



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Last weekend I took a trip to London and climbed to the top of Garden at 120. This is the free version of the 'Skygarden' and can be found on Fenchurch Street. Arriving at the place is a reminder of how far development in London has moved on compared to much of the country. The buildings are very futuristic and surrounded by mirror-glassed skyscrapers. The queue was reasonable and guests were entertained by the strange and huge moving screen that was on the ceiling showing – I don't quite know how to describe them – moving amorphous shapes that look a bit like pondwater underneath a microscope.

At 15 stories height I was glad of the elevator and the view is impressive. The iconic swerve of the Thames, St Pauls in the distance, with the London Eye peeking around the corner. London is an old city. Really old, with claims on Bronze Age bridges and perhaps wooden structures reaching back into 4500 BC. That's old old. It's the sort of place you trip over history. Oh look! There's the tower of London! Oh look that's the oldest church in London – 650 ish – replete with Roman pavement preserved in it's underground tunnels (free to enter!). When you look over the skyline this mix of history and present reality is obvious. As you look down from the rooftop of the garden, there was an excavation of an old church tower reflected in the gleaming glass of the towers. Medievalism and Modern concrete cheek by jowl.

"No man ever steps in the same river twice. For it's not the same river and he's not the same man." So said Heraclitus – a pre-socratic Greek philosopher. Change is constant. This is obvious when old and new are so close. I ask this question all of the time about our own church community. This building is here now and it is the church, but it has not always been. The old stones make it seem like it's all been there forever and ever but it was substantially rebuilt in 1800s. The church community now is here but has not always been here. Some people love to remind me, 'we've done this before' when we start something new. This is true and not true; you can't stand in the same river twice. Some of our current activities rhyme with previous versions; 'Soup' with 'Soup Saturdays' or 'Men's Shed' with the 'Stewards' but they aren't the same thing because they are different people.

All of this change can make people feel quite anxious because you can feel like you're on a roundabout you want to get off from. Even death changes us individually and in the memory; so stillness is an illusion for humans and the only one who does not change is God. He is the rock of ages, faithful in life and death. So whilst this mortal coil spins and shifts, he does not. By accepting the reality of the situation, you accept that you are not God which really is quite a lot off from your shoulders

God Bless
Nick

St George's **News**

COFFEE AND A CHAT

We've really enjoyed it when we have people staying on after the 11 to catch up with one another and to get to know each other better, so why not do it over coffee. We're trialling something new with providing some tea and coffee after the service. So bring your own drinking vessel and help yourself to a quick cuppa before you head home to put the roast on. It would be so nice to catch up with you all. Thanks to Rob - our own Mr Hospitali-tea for organising this with the help of some homegroups!



**FILL UP
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND COFFEE
AT CHURCH**

Be Eco Friendly and bring your travel mug to church and fill up with coffee!

CHARITY COLLECTIONS 2025 POSTCARD

Those eagle eyed of you will maybe have spotted our Charity Collections postcard which details the charities that we are supporting this year and when. Please do take one and pop it on your fridge to refer to. We hope you'll find it helpful!



IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 23rd March

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion
11.00am Worship Service with Communion

Monday 24th March

9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Buggy Buddies
6.30pm Monday Night Ministry

Tuesday 25th March

12.00pm LAST SOUP OF THE SEASON
7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 26th March

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 27th March

9.15am Morning Prayer

Saturday 29th March

10.00am Posy Making in Dunning

Sunday 30th March

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion
11.00am Worship Service

Monday 31st March

**CURATE AWAY ALL WEEK ON
PLACEMENT**

9.15am Morning Prayer
6.30pm LAST Monday Night Ministry

Tuesday 1st April

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 2nd April

**10.00am EASTER BUGGY SERVICE
FOR STAY&PLAY,BUGGY BUDDIES,
TOTS@11
AND BUGGY BUDDIES**



Thursday 3rd April

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL
MONDAY 7TH APRIL**
9.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th April

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion
11.00am Worship Service
12.30pm Interment of Ashes - Wendy Lea
7.00pm PRAY

ELECTORAL ROLL

Thank you so much to all of you who have so far completed the Electoral Roll form for us either on paper or electronically. It was so great to see so many "pinging in" online this week. If you consider yourself to be a Church Member we need to complete a new Electoral Roll this year. This means that ALL of us, no matter if we have been coming for 50 years or 1, if you consider yourself a St George's Church Member, we would be grateful if you could complete our Electoral Roll Form.

This is a really helpful way for us to look at our Church Membership and provides the Diocese with a clearer idea about Church attendance. It also enables you to vote in our Annual Meeting when we elect our PCC and Wardens. We are trying to make this much easier admin wise this year and so we have the form available online which you can access here <https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/-/forms/halr8uxw>

Don't forget to complete yours as soon as possible! Thank you so much!

LAST SOUP OF THE SEASON

We really have had a Souper time through Autumn/Winter dishing out bowls and bowls of delicious homemade soup. Do you know I think we must have served about 500 bowls of soup during this time. Isn't that great. It has been so lovely having so many of you come along for lunch and a chat. May we take this opportunity to thank Rob, Richard, Thesbina, Sue and Johnny for their help and support with Soup this season and to Norman and Hilary for stepping in to help us with their marvellous cooking skills to give our Rob the odd break. What a marvellous team you are!

We hope to be back again in October (though it may be on Thursdays....watch this space...). And keep your eyes and ears peeled for what we'll be doing in the Spring /Summer...think that TukTuk needs to get out from the winter hibernation...

crafts
songs
activities
sensory play

With yummy drinks & treats in the church hall afterwards

ST GEORGE'S

EASTER

Buggy Service For 0-5's

Wed 2nd April @ 10am
St George's Church Wilton

For all our 0-5's all our childrens groups - Stay & Play, Buggy Buddies, Tots@11, Kids@11 and Mossy Church and...well anyone with 0-5's come and join us for some Easter fun together!

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: Sat 29th March 2025 from 10am-12pm

Where: Dunning Room, St G's Church Hall

What to bring: Just your lovely self, a pair of scissors—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



TUESDAYS
In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**ST GEORGE'S WILTON
CHURCH HALL**

www.stgchurch.co.uk

It does what it says...we serve SOUP...and teas/coffees and maybe cake.
Come for a bowl and a chat. It would be great to see you!

Mothering Posy Team

Saturday 29th March 2025
10am-12pm

Dunning Room, St George's Church Hall

Spread some love this Mothering Sunday!
Help us to create some simple floral posies to bless all the wonderful women at St. G's on Mothering Sunday (Mothers or not.)
Email office@stgchurch.co.uk to let us know if you can help us!

Please bring a pair of scissors and or secateurs

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION



Pulse Ministries is a faith-driven charity dedicated to Enlarging and Equipping God's Kingdom. Their mission is to train, equip, and resource the Church, empowering churches to spread the Gospel and serve the children and youth in their areas more effectively. Through training, consultancy, and practical ministry support, Pulse Ministries helps churches grow stronger and more confident in children's ministry and outreach.

What makes this even more special is that Carmen Cromwell, serves as the charity lead! She has been involved in children's ministry and outreach for 14 years and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Your donations can help support the work of Pulse, ensuring we can continue to resource the church — providing training materials, ministry tools, and resources to churches and individuals eager to share God's love and work with children and youth. Every gift, big or small, plays a crucial role in strengthening this aim and advancing God's Kingdom.

Let's come together as a church family and support this exciting mission!

If you are unable to attend church but would like to donate to Pulse, please visit their website <https://pulseministries.org.uk/359/Donate>

JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

WELCOME AT 11AM

A warm smile and a lovely welcome can make all the difference to someone visiting us for the first time, or even for our regulars after a hard week - it's lovely to be greeted by a friendly face to put everyone at ease. We would love to increase the team to do this important ministry, so if you think it may be something you would like to do and join the team, please chat to Nick or Rob, Michael Hayes or even the Parish Office to find out more about what being a Welcomer means.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

We'd love to enlarge our group of volunteers who open / clean / close the St. George's Community Fridge. Why not volunteer by contacting me (Mervyn) at **fridge@stgchurch.co.uk** to find out more? We'd also like to be able to offer to have the Fridge open much more as the word is spreading across the town so if we can serve our community in this way it would be great to have more of you onboard!!

BUGGY BUDDIES

We walk alongside everyone at such a precious and often challenging time of life and to demonstrate the Christian faith in a gentle, practical way whether that's a sympathetic listening ear, pushing a buggy for a Mum while she walks with her active toddler, or providing a flask of free hot coffee for the grown ups! We urgently need more volunteers to keep Buggy Buddies running and allow it to thrive. If you can help out for just 2-3 sessions each term, please reach out to us at **families@stgchurch.co.uk**

MOSSY CHURCH TEAM

We have 'mini' sessions which take place during weekdays, two to three times per term as well as occasional Saturday or school holiday sessions for older children normally once a term. Joining the team wouldn't involve helping at all of the sessions, even once per term would be brilliant. This might be helping to prepare a craft or activity, or if you're not crafty, welcoming or making refreshments, or reading a story on the day. Email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** if you would like to find out more!





Community Fridge News

PLEASE NOTE THAT FROM SUNDAY 30TH MARCH THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 5PM AS THE CLOCKS WILL HAVE GONE FORWARD.

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful team of Volunteers - we couldn't do this without you. We would love to open for an extra day (we'd need two of each collector / cleaner to do this) but to do that we need YOU so please pray about it, look at your diaries and see what you may be willing to help us with. Together we can help to tackle food waste in our town! Email fridge@stgchurch.co.uk

Mervyn



Can You Spare An Hour?

**COLLECTING,
OPENING/CLOSING/CLEANING**

Could you spare an hour or so
once a fortnight?

We need help with collecting surplus food waste from shops, cleaning the Fridge/Shed or helping to open &/or close the Fridge
If you can help or would like to find out more, contact **Mervyn, St George's Fridge Coordinator** on fridge@stgchurch.co.uk

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*



St George's Wilton Community Fridge

St George's Wilton Church Hall Car Park
Taunton TA1 3JT

OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

From 9.30am to 4pm Autumn / Winter

From 9.30am to 5pm Spring / Summer

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE

- Bring your own bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there up to a **MAXIMUM OF FIVE ITEMS**
- Please take only what you'll use and leave enough for others
- Please sign out: **CLICK THE COUNTER** to the left of the door once

PLEASE NOTE: that food will vary in quantity and quality from day to day.



If you wish to donate to the Community Fridge, please put them in the crate to the right of the door.
If you donate something that requires refrigeration, please pop in the basket on the top shelf of the fridge. If you wish to help with the running of the Community Fridge, please email fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



ALL HANDS ON DECK !

If you have a DBS for St George's and are free to help on one or more - **Tuesday 8th April to Thursday 10th April from 9am - 3pm**

We'd love some additional hands on deck to help our fabulously fun Treasure Island Holiday Club.

If you can help with craft, refreshments, games set up/pack down and more, please get in touch with Carmen - we'd be really grateful and you'll have lots of fun.

Email her on carmen@stgchurch.co.uk



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.



Diary Dates 2025



Monday 17th March 9.30am
SPRINGTIME Mini Mossy For 0-5s

Wednesday 2nd April 10.00am
EASTER BUGGY SERVICE

Saturday 19th April 10.00am
A MOSSY EASTER For 0-12's

Tuesday 29th April 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s

Saturday 17th May 10.00am
MOSSY FAMILY For 0-12s

Monday 7th July 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s

Explore Engage Connect

Mossy Church is a relaxed, nature themed Christian group exploring creation, connecting with others & getting to know the Creator. Check out our Facebook page for regular ideas and to find out about our activities, trails and fun family events!



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.



SAFEGUARDING AT ST GEORGES

The Protection of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding in the church community to make our churches safe for children, young people and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility.

At St George's Wilton we take our safeguarding responsibility very seriously and we have our own safeguarding policy.

If you have a concern over ANY issue with regards to safeguarding, please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Team

Email our Safeguarding Officer, **Hilary McKegney** on: safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk or telephone 01823 284253 for the Parish Office



The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is **Ben Goodhind**
Please contact him: ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org
Tel: 01749 588917



| 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, Prayer & Video Studies | Galmington | 3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm | Tim & Barbara Finch |
| Dinner, Video Study & Prayer | Greenway Crescent | Every Wednesday 7.30pm | Carmen Cromwell |
| Bible & Prayer | 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 Bible Study | Bishops Hull | Every Thursday 7.30pm | Flaine & Geoff 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



Would You Consider A Gift In Your Will To St George's?



In the scriptures, financial giving is part of our worship and as many people have supported this church throughout their lives and giving a gift in your will enables you to make one last significant gift to the whole community.

Your legacy will help us to continue to give glory to God and serve our community for many years to come.

Pick up a leaflet or speak to one of the team to find out more



Help us to grow in Spirit and Number

Ann Weller

In Loving Memory

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

**Bishop Will Stewart,
David Bowerman and
Richard Booth**

*We 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.*

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:
Account Name: **St George's Wilton Stewardship**
Account No: **59935227**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!



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