



SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

There are lots of difficult things happening in the world. The situation between Israel/Palestine is terrible, the war in Ukraine grinds down the people of the land and beyond and whilst in past times we would not have heard of events in such different places the reverberations are found in our media and our current financial situation.

One trend I've noticed within certain circles (especially on the internet) is the desire to speak in an expert manner about topics which they are, at least, only partially informed.

So two years ago, many people became experts on vaccines and microbiology, last year there were many opinions on Easter Europe and the identity of NATO and now the furiously complicated situation in that tiny little strip of land between Asia, Europe and Africa is now attracting enormous 'expert' comment. I try not to write about too many political things or world events in these notes to the church and community. That's not because I don't think they're important, it's not because I don't have an opinion (ask me and I'll tell you), instead, I am aware of my own lack of knowledge in so many areas. I seem to know much less about the world the more I understand it or 'the more I know, the more I know I don't know'.

The second reason I tend not to write about these wider matters is that I have little to no control over those

situations. We pray for those difficult situations and indeed will continue to pray for 'the peace of Jerusalem' as the scriptures tell us to do. But prayer is giving our concerns, questions and being over to God, not a list of instructions for a powerful but foolish leader who needs us to tell him what to do.

So what can we do? You can pray. You can read. You can exercise the humility of saying, this is horrible but I don't know what the answers are. And then you can hug the ones close to you and work in the time and space God has given you to bring the light and goodness demonstrated by Jesus in the here and now. That's why we're building fridges and soup sessions and toddler groups and loneliness cafes and bereavement support and prayer spaces and buggy walks and other stuff I've forgotten, because we believe that the light has shone in the darkness and that the darkness has not overcome it. There is good news, there is hope and we can make a difference in this time and space even as global events seem bleak.

If you want to join in, let me know.

God Bless
Nick

ST GEORGE'S

St George's **News**

MOROCCAN EVENING THANKS

Well what a wonderful evening that was...

Although we are yet to be able to confirm a final figure, we hope that all of you who came along would also agree that it was a wonderful evening spent with friends, great food, a great bar and for a great cause.

It was so moving to hear Hilary share her story of her time in Morocco in the time of the Earthquake. As a church family we all really prayed for her and her friend Rebecca so it was great to be able to support this. As soon as we know how much was raised, we will let you know but huge thanks to all the St G's team who helped Hilary to make this happen and to our Hilary for being the amazing woman that she is - always inspiring and always with the biggest heart. Thank you to all who have supported this special evening.



**MENS SHED
BACK MON
6TH NOV**

MENS SHED BACK SOON

Just a heads up for all the men folk...

With all us chaps having such busy busy lives, there will be no Mens Shed this coming Monday so our next meet up will be on

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.

Really looking forward to then to get together. Do get in touch with the Parish Office if you would like any information on our Mens Shed. We meet every fortnight on a Monday in the Scout Hut behind the Church Hall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15th October

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service in Hall

Monday 16th October

10.00am Buggy Buddies

For more information contact:
families@stgchurch.co.uk

Wednesday 18th October

9.30am Stay and Play - our Baby and Toddler group in Church Hall. £2 per family

12.30pm Wednesday Prayer in our Prayer Shed. For more information contact the Parish Office

6.30pm Alpha Course in the Dunning Room
Email: rob@stgchurch.co.uk

Thursday 19th October

12.00pm SOUP-our new Cafe to come, have a bowl of soup and a natter. For more information email rob@stgchurch.co.uk

Saturday 21st October

9.30am Churchyard Gardening - join our Churchyard Gardening Team as we care for our beautiful churchyard every 3rd Saturday 9.30-12.00pm March to November. For more information, email the Parish Office

FUTURE DATES TO POP IN YOUR DIARIES....

Monday 23rd October

MOSSY CHURCH EVENT - a half term event for the Under 12s - email families@stgchurch.co.uk or book
<https://mossychurchautumnfamilyfun.eventbrite.co.uk>

Saturday 18th November

WOMEN OF GOD CONFERENCE IN YEOVIL

Details will be available shortly

MOSSY CHURCH STARGAZING EVENT -

a sparkly event for the Under 12s with tickets being available soon- email families@stgchurch.co.uk

COMMUNITY FRIDGE OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
Spring/Summer: 9.30am - 5pm
Autumn/Winter: 9.30am - 4pm

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOMEGROUP?

There will be a new homegroup meeting fortnightly on Monday evenings starting on October 16th.

We will meet at Hilary McKegney's home in Sherford Road and it will be led by Michael and Hilary Hayes. We will be looking together at the book of Colossians for the first few meetings. If you have never been to a homegroup before or are not sure what to expect or are interested in coming along then please chat to us for more information.

Michael and Hilary Hayes.

Email mhhayes@outlook.com or telephone 01823 444766.



Join one today for friendship and faith
Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk

AUTUMNAL MOSSY CHURCH EVENT

Our next Mossy session is for all the family, with activities for those with children aged 0-12. We'll be celebrating the Autumn season with a pumpkin trail and lots of nature based crafts and activities. There'll be stories, songs and sensory play for the younger children along with lots for the older ones too. Places are free but must be booked, so why not book your family's place today and invite some friends too!

<https://mossychurchautumnfamilyfun.eventbrite.co.uk>

ONLY A LIMITED NO. OF SPACES LEFT



**FREE HALF TERM
EXPLORING AUTUMN
FAMILY EVENT**
FOR FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN AGED 0-12

**MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER
10-11.30AM**

NATURE BASED SESSION
PUMPKIN TRAIL
LOTS OF CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES
AUTUMN SENSORY PLAY
CRACKLING CAMPFIRE
STORIES & SONGS FOR 0-5'S

POP ON YOUR WELLIES &
JOIN US BY THE CAMPFIRE!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: @MOSSYCHURCHSTGSWILTON
BOOK NOW AT
<https://mossychurchautumnfamilyfun.eventbrite.co.uk>



VOLUNTEERS AREA

Everyone wants to belong.

By serving on team, you don't just perform a task, you build life together and fulfilling the call of Jesus to love one another. Here are some teams you can join or may be looking for some additional hands on deck!

SETTING UP THE 11AM SERVICE

We'd love a bit more help on a Sunday morning to set out the chairs and tables ready for our 11am Service each week. Such a quick job and such a helpful way to serve! Get in touch via email to office@stgchurch.co.uk

STAY AND PLAY

Join the Refreshments team (help yourself to some homemade cake ;)) or help us out with putting the toys and crafts away after a Stay and Play Session. Wednesday mornings - help needed from 11.15-12.00pm.

office@stgchurch.co.uk

COFFEE TEAM

Come and join our Coffee team to provide the wake up, the calm or the energy by helping on the coffee team serving the church family with refreshments in between our services. Get in touch via email to rob@stgchurch.co.uk

MOSSY CHURCH

A great outreach team, showing children and parents the wonder of His creation. Help just on the day, or to prepare crafts, it's so great to see those little ones faces as they discover so much! families@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to find out more!

WELCOME

We want everyone who comes along to St G's to feel welcome, to see what a great church family we are and to want to come back again! If you think you could be that welcoming face for either of our services, get in touch office@stgchurch.co.uk

**All volunteers must complete St George's Safeguarding training and be DBS checked by our Safeguarding officer prior to helping.*

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

FOR ONE MORE WEEK... Our Charity Collection is for.... **TAUNTON OPEN DOOR AND TAUNTON FOODBANK**

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



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



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, Deodorant 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

Small Tins Cold Meat E.g. Ham, Corned Beef, Spam
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Fruit
Tins of Soup
Sweets And Chocolate
Uht Dairy Whole Milk
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Toiletries
Nappies (Size 6)
Microwave Rice

PLEASE NO MORE...

Cereal
Baked Beans
Tea
Sanitary Items
Pet Food
Soya/Plant/Oat And Other Alternative Milk



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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 Robin on **giving@stchurch.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,

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!

We remember
Keith Venables and Kath Paul

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.

May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*



THURSDAYS
In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL**
www.stgchurch.co.uk

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
CHURCHYARD
gardening

Help us to care
for our Churchyard

3rd Saturdays
9.30am - 12.30pm
March - November

For more information,
please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

*"Thou shalt be like a watered garden,
and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."*