



Sunday 20th and 27th August 2023

A Note From **Your Curate**

We recently returned home from a rather soggy camping holiday at a Christian Youth Festival called 'Satellites', which was held this year at the Royal Bath and West Showground. In only its second year, Youth groups attending from across the country with over 2500 young people gathered together to worship Jesus.

The music was amazing, the twice-daily main sessions, plus a whole host of different talks which covered a variety of topics relevant to the challenges young people face today.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Satellites was the sense of community it fostered. The event provided a platform for young people from different backgrounds and denominations to come together, share their stories, and connect on a deeper level. Friendships were forged, and a spirit of unity permeated every corner of the festival grounds.

Whilst it was undoubtedly a 'mountain-top' experience for the young people and adults alike, what set Satellites apart from other conferences and festivals that I have attended, is their aim to equip youth groups and churches to put Jesus at the centre of everything they do all year round.

This got me thinking, what am I doing to ensure that I am not reliant on one-or-two powerful experiences of God to sustain me in my faith.

So often we can be reliant on these occasional experiences, with long periods of feeling dry or as though God isn't interested in us in our everyday lives. Sometimes it can even feel this way in-between a weekly Sunday service.

Having a regular rhythm of prayer is so important in maintaining a healthy relationship with God, what is it that you can do this week to prioritise your walk with him?

Witnessing over 2000 young hearts seeking to encounter Jesus, was truly a sight to behold. In our daily lives, let us carry the spirit of Satellites with us, putting Jesus at the centre of our lives, and seek to share the good news of his love to those we meet.

God Bless

Rob



St George's News

REMINDER

The Vicar is back on **Tuesday 29th August.**

The Curate is off **Monday 28th - Monday 4th Sept**

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!

OFFICE WORK

And now it commences....

The building work will start this Monday and so we want to give you the heads up that the Church Office will be bedlam.

If you need to be in contact, as we will still be working, please still get in touch and we'll get back to you as soon as we can as even we don't yet know where we'll be working from!!

The Church Office will not be open over the bank holiday weekend (from 25th - 28th)

Thank you so much for your patience in advance everyone.

We'll take photos and keep you updated on the work progress.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME

The St George's Ministry Experience Scheme is for anyone of any age who feels that they want to explore a call of God on their life in a deeper way. Some of you reading this will be ordained. Some might be missionaries. Some will develop new ministries in this happy town on the tone, some will make friends that last, some will go deeper with God than they thought possible.

Interested? Do come along to our Taster Evening on Monday 11th September to find out more...

COLOURING AND CONTEMPLATION

- Wednesday 23rd August 7.30 - 9pm

Join us in the Prayer Room for a relaxed 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

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ST GEORGE'S WILTON
**ministry
experience
scheme**
2023

Taster
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.



ST GEORGE'S



*Colouring and
Contemplation*

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST
7.30 - 9PM
ST GEORGE'S PRAYER SHED

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



COMMUNITY FRIDGE at St G's



COMMUNITY FRIDGE DONATION DAY
Tuesday 29th August 11am-5pm

The St George's Church Community Fridge opens on
Wednesday 30th August 12pm noon

To ensure that we get off to a strong start there will be a
Donation Day on Tuesday 29th August

The Community Fridge will be open on this Donation Day from 11am until 5pm for you to bring along some items to donate. These could be fruit and / or vegetables or other items. If they are within their 'best before' dates that's fine but please NOT any out of date 'use by' items. Take a look at the can and cannot lists below as a guide.

Let's get the Community Fridge off to a really good start!

we can accept

- ✓ sealed packaged foods
- ✓ cheeses
- ✓ fresh fruit
- ✓ fresh vegetables
- ✓ table sauces
- ✓ pastry
- ✓ unopened pasteurised milk and yogurt
- ✓ unopened fruit juices
- ✓ salads



we can't 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



It won't be long now until our Community Fridge opens for our Community and in order for it to look nice and stocked up on its Launch Day, we are having a **DONATION DAY** the day before to make that fridge look full and inviting.

It will be open from **11am to 5pm** to accept your donations but please do take a look at the lists of what we can and cannot accept to save our volunteers having to send them to the recycle bins!

It was wonderful to open up briefly on Sunday to use the fridge to store the food for the bring and share so some of you were able to take a sneak peek inside to see just how brilliant this shed is. It really is coming together and will be all sorted and ready to go for the Vicar's return.

So do bring what you can on **Tuesday 29th August** - it would be very much appreciated!



The Collect

Sunday 20th August 2023

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Sunday 27th August 2023

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HELP US MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER



**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



OUR FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Saturday 19th August

9.30am Churchyard Gardening
1.00pm Michael and Vixie Wedding

Sunday 20th August

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
11.00am Worship Service

Monday 21st August

Building work at Church Office commences

Wednesday 23rd August

12.00pm Michael Small Funeral
7.30pm Colouring & Contemplation in Prayer Shed

Sunday 27th August

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
11.00am Worship Service

Monday 28th August

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 29th August

**Vicar back from hibernation
Curate goes into hibernation**

11.00am Community Fridge Open for Donations
11.30am Eric Lane Funeral

Wednesday 30th August

12.00pm COMMUNITY FRIDGE OFFICIALLY OPENS

Friday 1st September

9.30am Community Fridge

Saturday 2nd September

2.00pm Emily and James Wedding

Sunday 3rd September

9.30am Community Fridge
9.30am Holy Communion in Church
11.00am Worship Service

Alpha Starts At St G's

Wednesday 13th September
at 6.30pm



Is There More to Life Than This?
Who was Jesus?
Does God heal today?

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

At each Alpha session, after **a meal**, 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.



Email: rob@stgchurch.co.uk
for more information or to sign up

ALPHA

Please do have a think as to who you would like to invite onto Alpha this September - it really is such a great course which has no pressure and is a safe place to ask those questions of faith and life with no judgment. If you can offer any help with the meals, or the serving and clearing behind the scenes, do get in touch with Rob - we'd be so grateful! Do take a read of Bishop Michael's message at the back of NB

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 Stewardship**
Account No: **59935227**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

Roy Parsloe

It is with a heavy heart to let you all know of another passing this week.

Dear Roy Parsloe, husband of Rosa and father to Tim and Nick, peacefully passed away in Musgrove Park Hospital on Thursday following a very short illness. At the time of writing this we have no further detail of his funeral but do ask you all to pray for Roy, Rosa and all the family as they try to navigate through this sad and difficult time. We shall all miss him, his twinkle, his great sense of humour, his warmth and love.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding:

*Deal graciously with Rosa
and all the family in their grief.*

*Surround them with Your love,
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,
but have confidence in Your goodness,
and strength to meet the days to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

We remember
Leslie Russell, Gerry Atkinson
Michael Hawkins, Monty Monelle
Frank Price, Dorothy Lee
Ursula Steele, Peter Baker

*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.*

Please remember both **Christine Small** and **Elizabeth Lane** as they prepare for the funerals of their husbands. **Michael Small's funeral** on Wednesday 23rd and **Eric Lane's funeral** on Tuesday 29th. Heavenly Father, we come to you with heavy hearts as we remember Michael and Eric. Please bring them into your loving arms and grant them peace and rest. We also pray for those who are left behind, that they would find comfort and hope in your presence and the promise of eternal life.
Amen.

May the wind be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection for this week (the last week)

SIGHT SAVERS



The vision of 'Sightsavers' is of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities can participate equally in society.

With more than 70 years of experience behind them 'Sightsavers' treat eye conditions such as cataracts and refractive error and also tackle debilitating diseases many of which cause sight loss such as Trachoma, River blindness, Lymphatic filariasis and Schistosomiasis. To do this they work with governments and local, national and international partners to carry out eye operations and distribute treatments where they are needed in over 30 countries. Alongside these projects there are educational programmes to enhance societal understanding of how to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and infections. In places where water is scarce, water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives are promoted (collectively known as WASH) and this is crucial to eliminate neglected tropical diseases which affect more than a billion people and are most prevalent in rural regions, poor urban areas and conflict zones. Yet they can be prevented, treated and, in many cases, eliminated.

With support, ' Sightsavers ' can continue to fight these devastating diseases and conditions to ensure that no one suffers needlessly from conditions of sight loss that can be treated and prevented. Surely an example of " giving sight to the blind ".

Accommodation - Can You Help?

A few weeks back we put a call out for help in NewsBoard for a mother that we know with two young children, connected with St George's, being given short notice to move out of a flat, after living there for many years, by a landlord who plans to sell the property.

It has now become more urgent as she has been given a legal order to move out of her flat by the end of September, and she is desperate to find somewhere to live in Taunton.

She hopes to find a two or three bedroom flat or house to rent in or close to Taunton for her and her children.

She has excellent references, having lived in her current flat for 15 years and being Polish with no family around, she really could do with our help.

If you have, or know of anyone in Taunton who has a flat or annexe that could be available for her to rent temporarily, please would you let **Peter Joyce, Churchwarden** know **(07761 407 433)**.



A Message from Bishop Michael

Learn from the Master

When you hear the word 'disciple', what comes into your mind? A learner? A follower? A super Christian? Someone kitted out in Biblical dress complete with robe, sandals, tea towel head covering and beard?

The New Testament's word for disciple doesn't quite match any of these descriptions. It's much closer to the word we'd use in English for 'apprentice'.

Back in history, and still today, to be an apprentice meant spending time in the presence of a master in order to learn a craft – maybe carpentry, or blacksmithing, baking or butchery. You'd start out doing the simple stuff – sweeping floors or sharpening tools. Then gradually you'd acquire more and more skills until you learnt to work confidently with materials producing beautiful things, products of utility and worth. Apprentices often learnt their craft while living alongside their masters, becoming members of their trade through time spent together at work and rest and play.

Jesus was often called 'the carpenter's son' – apprenticed to his worldly father Joseph, growing in skill at the plane and the lathe. He was also the apprentice of his heavenly father. The Gospels speak of Jesus withdrawing to spend time with God in order to know God's mind, hear God's voice, grow in God's ways.

Apprenticeship was and is a story of growth, development, discovery and change. It's the journey that Jesus invites us to take with him too – of baby steps and toddler stumbles, of emerging skill and increasing understanding.

Churches near you are offering opportunities to apprentice yourself to Jesus this autumn - from practical action that gets you involved in Jesus's service to the world, to learning and discussion that comes with courses such as **Alpha**, Exploring Christianity or Pilgrim.

Why not sign yourself up and learn from the Master?

Every blessing
Bishop Michael

A lifelong journey

As Christians we're not called to attend church, we're called to follow Christ, to be His disciples. But how do we respond to that call? And how is your relationship with Christ?

Cheryl Govier, Growing Faith Adviser for Bath and Wells says, "As Christians, we are all on a journey and it is really important that we grow as Christians as we journey with God. As with any journey, and any relationship, sometimes it can feel that things are going really well, while sometimes it can feel static or even as if it's going backwards."

With so many demands on our time, in church and outside church, our discipleship can be a bit neglected, but we can all learn to make time to reflect on our faith as we live out our daily lives. In the last few years people from across Bath and Wells have gathered together at our Everyday Faith events to do just that - and we have also gathered to celebrate with those marking personal landmarks in their journeys with Christ, both lay and ordained.

David Ball of the Gold Project, one of the resources we signpost in Bath and Wells to support discipleship, attended the Celebration of Lay Ministries in June, he says, "We want to encourage all Christians, not just those on the path to theological college, to become life-long learners and to encourage people in their discipleship. Discipleship doesn't stop when you become a Christian, it keeps going your whole life. Many people worry that they aren't equipped to engage with the Bible, but we all can. Yes, it may raise difficult questions, but we shouldn't be afraid of addressing them, especially as we aren't doing so alone." "Most importantly, we should not be afraid of being educated in our faith."

Find out more about growing in your faith at:
bathandwells.org.uk/lifelong-journey

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