



## A Note From

*Your Administrator*

### **A Sudden Silence – But Not the End**

It came without warning. One click of a button, and five years of work disappeared. Our church YouTube channel – which had grown from a lifeline in lockdown into a thriving community of worship and encouragement – has been terminated. No explanation. No appeal. Just gone.

This hurt. A lot. It might not mean much to you if you have never used it but for some, this is their way to be able to worship God. When people have been poorly, they have not missed out. When people have been away they have still been able to connect. And for me, it's been 5 years worth of a lot of hard work. Since the start of Covid, that little channel was more than just a collection of videos. It was connection. When our church doors had to close, it was a way to gather, to keep "the flock" together, and to remind each other: we are not alone.

I still remember those first shaky videos filmed in my kitchen – introducing songs, sharing smiles, offering hope. Trying to teach myself how to edit videos that looked good enough for people to want to join in with. Then, as God so often provides, help arrived in the form of Rev. Martin Kirkbride, who had just moved to the area (a story in itself of God's timing and calling!). With his support, we began recording real services inside the church. Together with the faithful contributions of Geoff Treasure preaching from his study, and others like Peter Joyce praying out on the Blackdown Hills, a patchwork of worship began to emerge.

As time went on, and with the arrival of a new vicar bringing fresh energy and ideas

and a "Let's give it a go" attitude, our online presence blossomed. He filmed in an empty church, spoke to faces he had never even seen or met, and little by little our online community grew.

We now had nearly 500 people subscribed, many finding comfort, encouragement, and faith through those Sunday services.

And now – all gone. At least on YouTube.

But here's the truth we need to hold on to: God's Word is never silenced. Isaiah 40:8 reminds us, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Platforms may come and go. Videos may vanish. But what was shared, what was sown, and what was received in people's hearts cannot be deleted.

Yes, this actually, for me, hurts. But it is not the end of the story. Just as Paul was thrown into prison yet kept writing letters that still encourage us today, so too can we find new ways to share the Good News. Our task remains the same: to be light in the darkness, to encourage one another, and to keep going.

The channel may be gone, but the community is not. The hope is not. The faith is not. And God most certainly is not.

Let us press on, for the message we carry is greater than any platform.

God Bless

*Bethan*

*Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and patience as we find the best way forward for online worship. As Hebrews 10:23 says: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."*

# St George's **News**

## **RETURN OF THE CURATES**

Praise the Lord we're nearly back to normal as our 2 Curates are back with us. Once school starts their new term, Carmen will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday morning. It's great to have them back with us - hoping they refreshed and renewed and ready to go!



## **PRAYER** MINISTRY *Course*

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

## **PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE @ ST GEORGES on 5th and 12th October 2025 @7.00pm**

This short two session course is offered to encourage All Christians to have confidence in Praying for each other, not just for healing but for any issue that may arise in our lives.

It is based on Biblical principles and examples, with Jesus as our role model both in what He did, but also what He taught.

For example in Jesus' final instructions to his disciples before His Ascension we read in Mk 16.15 on

*"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all – In my name you will place your hands on sick people and they will get well".*  
Prayer Ministry is for all people, Christians and non Christians alike.

Jesus also tells us, His followers that He gives us power and authority to minister to others, to cure diseases, and to heal the sick ( in mind, body or spirit) Luke 9.1-2. Throughout the Gospels we find accounts of Jesus healing all kinds of disease, paralysis, seizures, severe pain, even those affected by demons.

## **IN THE DAYS/WEEKS AHEAD**

### **Sunday 24th August**

**9.30am Common Worship Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service**

### **Monday 25th August**

**NO MORNING PRAYER AS BANK HOLIDAY**

### **Tuesday 26th August**

**7.30pm Bellringers**

### **Thursday 28th August**

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

### **Sunday 31st August**

**9.30am Common Worship Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service**

### **Monday 1st September**

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

**7.30pm Mens Shed**

**7.30pm Women in The Pub**

### **Tuesday 2nd September**

**7.30pm Bellringers**

### **Wednesday 3rd September**

**VICAR IS BACK IN BUSINESS**

### **Thursday 4th September**

**3.00pm Songs of Praises**

**7.30pm Worship PLUS**

### **Sunday 7th September**

**9.30am Common Worship Communion**

**11.00am Worship Service**

**12.30pm Sending Out Chris - more details to follow**

**7.30pm Launch of Somerset House of Prayer at North Street**

## **DATES TO SAVE:**

**Welcome Lunch -**

**Sun 21st Sept 12.30pm -**

for all who are new/relatively new/newish

**Our Harvest Services 9.30am and 11am-**

**Sun 28th Sept -**

more details to be released on how we're celebrating this year

**Baby Loss Memorial Service -**

**Thurs 9th Oct 7.30pm**

more details to follow

Until Jesus returns He has passed this ministry of prayer on to us. In John 14.12, Jesus clearly states *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing."* There it is, Jesus wants us to be exercising Prayer Ministry in His name today.

In the book of James we read further encouragement *"Pray for each other so that you may be healed"* (James 5.16).

The course will include looking at good practice in how we pray for each other, respecting boundaries and being conscious of the safeguarding and welfare of every one at all times, and will include opportunity to practice praying for each other.

## JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER

On Sunday 7th September, instead of having our 7pm PRAY, we will be joining together with other churches for the launch of the **Somerset House of Prayer.**

This will be the start of a whole week of prayer for SHoP with early morning zoom prayer meetings, midday prayer sessions in the Prayer Room (formerly Chamberlains) & nights of worship & teaching every evening. More details will follow but we thought it would be great to gather jointly to support this prayer across our town. **Sunday 7th September, 7.30pm North Street Church**



## WOMEN IN THE PUB

Note for your diaries to join us for Women In the Pub on Monday 1st September at 7.30pm - this month it's QUIZ time!!

We'd love to meet you, so come on up to The Vivary Arms to join us - you'd be very welcome!



# JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

## HOLY COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

To help with the distribution of Holy Communion is a real privilege and honour (and appointed by the Bishop no less!). We have some wonderful, faithful servants here who help each week at our 9.30am service but as we grow our 9.30 service, the more able to help us would be really helpful. If you have been a Communion Assistant in a previous church or would like to know more about it, do get in touch

**office@stgchurch.co.uk**



## 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!!

**We are in real need for more openers/closers/cleaners on a Saturday on alternate weeks so do get in touch if you can help!**



## SUNDAY CLUB KIDS/ YOUTH TEAM

We have such a great team and we have such fun. It's a real privilege to help our young ones and youth to learn about the love of Jesus even from being a tiny tot or a teen! We really need more people to come on board and help with the groups so they can continue to thrive. If you want to just be a helper that would be fab but if you would like to be a Leader but worry with all the preparation that it would be too much, then fear not - we can do all that for you so you can have a pre-made pack to help you lead the Club.

To find out more, get in touch with Bryony on **families@stgchurch.co.uk**





## WORSHIP +

### TIME IS NEARLY UPON US...

Something beautiful and powerful can happen when we meet to worship opening our hearts and souls and so we want to create that space for people to be able to unashamedly worship the Lord together.

Led by our 11am worship teams, we'll gather in the church and have a service to sing out our praises - maybe bringing a new song to our hearts - we'll see where the Spirit guides us through the worship and prayers.

Do join us, bring along friends who you think



## HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR SOFA

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who supports St George's on **easyfundraising**. Just by taking an extra step when you shop online and collecting a free donation for us, we've currently raised over **£74.77** - and that's with just **3** supporters. Just think how much we could be raising if all our church family who shopped online signed up to this.

It is super easy and I have now set mine up with my favourite online shoppes - Amazon, Ebay, Boots, Tesco...so everytime I shop and I go through easyfundraising, our church will be benefitting! Please join today by scanning this QR code.



## SUNSHINE SUNDAYS IN THE HALL

Our Sunshine Sundays are continuing up until and including Sunday 31st August .

The Hall is set up with lots of things to entertain your little ones and there is a tv livestreaming the service so you grown ups can still join in !

So if your little one starts to be too fidgety or would value using another space, do make use of the space available in the Hall.

Thanks to Charlotte and Ruth for stepping forward to help with this whilst Bryony takes a break. We really appreciate your help - especially as part of our Sunday Club team you should be taking a break too! Thank you!!



The catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deteriorate, but donations to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal are making a difference and helping DEC charities to reach people with lifesaving aid.

The announcement of temporary pauses in the conflict to increase aid deliveries into Gaza provides some long-awaited hope that DEC charities and their local partners can deliver more food, clean water and basic supplies. They are working to use this moment to do whatever they can and reach as many people as possible with support.

The extraordinary challenges around aid delivery have had a devastating impact on their work over the past months. With extremely limited supplies of food, fuel and medicine, they have been unable to carry out some of their lifesaving work. Safe and sustained access for humanitarian aid has never been so urgent.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is catastrophic. The global hunger monitor, the IPC, has warned that Gaza is now experiencing 'the worst-case scenario of famine'. Reports of people dying from malnutrition and starvation are rising fast. The health system has been decimated, and a dire shortage of fuel means the few hospitals still operating are being forced to make impossible decisions about the treatment they can provide. The remaining supplies of medicine and baby formula have almost gone.

In the past weeks, a surge in mass casualty incidents linked to new aid distribution sites has overwhelmed the shattered healthcare system even further, pushing it past its limit. DEC charities and their local partners are working separately to those distribution sites to deliver the support they are still able to, as safely as they can, such as medical care.

Through everything, staff and their families are dealing with unimaginably harsh conditions and facing significant risks as they carry out their vital work.

### **How are DEC charities supporting people ?**

Even in these dire conditions, DEC charities and local partners have still found ways to provide support. They are constantly adapting their operations to deliver whatever aid they can - as they have done throughout the crisis

- supported by generous donations to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.

Cash assistance is providing a lifeline as local market prices continue to spiral, enabling families to buy some food and essential items when they become available. Trained medical staff are providing vital care in field hospitals and clinics, even with medicine supplies running critically low.

DEC charities and their local partners have been working hard to continue delivering water, despite shortages of fuel and significant challenges moving around Gaza. Addressing severe shortages of food is the most urgent concern. Although a few DEC charities and their local partners have been distributing some hot meals and food parcels, without supplies entering Gaza, most have been unable to provide the food that so many had been relying on.

Examples of how DEC charities and their local partners have supported people in Gaza over the past weeks include:

ActionAid has been working with its local partner organisation to deliver hot meals through community kitchens.

Concern Worldwide and its local partner have been delivering clean water to displaced families through water trucks.

The British Red Cross is supporting its local partner, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, to provide medical care to some of the many sick and injured.

Oxfam is delivering food parcels to people living in displacement camps.

Donations to the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal are making a difference even in these extraordinarily desperate circumstances. More funds can help to ensure DEC charities and their local partners are ready to scale up their response when an opportunity arises.

**<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>**



**NOW OPEN SATURDAYS**



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

## OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays

**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](mailto:fridge@stgchurch.co.uk)



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 & Hilda Hayes <b>FULL</b>
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Garson
Pudding, Prayer & Video Studies	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch <b>FULL</b>
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Green <b>FULL</b>
Bible & Prayer	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andre <b>FULL</b>
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 3.00pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treas <b>FULL</b>

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](mailto:carmen@stgchurch.co.uk) or check out **My Groups on Churchsuite**

**ST GEORGE'S Tots@11**  
For 0-3's and their grownups

**song circle time craft play**

A space for babies, toddlers and their grownups to use during the service. Stay with your little one. The service is livestreamed. Find us downstairs in the Church.

**Minis@11**

Children aged between 3-5 for some worship and then lots of fun together!

**KIDS@11**  
Your paragraph text

**KIDS@11 FOR 3-10**

We have great fun in our Kids@11 Club. We have songs, short creative prayer activities, Bible stories, crafts, games and activities. Starting off in the Church, we then head to the hall for our session and come back to church to end with worship together!

**YOUTH@11**

**YOUTH@11 SCHOOL YEARS 6-10**

We start off in the Church for the worship at the 11 service and then head over to our own space to hang out for drinks, games, snacks, chat, videos. We look at a different topic each week and when we've finished we head back over to the Church for worship together.

**SUNDAY CLUBS @ ST G'S**

Come and join the fun!

We'd love as many of you to find a **Home Group** to be a part of. Maybe you came along to the Big Weekend and found that you enjoyed getting to know others more - a **Home Group** is a natural next step for fellowship and growing deeper in Spirit together so do ask Carmen about Home Groups - or if you'd like to host or lead one - that would be AMAZING!!!

**carmen@stgchurch.co.uk**



**Coffee Served in Hall 10.30-11.00**  
**Coffee Served in Church 12.15 - 12.45**  
Remember to bring your own mug and join us for coffee after the service!



# *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*

**Gerry Atkinson, Michael Hawkins, Monty Monelle Frank Price and Dorothy Lee**

*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*

## **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**



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## **Christian Giving Scheme**



## **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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