



Sunday 19th February 2023

A Note From ~~Administrator~~ ~~Your Vicar~~

With Nick being off it falls upon me to write the opening article for this week's NewsBoard. I had started writing a very different NewsBoard this week but then my week changed so I started again and then what I wrote just didn't quite feel right so I am feeling strangely called to go back to what I was writing so I do hope you do not mind me sharing in this way.

I was thinking about 'Advance Words' or a bible verse that you feel God is drawing your attention to for the year ahead. We have been looking at this at Home Group and I shared that I never really feel God "speaking" to me like that. Is it because I don't pray enough, read my bible enough, am too busy running around here and there to stop and listen. My days are constantly in conversation with God but actually being still with Him? It's not something I am very good at if I am being honest.

Since we were looking at this and sharing this in Home group, I had been drawn to the bible verse from Matthew 11 - "Come to me all you who are weary..." I said I didn't know whether that was because I really am tired so my brain took me to that passage but that I would keep going back, praying and just see.

I think where I have been going wrong is to think I am not hearing God because I don't actually hear His voice saying those words, but I AM hearing Him as He's been making that verse VERY clear to me since.

I listened to a podcast which began with that passage 2 days later. I was having a conversation with someone 2 days after that when that passage came up and then yesterday I was trying to find some comfort in the fact that we can have good days and bad days (my week this week is filled with extremes

of losing my dear dog Missy to going to an exciting ABBA concert in London with my sister and nieces) and the verse that came up on good old Google was - yep, "Come to me all you who are weary..." and the title "Run to Jesus and rest in Him"

So I am going to sit with that for a while longer. I do feel as though I am being called to just rest and sit with Him for a while. And to make space to do that amongst all the busyness to do so, that's now going to be the important bit.

Reading The Message version of that passage made me smile, especially the beginning part where it says "*Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.*" *I've got to come to Him first. To seek Him to sit with Him.*

Do any of you feel as though He is calling you to a particular passage or He gives you a word to reflect on and hold onto for a season?

I'm sure this passage of mine here will be one for many of us, not just me with all you are carrying on your shoulders. As one of my lovely Home Group said "*There is never a bad time to hear and sit with that passage*" so even if this is just the passage for me for now and for this time, I'm take that and go with it. And I'll let you know how I get on with being still.....

God Bless
Bethan

28 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30



St George's **News**

CURRY WITH CLINTON

Well wasn't that a fabulous evening!
Goodness, those of you who were unable to come along certainly missed out on a terrific evening.

The curries we had on offer were superb and were a real treat. Naan bread galore with dahl, chickpeas, bombay potatoes, saag aloo, vegan curry, chicken biryani, beef curry....is your mouth watering yet? It was a tasty treat and something for everyone....or even a little bit of everything for everyone :) THANK YOU CHEFS - Norman, Ian and Michelle....Masterchef beckons!!

Big thanks also go to Alex and Val, our fabulous Chef's Assistants (though I think Val may have been the one to treat us to the Bombay Potatoes too). Thanks to Sue for providing a lovely vase for each table and to Matt Ellett who stepped in with short notice to not only help with the sound but also took photos and rather brilliantly filmed the interview with Clinton for us.

This means that we have the Interview and Q&A session available for you to watch and share, though there's no smell-o-vision or a curry that comes with it.

Clinton has very kindly given us permission for us to share this with everyone and as he donated his fee to our Community Fridge, he did suggest that should people wish to or are able to add a £1 or £2 voluntary donation towards it too that would be most welcome.

You can donate either via our website and click on the donate button or make a BACS payment, with a reference of ClintonCommunity to
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He was a very warm, lovely man which comes across in the video and I must add that our Vicar did a mighty good job too!
It really was a great interview with Clinton sharing lots of great stories, it really is worth a watch and if you can stretch to it, a contribution to our Community Fridge project.
Bless you.



The Serving Squad



YOUTH@11 AND KIDS@11

On **Sunday 26th Feb at 7pm** in the Dunning Room there will be a team meeting for reviewing, planning and prayer for Kids@11 and Youth@11 teams.

If you have been praying about stepping forward to come and help us guide our youth and the younger ones on their faith journey then do please come along and join us. We are in need of helpers and leaders for these groups and we would be grateful even if you can only help once or twice a month. The youth and the young ones here are really lovely and we want to make these times together with them fun and fruitful.

As it is says in Proverbs - Proverbs 22:6

"Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it."

Remember -Kids@11 is always on UNLESS it is communicated in NewsBoard so please always assume that we have provision!

SOMERSET AID FOR UKRAINE



The amazing people who came last year and fundraised to help send a vehicle over to Ukraine have been back in touch as they need help to fill the next truck, "the more we get the sooner our vehicle will be able to travel"

They are collecting the following essential items:

- Artic sleeping bags
- Torches, head torches,
- Thermal socks, hats, gloves and new men's and ladies thermal underwear.
- Medicines including cold and flu remedies
- Wheelchairs, Zimmer frames crutches etc.
- Sanitary Towel's, Tampax , Incontinence products
- Clean sheets, blankets, Duvets and towels suitable for use by hospitals.
- Pet food - dry and tinned.

Please get in touch via office@stgchurch.co.uk if you think you can help with any of the items and I can put you in touch or start to think about how to get the items to Sue from Somerset Aid. Thank you!

New Weight Watchers Workshop

Wilton Church Hall
Sunday 4.30pm

With Lauren

CENTRAL LOCATION
FREE PARKING
ALL WELCOME

The News



Fons George, Taunton TA1 3JT



WW Group Taunton area

@foodforthoughtlauren

Just a quick mention for one of our Hall Hirers - Weight Watchers is now up and running on a Sunday in our Dunning Room, run by Lauren Squire. They are there on Sundays from 4.30pm -5.30pm

I believe Lauren may have shared that the first 4 months is FREE but do get in touch and check it out for yourself!

WORSHIP at St G's

REHEARSE TOGETHER Thurs 23rd Feb 7.30pm
SING TOGETHER Sun 26th Feb 9.30am

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

COME SING



Email chris@stgchurch.co.uk
for more information

COME AND SING

We are having a special event '**Come and Sing Sunday**' on **Sunday 26th Feb**. There will be a choir rehearsal **7.30-9.00pm Thurs 23rd Feb** upstairs in the church hall and then we will sing together at the 9.30am Sunday service.

It's not necessary to read music or to wear a robe! We will sing some familiar hymns, some contemporary gospel songs and a featured choir number.

There will be audio files available to help learn the music. Have a chat with Chris Sampson (or email chris@stgchurch.co.uk) for more info or just come along!

If you're usually part of the 11am service or you just want to join a choir you are so very welcome to come and join us!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

PRAYER & Worship

WEDNESDAYS @1PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a Wednesday for a short time of prayer, reflection and worship.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

ST GEORGE'S WILTON ● FONS GEORGE ● TAUNTON

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND PRAYER

On Wednesdays Worship & Prayer at 1pm will be back on this week.

We meet in church together for an hour and have a time of contemporary worship with keys and guitar with open prayer.

People from churches across the town are very welcome to come and join as we pray together for our town, our churches, our communities and anything else that is on our hearts.

All are welcome and even if you can only come for a short while in your lunch break, spending time sitting, reflecting and praying, do join us.

Let us know too if there are things that you would like to have prayer for in this space.

FAMILIES at St G's

ST GEORGE'S
WILTON
Buggy Buddies

Every Monday
@10am
Term Time
Starting from
St G's's Wilton
Churchyard

BACK MON 20TH FEB 10AM IN CHURCHYARD!

Free
Friendship
and
FREE!

**A WALK,
A NATTER,
SONGS AND
STORYTIME**

FREE COFFEE
Just bring your
own travel mug!

A relaxed walking group

run by a team of friendly Mums for
Parents/Carers of Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Email: families@stgchurch.co.uk for info!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Mossy Church
Explore Engage Connect

We're Still Looking For:

- **Models of eggs** or access to real ones (from quail, duck or goose to ostrich sizes)
- Unusual (but clean) **feathers**, like peacock, pheasant or others
- Any chicks due around that time to bring along to show the children?

We would love to borrow them for an upcoming which you could lend to Mossy Church for an upcoming bird themed Mossy Church session in early April please?

If so, please

**email families@stgchurch.co.uk
or get in touch with Hilary Hayes**






Many thanks!



• ST GEORGE'S •

PLEDGE TO PRAY FOR YOUTH@11 DURING LENT 22nd February to 3rd April 2023

Prayer Requests - Please pray especially for:

-  The Young People
-  The Leadership Team
-  Good discipleship teaching
-  A welcoming and fun location
-  The young people to feel loved and valued by the Church

*Unless the Lord builds the house
the builders labour in vain*

Psalm 127:1



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

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Coordinator - Hilary McKegney

If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about or think would benefit from some TLC, get in touch with our Pastoral Team on

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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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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 19th February

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 20th February

VICAR UNAVAILABLE

10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 21st February

10.00am Holy Communion in Church (BCP)

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 22nd February

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Wednesday Prayer and Worship

Thursday 23rd February

10.00am Cosy Cafe

12.30pm Tim Blackwood's Thanksgiving Service

7.30pm Come and Sing - upstairs in Church Hall

Saturday 25th February

10.00am Marchant Baptism

Funeral Details

Tim Blackwood

Following of the sad passing of Tim Blackwood, who passed away peacefully last week, there will be a service in Church following the private family Cremation on **Thursday 23rd February at 12.30pm.**

Please remember Carolyn and all the family in your prayers. Thank you so much. x

The Collect Sun 19th Feb

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer Ministry

AT THE ELEVEN

Prayer Ministry is available after the eleven service if
you would like prayer for yourself or another
with one of our Prayer Ministry Team

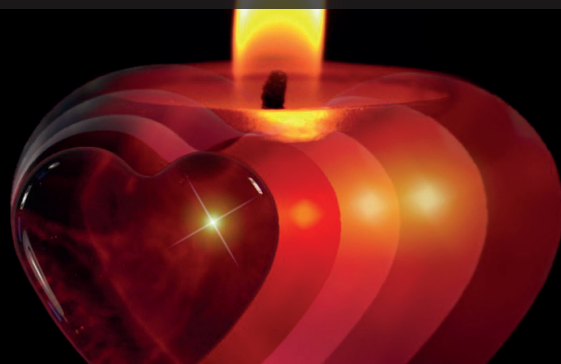
Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
between 10am - 1pm

Outside those hours please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Thank You!

*We remember
Leslie Bowerman, Reg Colman,
William Whatmore, Pat Baker,
Barbara Baker and Desmond Wilce
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.*



CHARITIES at St G's

OUR CHARITY COLLECTION IS FOR TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL VIA SAVE THE CHILDREN

It has been decided that our collections this week will be given to the Special Appeal for the victims of the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria through Save the Children as this need is very urgent. Save the Children have been working in this region for many years so have well-established relationships with local organisations and are able to move quickly. Emergency Response Teams are already working with Turkish and Syrian partners to provide what children need most - the provision of a SAFE warm place to be, with care, food, medical help earthquakes.

Large numbers of children will have lost their homes and families and need immediate help and protection in this first period of national confusion when they are at the greatest risk of danger and exploitation, and they need a safe place to stay. Immediate needs will be met where these centres are set up and will continue in the following weeks and months as massive efforts will need to be made to try and trace any surviving family members and care will be needed over a length of time.

The massive disruption following these catastrophic events require special provision to be made for children who find themselves alone - and for any surviving family members - ensuring shelter from the bitter cold, food, clean water and hygiene kits. Our support will enable as many children and families to be helped as is humanly possible.

If you are new to us at St George's, instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to. If you would like to donate to these charities, do bring your money to the Sunday Service and pop into the donations basket.



Save the Children

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 after praying about it, you would like to change the amount you are already giving to St George's, you will need to fill out a **new pledgeform** and, if appropriate a new standing order form.

- 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**

If you have any questions about your Giving or would like some help, please do not hesitate to either contact the Church office or to our Christian Giving Officer, Michael Small on hortoncross@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

Charity ST GEORGE'S WILTON COLLECTION

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Donations are collected
in the basket on the
Font or the Welcome
Table

Thank You!



Somerset County Council Update

February 2023



Cllr Dawn Johnson

- An expert team from the Local Government Association (LGA) has commended work to create a new unitary council on 1 April this year. The team reviewed the unitary plan and concluded that 'everything is in place to ensure that Somerset Council will be a safe and legally functioning body from day 1, assuming the current progress and leadership is maintained. The reviewers were impressed by the hard work and collaboration of people across the five existing councils.

- A bold new recruitment campaign has launched in Somerset. The 'My Time to Care' campaign was shot entirely in Somerset and stars local carers in six new videos. The campaign aims to empower carers and show how working in social care in Somerset is a respected, meaningful, and fun career choice. The Council has simplified the application process too. Anyone who is interested just has to visit www.proudtocaresomerset.co.uk and leave their details, and the team will get in contact with potential suitable roles.

- A range of new services and partnerships have been introduced to build on the welcoming, safe spaces library buildings represent. These new services include a wider range of loanable resources (including ipads/thermal cameras/blood pressure monitors/activity tracker watches). The Activity Tracker Watch loaning scheme means members of the library (16 and over) can borrow a device for up to six weeks free of charge. If you're new to exercise or want to move more, gauge your progress, and live near Taunton you can borrow one giving you a chance to see whether having an Activity Tracker Watch is something you'd like to consider investing in.

- Somerset residents are being invited to have their say on the new Somerset Council's approach to planning matters.

The five current Somerset councils are consulting the public on a draft 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI) – a single approach to planning which will be formally adopted by the new Somerset Council. The consultation will run until Thursday 16 March 2023. To view the current draft and complete the survey, please visit somerset.inconsult.uk/sci/consultationHome

- Could you help get people to crucial medical appointments? Volunteer drivers are needed urgently across Somerset. People across Somerset with no transport of their own need help to get to important medical appointments. It is an ideal opportunity for anybody over 18 with a full UK driving licence and four-door car to do something for their community. For each journey carried out by a volunteer driver, a mileage reimbursement rate of 45p per mile or 50p per mile loaded is applied. To find out more about the role and apply, please visit: <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/drive/>
- Habib and I have been attending many meetings as we prepare for the new council on the 1st April. There are two SCC Full Council meetings on the 22nd February and the 1st March where constitutional papers and the proposed budget will come forward for approval.
- Please continue to seek support from myself and Habib with any local issues.

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