



Sunday 23rd July 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

You get what you pay for.

There are so many areas in life that it is both impossible to be an expert in every single one and obviously people are trying to make profit. A good example is the now defunct shop Maplin. It ran a good trade selling cables and accessories for all of the tech needs of our age. But it would also bamboozle people too. You could buy a 'gold plated HDMI' cable (one that goes between the telly and computer/DVD player/games console) and it would be the 'best possible picture'. The reality is that any difference is virtually imperceptible by human beings but a company is more than willing to charge you £100 for a £5 cable.

This is especially difficult with advice. In an internet age it's easy to think of ourselves as experts and the advent of social media has made everyone feel they have a voice. How do you know if advice is good or bad? Our Peter Joyce often says in committee meetings that if we have paid for advice, we ought to heed it, rather than overriding it via groupthink. I had an experience of 'you get what you pay for' this week as our smaller dog is quite poorly with her back. Initially, two separate vets told her to 'rest and only be lifted' then to receive only 'sugar free calpol'. On seeing the specialist, we were told to allow the dog to move for short times when she wanted to and 'sugar

filled calpol' as the sugar free stuff has toxins! You get what you pay for.

The strange thing is that when you're talking to someone who really knows their stuff. You kind of know. I worked in Universities for a while and even where everyone is similarly 'trained' (they've written a PhD) there was a MASSIVE difference between them and their abilities. One of my favourite things is to find someone who really knows way more than me and then ask them questions. Recently I was asking our Zach about music and what started as a conversation about music became me asking him questions trying to find out as much as I could from a man who lives music. Wisdom is far more valuable than rubies, and though it may cost many (many) rubies, in the end, wisdom is known by her children.

God bless,

**IF ANY OF YOU
LACKS WISDOM,
LET HIM ASK
GOD, WHO GIVES
GENEROUSLY TO
ALL WITHOUT
REPROACH, AND
IT WILL BE
GIVEN HIM.**

James 1:5

St George's News

OUR PRAYER SHED

The Day of Prayer was a brilliant start for our Prayer Shed. The day was divided into 12 slots and continuous prayer and worship was held across the day. Different leaders helped to host all of the slots across a variety of styles and topics. There was testimony, group prayers, silent prayers, communion, louder worship music and a lovely section for children and young people. I was so blessed as we welcomed people from the wider community into the prayers. There is a lovely passage in Isaiah, that says:

'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.'

Prayer brings people together in a intimate and creative way in a manner that even services cannot quite match. One aspect I was particularly struck by the desire for silence and quiet in the space. 'There is so much to reflect on' was the comment of one attendant.

I personally want to say a big thank you to Karen Williams and Jane H who organised so much of the day and out real effort into making it a venue that's attractive and peaceful. It has had quite a transformation from junk shed and is now filled with activities to help you in your prayer life.

What now?

The Prayer Shed is ready and waiting for you. It's open 24/7. Sometimes it'll be used for groups, so the youth@11 will meet there. It is bookable, if you want to reserve a space but it's also intentionally left free so that people can access it to take stock, pray and relax. My dream is that it will be a refuge for people who are struggling and just need a sanctuary. Jane Hamilton is taking charge of the space going forward and you'll hear more from her in time.

A few points just to let you know. If you would like to book it, you can access: . You don't always need to book but if you don't someone else might be there too! **You can book it by using the 24/7 Prayer Booking System which you can access here: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c2a563/> If you have any difficulties using this, please contact the Parish Office and Bethan can send you some instructions to help.**

In order to keep it a sanctuary there is an external key code lock. I'm not publishing it in here because that would undermine the point but if you would like the code please ask for it from one of the team.

Keep yourself safe – take a phone, and let someone know where you're going.

When people pray, stuff happens. Let's go.

Nick



*A Change of
Plans....*

STAFF TEAM DAYS OFF NEXT WEEK

All change here at St George's HQ next week so if you were wanting to get hold of either Nick, Rob or Bethan grab a pen and take a note....

Due to lots of lovely things happening, Bethan will be taking Thursday and Friday off as she'll be celebrating the wedding of her neice Chloe (here at St George's) on the Friday. WooHoo!!!!

As Nick will be marrying Chloe and Hayden, he will be having Thursday as his day off (thank you Nick!).

Rob will be off on Tuesday but now working on Friday.....phew! Did you get

all that? If not, check out the "Our Week Ahead" Section and it will hopefully make more sense!

BAKE AND SWAP THANKS

Thanks to everyone who came to the women's bake and recipe swap last event weekend. We all had such a nice time chatting and sampling the wonderful variety of bakes which were brought along for. We even had some bonus guests of visiting bellringers stop by in between their belltower tours!

The remaining cakes were enjoyed at church coffee the next day. All donations collected will be used for future events.

In the coming months there will be different events open to **ALL** St George's women, including walks, craft evenings, conferences and more! Keep checking newsboard for details.

We hope to give opportunity for us ladies of all ages to get to know each other throughout the church family better and have lots of fun in the process!



OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 23rd July

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 24th July

10.00am Buggy Buddies Summer MeetUp

7.30pm Worship Gathering

Tuesday 25th July

Rob Day Off

Wednesday 26th July

Church being prepared for the Wedding

7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Thursday 27th July

Nick Day Off

Bethan Off

Friday 28th July

12.30pm Chloe and Hayden Wedding

Sunday 30th July

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service

We invite you to the
Dedication
of Michael James



Sunday | August 13th | 11:00 am
St Georges's church, Wilton
Taunton, TA1 3JT



We are so looking forward to sharing this special day with you and would love to also invite you to stay for a Bring and Share Lunch after the service.

RSVP on 07910467864
or rebecca@sparkes-family.net

SAVE THE DATE

The Webb family are inviting us all to stay on for a Bring & Share lunch after the 11am service to celebrate Baby Michael's Dedication!

FAMILIES at St G's

Sunday Children's Groups over the Summer

From late July to September during the 11am service we will be again opening the 'Families Room' in the Dunning Room which the service will be live streamed into. This will have a variety of toys, games, Bible crafts and activities available to enjoy together with your children as well as a creche area.

If you would be able to help to set out and tidy away the space for us during this Summer please email families@stgchurch.co.uk as soon as possible. Thank you so much!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Buggy Buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

Summer Meet Ups

Mon 24th July
Wed 9th Aug
Thurs 31st Aug
10am
Meet at St G's Churchyard

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

If it's raining we'll have some fun in the Church Hall!

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

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

WORSHIP at St G's



worship gathering

MONDAY 24TH JULY 7.30PM

A CHANCE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO PLAY / SING AT THE 11AM TO GATHER FOR SOME TIME OF COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR MORE INFO EMAIL CHRIS@STGCHURCH.CO.UK



REHEARSE TOGETHER Thurs 3rd Aug 7.30pm
SING TOGETHER Sun 6th Aug 10.30am

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

COME SING

Email chris@stgchurch.co.uk for more information

WITH NO OBLIGATION, COME AND SING WITH THE CHOIR (NO ROBES) AND ENJOY SINGING TOGETHER FOR THIS ONE SUNDAY

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection for this Sunday is

BISHOP HENDERSON SCHOOL LEAVERS BIBLES



Each year we like to make sure that each child who leaves our Church School - Bishop Henderson CEVA Primary School - has a Bible to take with them as they move on to Secondary School. So, for the next two weeks we shall donate our collections to BHS Bible Fund for School Leavers, to fulfill our mission to those children and to ensure that they can maximize the benefit of the Christian experience they have enjoyed whilst at Bishop Henderson School.

Let us pray for all the children and staff at Bishop Henderson as the end of the school year winds down. We pray that they can all recharge their 'batteries', de-stress and enjoy some family time during the summer holidays, and be ready for all that the autumn term will hold.

Carole Smith



Please pray for Chloe and Hayden as not only do they get married here this Friday but they are also now moving to the area and we're really looking forward to seeing much more of them here with us at St George's with us!

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!

The **Collect** Sunday 23rd July 2023

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

pastoral care

Pastoral visitors are good listeners who care for others based on an understanding that God's love is for all people. They have a mature faith and are prayerful people of wisdom, integrity and discretion. They represent St Georges, meeting any spiritual or emotional need which may involve conversation, reading, prayer or home communion.

If you think that either you or anyone you know would benefit from having regular visits, please do get in touch!

Hilary McKegney

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Email
pastoral-care@stgchurch.co.uk



Need a chat with the Vicar?

1st Monday
of the month
1.30pm-3pm

3rd Thursday
of the month
7.30pm-9pm



To ensure there is more availability to have a chat with the Vicar, we have a regular daytime and evening slot. To book a slot, please email office@stgchurch.co.uk

Join a Small Group

Sign up at office@stgchurch.co.uk

Who's **WHO**

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

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Pete Underwood

Laura Willetts

Katie Lanchbury

Families Coordinator

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

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Prayer Circle

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Hilary Hayes

Hilary McKegney

NEW DEADLINE FOR NEWSBOARD ARTICLES

Please can you make sure you send any articles for future NewsBoards by no later than **Tuesday 12pm.**

Anything received after this will be entered into the following week's edition. *Thank You!*