



# Sunday 1st October 2023

## HARVEST

### A Note From **Your Vicar**

Chipped, Mashed, Boiled, Baked, Fried, Cake. Perhaps the most versatile food in the planet, the humble potato is part of a family of plants called 'Solanaceae' (looked that up) which includes tomatoes, peppers and deadly nightshade. Leave a potato to go green and sprout on you and it will poison you. I don't tend to eat things I think are going to poison me but somewhere in history a whole host of humans ate a bunch of stuff which did kill them, until eventually they dug up this unpromising 'tuber' covered in mud and sprouting green stalks and found it was absolutely delicious with a burger.

The thing I often ponder is how many things did they all try? How many died before those books on what is poisonous and not poisonous were written down. I was chatting with someone who grew up during the war this week and she told me; 'we learnt how to live with nothing'. That was perseverance driven by necessity.

This week (1/10 at 11.00) we're heading to Cutliffe Farm welcomed by the Parris family whose main crop is potatoes! It's our harvest celebration service with a gospel band, activities for the kids and lots and lots of tractors. Farmers are always on, always present, always working, 365 days a year to make food for the rest of us. I grew up around farmers and I've always had a deep respect for them. You tend to know where you are with them and they

don't play games and mess around. I am reminded of this passage from the bible in Romans 5:

*'We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.'*

Perseverance is the hinge point of this sentence. Nobody wants to suffer, but the early Christians and in a way farmers, accepted suffering, because they expect a different result at the end. Over time this endurance builds character. In our church, I am trying to build a culture of saying 'how can we' when faced with challenges rather than 'we cant because...'

Perseverance is an uncelebrated virtue these days but almost anyone who has ever achieved anything from discovering potatoes, to starting companies, missionaries changing the world, peace activists, musicians figuring out a piece, whatever it is won't get done without a little teeth gritting and perseverance. And if they hadn't? We would have no chips with our fish.

God Bless  
**Nick**

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# News

## MOROCCAN FUNDRAISING EVENING

**On the evening of** Friday 8th September there was a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake, which struck Morocco's High Atlas Mountains 70 kilometres from Marrakesh. Many of you will know that Hilary McKegney was holidaying with a friend close to the epicentre at the time of the quake. Following an anxious 36 hours without any communication from Hilary, we were all so relieved when we heard during the 11am service that she and her friend were safe. God is good, an answer to many prayers for sure.

Hilary would like to share her experiences and provide insight into the country, people and culture of Morocco as a whole so please do join us on **Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm.**

The details are:

Venue - St. George's Church Hall

Numbers - 80 people maximum

Cost - £10 per head, donation buckets will also be available

### What to expect-

- a) 3 course Moroccan meal with dietary requirements catered for
- b) Paying bar selling beer, wine, cider
- c) Fun and fellowship

### Tickets/Booking - please book your ticket either

- a) Online via our Sumup Site on <https://stgchurch.sumupstore.com/product/moroccan-fundraising-evening> or scanning the QR code below
- b) directly through Hilary McK via text or WhatsApp on 07460471514 or email [hilary@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:hilary@stgchurch.co.uk)

Dietary requirements/Menu choice

On booking you will be prompted to provide a) dietary requirements

b) your choice between lamb, chicken, vegetable tagine.

Please note that tickets will be issued on first come first serve basis so book in quickly to avoid disappointment!



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 1st October

**9.30am** Harvest Holy Communion in Church

**11.00am** Harvest Worship Service AT THE FARM

See later in NB for Harvest Donation Suggestions

### Monday 2nd October

**10.00am Buggy Buddies**

For more information contact:

[families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

**6.30pm Ministry Experience Scheme**

Meet in the Winston Room

**7.30pm Mens Shed** In The Scout Hut.

For more information email the Parish Office

### Tuesday 3rd October

**10.00am Mini Mossy Church Event** for 0-5's

To book your FREE place visit our Mossy Church

Facebook Page

### Wednesday 4th 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](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

### Thursday 5th October

**10.15am Stroll For The Soul**-an Autumn Stroll at Fyne Court. Contact Janet Hall 01823 337183

### Saturday 7th October

**7.30pm Moroccan Fundraising Evening**

for the British Red Cross. Tickets £10. For more info email [hilary@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:hilary@stgchurch.co.uk)

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## FUTURE DATES TO POP IN YOUR DIARIES....

### Starting From Thursday 12th October

**12.00pm SOUP** - our new Autumn/Winter "cafe" serving soup, teas and coffees.

### Saturday 18th November

**Women of God Conference in Yeovil**

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### COMMUNITY FRIDGE OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays

Spring/Summer: 9.30am - 5pm

Autumn/Winter: 9.30am - 4pm

## Why pray together?

**Part of Jesus's teaching on prayer includes** getting away by yourself to "pray to your Father who is in the secret place..." (Matt 6:6, NKJV). But he also encourages praying together. "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:19-20, NIV). In gathering together, we not only have Jesus's promise that he will be there with us, but that we will have what we ask for, as we pray in one accord in his name.

God comes among his people when they are together. We see in Acts 1:14 that they all joined constantly in prayer until suddenly the Holy Spirit came in power. How amazing that through the Holy Spirit we can meet with God and enjoy his presence. Several other references in Acts indicate that the believers prayed together often.

Imagine a train track that we lay down sleeper by sleeper and rail by rail through prayer so that the train can move forward.

Prayer is foundational to everything that we do and is creative and transformative in issues we face. In prayer we lay down track so that our church can move forward in God's purposes, so that the Kingdom may come in Wilton, in Taunton, on the earth.

As we pray and share together faith rises as we see answered prayer, we are encouraged and we learn from each other.

**All are welcome to join in with Wednesday prayer in the Prayer Shed at 12.30pm each week.**

*Jane Hamilton*



# wednesday prayer

A short time of worship and prayer  
at 12.30pm each week in the  
Prayer Shed.

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## VOLUNTEERS AREA

**Everyone wants to belong.** To a family, to have friends, to have experiences where you feel a part of something. We want to help you find your place within the people of God here at St Georges. One of the best ways to do this is to get stuck into a team. 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.

So 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@stcgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stcgchurch.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@stcgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stcgchurch.co.uk)

### SUNDAY CLUBS

Youth@11 and Kids@11 are on the look out for more to help sow the seeds and start the young generation on their faith journey. Do email [families@stcgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stcgchurch.co.uk) if you can help any of our Sunday Clubs.

### 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@stcgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stcgchurch.co.uk)

### HOSPITALITY

The way to everyone's heart is food and drink and we'd love to offer so much more. If you too have a heart for hospitality email [rob@stcgchurch.co.uk](mailto:rob@stcgchurch.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

*Our Charity Collection for October 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/>



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## 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)



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### 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*

**Edna Billingham, Peter Reeves  
Gordon Pointing and Peter Smith**

*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.*



Our Harvest Flowers have been very kindly donated by Jennifer Smith in loving memory of her husband

*Peter Smith*

remembering wonderful memories together from all the family.

We also have Harvest flowers in loving memory of

*Peter Reeves*

given with much love from Barbara and the Reeves family.

*Jesus you walk with me -  
help me to walk with you*

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## A Stroll for the Soul

A GENTLE WALKING GROUP

NEXT STROLL

**THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

*Conversation Fellowship Contemplation*

A monthly walk with friends.

For more information email: [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

**For our next Stroll for the Soul we are returning to Fyne Court in the hope of seeing some autumn colours to contrast with the spring greens we enjoyed 6 months ago.**

We shall meet from 1015 in the National Trust car park at Fyne Court, starting the walk at 1030ish for an hour or so, hoping to get back to the coffee shop for refreshments. If the weather has been wet it will be muddy in places, so please bring suitable footwear.

For those who are unfamiliar, head for Kingston St Mary, carry on through the village to the crossroads at the top of the hill and turn sharp right toward North Petherton. After about a mile, soon after a sharp right bend, turn left for Broomfield, than left again through a gate into the Fyne Court estate to the car park.

There are NT signs at the crossroads and again at the end of the lane to Broomfield..

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Who's **WHO**

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## **PCC Reps**

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## **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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