

ST GEORGE'S

NEWSBOARD

*Sunday 16th
February 2025*



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Last week I took my little one to the slide but there was one big obstacle; the rope ladder. 'Help me' was the request. 'Nope, you can do it' was my response. I didn't want to quite lift her to the top but instead offer gradual steps of advice; arms first, then move that leg on there; you can do it, you can do it....I'm standing nearby to catch her in case of disaster but the sense of achievement when 'I've done it myself' is enormous. Positive experience built confidence, which was reinforced again and again until I got cold and decided it was time to go home!

It's not that I expect my little one to be a gymnast or professional climber. I just want her to be confident to move and do the things she wants to do. I don't want her to be afraid of what she can do.

When I trained to be a vicar, I spent a lot of time reading books which at the end gave me a piece of paper with some fancy lettering on it and then I had a training curacy where I learnt how to do stuff practically. Theory and practice lived in two different spaces. Before I came to work for St Georges, I used to work for another college called St Mellitus which intentionally tried to mix up the practical training with the theological and academic work. This caused some nice combinations with students using stuff in the week, they'd just learnt in the classroom.

This 24th February we're starting 'Monday Night Ministry' or MNM. We're beginning a course looking at our calling, how we do theology at all and some biblical background. Like the playground, it's not that you want to be a professional minister (unless you do)

but instead you don't know what you can do until you try. The word 'minister' is a way of saying 'service', so when someone says 'I am a minister', it doesn't really mean 'I own a dog collar and have a theological qualification' but that I serve God with what I've got. Coming on this course doesn't mean you're going to get a dog collar (they come free with the shirts...) but that you want to have a think about the gifts God has given you and think about how they might be used.

Like the little one on the rope ladder; I don't want you to be frightened by what you can already do and then when you get to the top... you'll probably say, what else can I do? It's only six weeks long. I'd like a small group and about half of the places have gone already. Email me at nick@stgchurch.co.uk if you want to be part of it.

God Bless

Nick

How can I
communicate
the Bible
better?

What is
God
calling
you to?

How can I be
better
equipped
to serve my
community?

MONDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

Join us for **Monday Night Ministry**
A 6 week course beginning **Mon 24th February 6.30pm**
Contact Rev'd Nick Griffin
nick@stgchurch.co.uk

St George's **News**

STROLLING ALONG

Our next STROLL FOR THE SOUL is THIS WEEK!



On **THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY**, Pippa is going to lead us on a walk in the area around Hamilton Park and the Blackbrook Stream. This is a new route for the Strollers. There will be a couple of places for a 'coffee flask' break, or an 'indoor option' at the Harvester restaurant. Car park is by the allotments, and is accessed off Hamilton Road at the Western edge of Hamilton Park. We have a map if you need one.

For any other information, please get in touch with Rachel (07818003297), Pippa (07876351844) or Janet (01823 337183).

New Strollers are always welcome - so do bring along a friend.

*JESUS YOU WALK WITH ME -
HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU*

Janet & Rachel

IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 16th February

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service with Communion

Monday 17th February

VICAR TAKING HALF TERM OFF

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th February

7.30pm Bellringers

7.30pm Mens Shed Film Night

Thursday 20th February

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stroll For The Soul

7.30pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 23rd February

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 24th February

THE VICAR RETURNS...

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Buggy Buddies

6.30pm Monday Night Ministry

Tuesday 25th February

12.00pm SOUP

7.00pm ALPHA

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 26th February

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 27th February

9.15am Morning Prayer

Friday 28th February

LAST DAY FOR EARLY BIRD - ST G BIG WEEKEND

Sunday 2nd March

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service

12.30pm Welcome Lunch

DATES! DATES! DATES!

More details to come - just pop the dates in your diary

WORSHIP TEAM GATHERING

Monday 3rd March 7.30pm

WORSHIP +

Thursday 13th March 7.30pm

A night to simply worship



**ST GEORGE'S
BIG
Weekend**

early bird offer
only available until
February 2025

**THURS
24th -
SUN 27th
JULY '25**

adult £120
(Supporter)
adult £100
(Standard)
adult £80
(Supported)

youth £40
(11-17)
child £20
(4-10)
child FREE
(0-3)

**monthly
payment
available
with £20
deposit**

visit our website:
stgchurch.co.uk/bigweekend
or scan this QR code
to take you to the booking page



Where will we stay?

There are a few options. It is a field on a working farm so this isn't the lap of luxury! We expect most people will camp in tents; caravans and mobile homes are allowed or if you don't fancy any of that at all then there are a host of nearby hotels which people can commute from!

What about cost?

We want everyone who wants to come along to be able to come along! The costs of the trip we've worked hard to keep to a minimum.

Our early bird prices are:

Adult Ticket - £100

Youth Ticket - £40

Child Ticket - £20

Infant – free for under 3s!

There are bursaries and instalment options available for payment.

We want the church to really come together for this weekend to celebrate all that God is doing. So make a real effort and try to come along. The event needs a certain number of attendees to make it work practically and the more of us there are the richer the experience will be.

See you there!

Nick

**EARLY BIRD OFFER ENDS
ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2025**

From The Vicar...

St George's Big Weekend.

We're really excited for our first big church weekend away this July 24-27th at Wick Farm, Lympsham. The farm is beautiful with rolling fields, nearby beaches with an on-site coffee shop.

What will we do? Worship. Community. Fun.

Worship: The theme for the weekend is 'Grow in Spirit'. We'll gather together morning and evening for worship led by the team plus guest speakers to help us grow deeper in faith. There will be children's work provision too so each level of the church gets to grow deeper in the best way for their age.

Community: we want to make space for the church family to get to know one another better. This happens through meals together and hanging out around the fire later than you meant to.

Fun: There are beaches nearby plus optional activities from sports, crafts to cool stuff like axe throwing or archery.

A WARM WELCOME AT 11AM

We want everyone who comes to our Church to feel welcome and at ease. All church members should be friendly and welcoming, especially to newcomers and visitors but the role of those on our Welcome team is to lead in this important task. We hope everyone who comes will enjoy the experience and want to come again and join our lovely church family here in Wilton. Our 11am Welcome Team really needs a couple more people to join this lovely team, to meet and greet. Like with all teams, the more people on it, the fewer times you are needed but if you can offer a warm smile and would be happy to be that first friendly face, please do get in touch with Michael Hayes or email the Parish Office office@stgchurch.co.uk



HILARYS NEXT ADVENTURE

Well, someone is having another adventure and it looks like they're having a wonderful time!

Following her time when she went on a walking holiday to Morocco and got caught up in the earthquake, our Hilary has now travelled across the globe to India with the charity Asha to help them provide Safeguarding training. True to its name, Asha spreads hope, radiance and positivity across the lives of millions of slum dwellers in 95 slums in the vast, sprawling megapolis of Delhi and we know our Hilary will most certainly be really helping them with her knowledge, background and pastoral care.

We can't wait to hear all about it when she gets back....any one else think we should have an Indian evening when she returns??



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER' Services in Taunton are being hosted by ST JOHN'S CHURCH, Park Street, Taunton at 10.30am (for the full Service) and at 1.15pm (for the shortened lunchtime Service) - on FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025.

The Service has been written this year by the women of The Cook Islands, in the South Pacific, and the theme is " I MADE YOU WONDERFUL ".

You are warmly invited to join with this ecumenical celebration which is taking place all around the world on this day ! ALL are welcome.

Carole Smith

HELP TO SPREAD SOME LOVE THIS MOTHER'S DAY!

We'd love your help in creating simple floral posies to bless all the wonderful women at St. G's on Mother's Day. It's a small way we can show our love and appreciation for the amazing women in our community, Mother's or not.

No experience needed! Just bring your hands and hearts ready to create something beautiful. Whether you're a seasoned florist or someone who just enjoys flowers, or a family wanting a fun activity to create something together, we welcome you to join us!

When: Saturday 29th March 2025 from 10am-12pm

Where: Dunning Room, St G's Church Hall

What to bring: Just your lovely self—and maybe a friend or two!

Come share a little joy with us!

If you would like to help, please let us know by emailing office@stgchurch.co.uk as soon as possible. Thanks



ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



OOOH ARRRRR ME HEARTIES.... AN EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB IS ON THE HORIZON!

We're getting very excited to bring to you our next Holiday Club and this time we're venturing to Treasure Island in search of God's treasure. We would love for as many of you St George's families to come along so please do sign up before we open it out to the wider churches and town when we know it will sell out in a day.

So don't delay, book today.

**Tuesday 8th April to Thursday 10th April
from 9am - 3pm
ONLY £20 FOR THE 3 DAYS.**

Scan the QR code to pay and book your slot!
<https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/khkvs82c>



Our Sunday Clubs are on again this week and we'd love for your young ones and young adults to join us.

If you've not been before, just pop down to the Hall with them to register them in (usually after the first couple of songs in Church) and then if your child is in **Kids@11**, head back to Church or if your's is a little one, come and join us in **Tots@11** for circle time, songs and play.



ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION


For the month of February we will be supporting our Bursary Fund so that we can support any of our Church Family who needs a helping hand.

This is a financial donation to help people to be able to join in with any of our church led events/activities that they may wish to join in but feel that it would maybe be difficult financially. Things like our Big Church Weekend would be an excellent use of the Bursary to support families and others who otherwise may not have been able to come.


The St George's Bursary may even be used to help with attending a Christian Festival or even for smaller events that we will run through the year.

We don't want funds to be the barrier for our church family to be able to join in or access these things so we felt that if we had a fund that people could access to help make things feel a little easier on the pocket it could really make a difference and give people opportunities that may have otherwise missed out on.

Do give what you can, if you can! Our Sum Up card machines now accept card donations and there will be the usual cash boxes available in church for those bringing cash.



**charity
collection**



**ST GEORGE'S
BURSARY
FUND**
GIVING A
HELPING HAND
TO OUR
CHURCH FAMILY



A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS



Join our walking group, **Stroll for the Soul**, where we meet monthly for a gentle walk together. We go to a different location each time, talk as we walk and stop for reflection and prayer.

STROLL THE SOUL 2025 DATES

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

FRIDAY 18TH JULY

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

For more informations email office@stgchurch.co.uk, chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!

Jesus you walk with me, help me to walk with you.




**ST GEORGE'S WILTON
home
groups**

TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Michael & Hilary Hayes
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding with Bible & Prayer	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Soul Food	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andrews
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure
Classic Home Group	Bishops Hull	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Elaine Bowyer

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Join one today for friendship and faith
Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk or check out My Groups on Churchsuite

In Loving Memory

*Lord Jesus we think of those we've
loved who we want to remember in
the days ahead*

**Fred Dyer, 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.*

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

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*



MORNING PRAYER

**Mondays & Thursdays
9.15-9.45am**

**Each morning let me learn more about
your love because I trust you. I come to you
in prayer, asking for your guidance**
- Psalm 143:8



**Help us to
grow in Spirit
and Number**



ST GEORGE'S GIVING

If you have started coming to St George's regularly, or have been coming for some time but haven't yet done so, may we 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@stgchurch.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 or click here <https://givealittle.co/c/87f1f0f9-d531-42a3-bb0d-14691d850cf6> Alternatively you can donate directly into our bank account using the following information and putting 'Donation' reference:
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Account No: 59935227
Sort Code 60-80-06

Thank you so much!

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