



Sunday 4th June 2023 Trinity Sunday

A Note From **Your Administrator**

Oh yes, whilst the cat's away, you lucky people get the opening article from yours truly this week. Actually as I type this, I am thinking that next time, you'd maybe all prefer to hear from our Churchwarden Peter for him to tell you about all that he does here as a Churchwarden so all noted for next time...

I'm not as good with my words as our Vicar who always has a great turn of phrase, but I am sure that should he have written an opening piece this week he would have focused on saying what a JOYFUL noise we made on Sunday at our joint Pentecost Service.

It was one of those services that will be hard to forget for some of us. It was glorious to join together in the Church and to raise the roof with our songs of praise. From our point of view, singing in our expanded choir, hearing all your voices singing back to us, it felt like a real pouring out of something....it was very powerful, very real and I know many of us truly felt the Holy Spirit moving in that place.

What was really lovely though was having the opportunity to be together as ONE church.

I saw on facebook just earlier today, a post that Pete Grieg (The Prayer Course, Lectio 365, 24/7 Prayer) who put up on his site about the different styles:

"I LOVE these 2 contrasting images:

- 1. quiet contemplative Lectio365 prayer in an ancient stone chapel.**
- 2. Explosive charismatic worship in a circus tent.**



Why should I choose between charismatic and contemplative expressions of prayer when they are both essentially the same thing? Why can't a charismatic enjoy being quiet (*He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* Ps. 46:10)?

Why can't a contemplative shout for joy to the Lord (*Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs Ps. 100:1*)?

Why can't these be complimentary expressions within the diversity of the Body of Christ, both in the likeness of Christ, all for the glory of Christ?

Well, I believe we really achieved a time of real togetherness. An acceptance that our two Sunday Services having different approaches yet coming together, each service compromising and accepting the differences. It was a real moment. It was an actual moment of our expressions joining together as the Body of Christ for His glory. What a moment St Georges.....ready to do it again on the 2nd July??

Every Blessing

Bethan x

St George's *News*

OPEN...AND CLOSED

Well just as we start to welcome back our Vicar Nick on Monday, by the end of the week, I shall be switching over the closed sign for the office for a week. I'll pop a reminder in next week's double edition (make note anyone who needs a NB notice going in I'll need your contribution by the earlier date of **Tues 6th June at 12.00pm**) but I'll be heading off and away on 9th June.

But WELCOME BACK VICAR!
Let the fun commence....

PENTECOST THANKS

We just wanted to say a HUGE thanks to Chris, our Worship Director, as he pulled off a wonderful Gospel Choir for our Pentecost Service.

What many of you do not see as you turn up for church, is all the hard work (and labour!) that goes into making these things happen. Chris, does not just select the music for the services, he has to put together the music scores, the choir sheets, organise all the musicians, rehearse us all and then he lugs the chairs across from the Hall, sorts the layout, helps with the tech...and then afterwards it all gets put back. Chris, thank you from all of us for the work put in on Sunday.

The other big thanks, as Nick mentioned on Sunday goes to Matt Ellett who was solely working the sound, livestream, slides, set up, put away...he was there for HOURS making sure we could all access the service. Matt usually is amongst the superstar team with our Matt Norman (who was still doing great work but with Scouts!) but we wanted to say thank you from all of us.

One day I will do a "credits" at the end of a service for everyone to see how much

goes into even a typical Sunday Service but you may need a drink as it will last so long with all the wonderful people that step forward to help.

So to make sure we haven't missed anyone - to anyone who helped make the service possible, to those who came along and to those who joined in online....THANK YOU ALL!!!!

PRESSING THE PAUSE BUTTON...



As the weather gets warmer and everyone gets busier, we will be pressing the PAUSE button on our Cosy Cafe on Tuesdays.

It has been wonderful having our Cosy Cafe as a place to meet up, firstly during those dark, cold wintery days, through to these glorious Spring ones. Seeing people use it to catch up with old friends, or to come and have some company, it really has been a great way to get together.

We are pressing pause for now as our team of volunteers have other commitments so we'll pause, re-group and let you all know when we're able to press the GO button again.

May we take this opportunity to thank the team so very much for all their help and support each week - we are so thankful to you all and hope you have enjoyed being a part of Cosy Cafe.

A special thank you to Ian Hemmens who has enabled the Cafe to continue beyond February all the way through to now. Thank you Ian for all your time, energy and help in providing this lovely space. It has been very much appreciated.

And for you Cosy Clubbers - we'll let you know when we can open the doors again! We hope you have enjoyed being able to come and be with us on Tuesdays. We hope you do all continue to still meet up in the meantime!

THE VALLEY CAFE

The Valley Café is meeting again this **Thursday at 2.30pm in our Dunning Room.**

It is an opportunity for those of us who have suffered bereavement to share with each other our experiences, our sorrows and our joys, lessons learned, our struggles and our sources of strength. It is led by Rev'd Geoff Treasure, who is bereaved himself.

Refreshments will be available - a safe place to come and meet with others who are in the Valley of bereavement right now for a time to listen, share and care for one another.

Do get in touch if you have any questions about The Cafe.

Geoff Treasure



A SMILE FOR THE WEEKEND

Now we may have shared this before but it's so good, we're sharing again....

Thanks to John Page for sending me this poster that had been found on the door of a church in France.

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Advance Notice:
Our next stroll is on
FRIDAY 16 JUNE
A Walk in the Quantocks
Look out for full details in
next week's News Board.

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear the "call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on His mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



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!



stories snacks songs friends crafts toys

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

£2 PER FAMILY

WEDS 9.30-11.00 TERM TIME

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CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE
TAUNTON
TA1 3JT

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

Stay and Play



Mossy Church

St George's Wilton

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!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

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

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

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

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

ST GEORGE'S WILTON, FONS GEORGE, TAUNTON, TA1 3JT



KIDS @11

ON THIS SUNDAY
BACK AT OUR USUAL 11.00AM
IN THE CHURCH HALL

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

If you would like any information on any of the groups and activities from Sunday Clubs to Stay & Play, Mossy Church and Buggy Buddies, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by emailing families@stgchurch.co.uk

Do check out all our Facebook Pages for our different groups and give a like and share if you can!

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<https://www.facebook.com/StayandPlayatStGeorgesWilton>
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<https://www.facebook.com/StGFamilies>

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection for the month of June is
A ROCHA



This Sunday is “Environment Sunday” and so, this week and for the month of June our retiring collections will be donated to **‘A Rocha UK’** which is a Christian charity working to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment - for God, nature and all people. They aim to: inspire individuals and families, equip churches and church leaders, build partnerships and manage land for nature and people. In the face of accelerating climate change and species loss, we need more than ever to take action to protect and care for nature today.

More Christians than ever are recognising creation care as an integral part of Christian mission. The ‘Wild Christian’ programme is a community of individuals and families enjoying and learning about nature together, taking practical action in homes and communities, and joining their voices for national impact. Join the journey to live more joyfully and sustainably with God’s creation.

A Rocha administer ‘Eco Church’ which is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It is an on-line framework to support and inspire churches and their leadership to take practical action on caring for God’s earth.

They also manage some land for nature and people. Wolf Fields is an urban community nature reserve on the outskirts of London - once an abandoned area used for drug dealing and fly tipping, it now provides local people, churches and community groups with access to green space. The reserve includes an orchard, community allotment, bee hives, sensory garden, prayer labyrinth, ponds and a story-telling area for children and much more - which is used by schools, youth and community groups.

They are, also working on another Nature Reserve, dedicated to providing a wetland habitat, in an area of rural land on the border between Suffolk and Essex which was left to them by a dedicated supporter. This reserve supplies essential research and conservation opportunities, as well as a place of peace and beauty for local people and visitors alike.

If you are interested to know more, please pick up some information which will be in Church this Sunday, to see how you could be involved.

Carole Smith



*We remember this coming week
Michael Donohoe*

*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.
Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen*



The **Collect**

Sunday 4th June 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from
all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of
your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery
of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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 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**
Account No: **29750970**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

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SHED

**MEETS EVERY 1st & 3rd
MONDAYS at 7.30pm**

SCOUT HUT, ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Who's **WHO**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ANY OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL

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Families

If you would like to find out more about what we have on for families here at St G's email

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Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle email:

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Hilary McKegney

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 4th June

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 5th June

Vicar back in business

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Mens Shed

Wednesday 7th June

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 8th June

2.30pm The Valley Cafe

Friday 9th June

9.30am Bethan On Holiday. Church Office back open on Tuesday 18th June - get out those brollies!!!

Sunday 11th June

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

2.30pm Storrar Baptism