

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