

Sunday 19th November 2023



A Note From **Your Vicar**

Last week I applied for (another) grant. 10,000 for something exciting. I needed to take a photograph of something boring to get something exciting. The boring thing is in a full cupboard behind plenty of stuff and I needed to get various angles using my fairly basic phone. Some of you can guess from that description!

As a Vicar, I try to be health and safety conscious – mostly because I can't sue myself here – and gradually unloaded the cupboard. After 2 minutes I got bored and decided to lean over an obstacle to get the picture. I got the picture but as I leant over the top my keys fell out of my pocket. It was a bit tight so I found a litter picker and tried to 'pick' my keys off the ground. This failed.

So I leant over again and managed to get the keys. But as I leant over the top my phone slid from inside my pocket, out onto the floor where my keys had been. I leant over picked up the phone which was not damaged by the fall.

I repacked the cupboard, slightly smug that I'd managed to get the photo which might secure 10k for our little church. It was only as I grabbed my keys that I realised they'd broken in the fall and that my car key remained on the floor of the cupboard.

And at this point I just laughed. All on my own I laughed in a way that made someone come and see if I was ok. Not a bad laugh. Just laughing at myself. At the beginning I'd tried to save some time and energy by not removing the items from the cupboard.

But in the process, I used triple the time and energy. This shortcut wasn't so short. It was much longer.

The Psalmist writes;

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him...Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – it leads only to evil."

Waiting does not need to be a passive process. It actually takes energy to wait well, to be patient and go a little slower than you first think. Indeed, if I had not 'fretted' but been patient I would've been alright rather than dangle perilously over the top of a trolley to retrieve my keys. Jesus asks, what do you add to your life by worrying. Perhaps we might add rushing...

God Bless
Hick

Who of **you** by worrying
can add a single hour to your **life**
Since you cannot do this very
little thing **why** do you
worry about the rest

LUKE 12: 25-26

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PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

We're nearly there... we have been told and I hope that as you join us on Sunday you'll see for yourself, already the difference from the outside. It sounds as though the inside is coming along just as well so just the floor, rail, signage and blinds to go.

I cannot tell you how it will transform the work here as we'll have a proper reception area for people giving access to the photocopier for church teams and will enable volunteers to come in to help with the office so hopefully things can become much more efficient and more welcoming for everyone.

Thank you so much for all your patience with this project - we too cant wait to be able to jup and running again....good things happen to those who wait....we've certainly been being taught patience here!!

We'll continue to keep you posted!

Bethan

I'm thrilled to let you know that we have raised an incredible **£2,178,41 for the Red Cross Morocco Earthquake appeal.**

This total includes £1,683,11 from the night itself (tickets, raffle, donations, bar) plus £495.30 from two Sunday collections at both the 09.30 and 11.00 services.

Thankyou to everyone who supported, donated and/or prayed. A massive thankyou to David and Ati Lewis, Pete and Teresa Underwood and Rachel Pinder who did so much cooking as well as helping to set up the evening. Thanks to Rob for setting up and running such a cool bar and to Carole Smith for suggesting the Sunday collections.

What a team!
With love and thanks

Hilary
x



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 19th November

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service in Hall

12.30pm Worship Team Lunch

Monday 20th November

10.00am Buggy Buddies

For more information contact:

families@stgchurch.co.uk

7.30pm Mens Shed - our Mens Shed meets every 1st and 3rd Mondays in the Scout Hut

Wednesday 22nd November

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

Thursday 23rd November

12.00pm SOUP-our new Cafe to come, have a bowl of soup and a natter. For more information email rob@stgchurch.co.uk

FUTURE DATES TO POP IN YOUR DIARIES....

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Worship Gathering

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Christmas Fayre

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

TUKTUK Community Carols

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Christmas Wreath Workshop

COMMUNITY FRIDGE OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
Autumn/Winter: 9.30am - 4pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
10.00pm - 1.00pm

VOLUNTEERS AREA

Everyone wants to belong.

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. Here are some teams you can join or may be looking for some additional hands on deck!

KIDS@11 TEAM

I am wondering if any of you out there are wondering what it would be like to help at Kids@11. You don't have to prepare anything it is just occasional pairs of helping hands that we need. It can be anything from once a month to once a term, every little helps. You are welcome to come and look before committing to anything. Please chat to me and I can tell you all about our lovely Kids@11.

If you do decide to help we do have to ask you to have a DBS check and to complete some online safeguarding training - it's not hard I promise you!

Please think and pray about it and speak to me, Hilary Hayes, or email **families@stgchurch.co.uk**

-Hilary Hayes.

COFFEE TEAM

Come and join our Coffee team to provide the wake up, the calm or the energy by helping on the coffee team serving the church family with refreshments in between our services. Get in touch via email to **rob@stgchurch.co.uk**

SET UP TEAM

Join the 11am Hall Set up team - a very easy way to help give to church! Putting out tables and chairs before the service and helping to put away once the service has finished. It only takes half an hour, so do get in touch to join the team **office@stgchurch.co.uk**

**All volunteers must complete St George's Safeguarding training and be DBS checked by our Safeguarding Officer prior to helping.*



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FESTIVE EVENT**

We have a VERY limited number of tickets left for this very special Workshop that is being run by our talented Sue Stenhouse and friends, helping you to make a very special Wreath this Christmas.

Tickets are £45 which includes all the materials (you can also bring along your own if there's something in particular you would like to incorporate!) as well as a soup lunch and tea/coffee.

Please email office@stgchurch.co.uk for a ticket by no later than 26th November.

This workshop will be advertised across social media from Sunday 19th November so do email us before then if you don't want to miss out.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Mens SHED

**MEETS EVERY 1st & 3rd
MONDAYS at 7.30pm**

SCOUT HUT, ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Come and join us every 1st & 3rd Mondays to make, build and mend on different projects together. Open to all to come along - you don't have to attend St George's to come along - we'd love to see you there! For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk

Saturday 2nd December 2023

Stalls from 2pm - 4.30pm

Prize Raffle and Carols by Candlelight 4.30pm-5.00pm

Admission:
Adults £2 Children (Under 12) FREE

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Christmas Fayre

Lots of
Magical
Stalls

Live
Music
Stage
with Zach & Katie

Marion-
Music
as Elsa from
Frozen!

Carols
By
Candlelight

Food Stalls
with
Hot Dogs and
Burgers

AMAZING
Prize Raffle
with Theatre
and Train
Tickets!

Church
Tower
Tours



*Book to see Santa in
his fabulous Grotto!!*

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE HELP REQUIRED

You have hopefully seen some of our Sign Up Sheets either in the Church Porch or on the Welcome Table at the 11am asking for help to make our Christmas Fayre another roaring success, but we thought we would list all the things we would love your help with....

Baking ... mince pies for the teas/coffees, cakes and traybakes for our Cake Stall

Face Painters - we'd love another couple of Face Painters which the children all loved having done before their visit to Santas Grotto!

Raffle Stall - help to man and sell the raffle tickets

Tombola - lots of bottles and chocolate for the stall (please start collecting but we'll let you know when you can deliver!)

As Good As New Stall - any good quality donations for our stall run so brilliantly by Marlene would be welcomed. **Do contact Marlene on thorntonbradshaws@yahoo.co.uk or 01823 275051** if you have anything. She can arrange to come and collect if need be or to be put under the Church Tower on a Sunday labelled for the Stall.

Setting Up Team and Closing Down Team - this one is where we are really needing your help. Last year there were so few of us it was exhausting and we want to make sure that

the Fayre is super fun for all - many hands make light work so help with setting up tables, gazebos, a list of whats required will be out soon but please, we would be so grateful for all hands on deck from as many of you as possible !!

If you can help us in ANY of these ways, do use the sign up sheets or email us at **events@stgchurch.co.uk**

We've only had a couple of people come forward offering to help with set up and set down - please do get in touch if you can help!! It may be a little physical - carrying tables, chairs, gazebos but we'd be so grateful!

Thank You!

BESOM CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Each year The Besom in Taunton delivers donated furniture and kitchen equipment to those in need. We praise God for the way He provides and answers prayer for the items that are required. The recipients may be individuals or families, and at Christmas time we like to bless those we have assisted during the year with Christmas food hampers.

All churches who support The Besom in Taunton are invited to take part and if you would like to donate food, please see the information in the poster. Thank you so much.

Jane Hamilton

There will be a donation box at the back of the Church for you to place your donations in and for the 11 o'clockers, there will be a donarion box under the Welcome Table in the Hall. Thank you!



THE BESOM in Taunton

Besom Christmas Hampers

Besom will be making up our Christmas Hampers again soon and delivering them to individuals and families we have assisted over the past year.

If you would like to contribute, we would be pleased to receive:

- Christmas cakes and puddings
- sweets
- chocolate logs
- tins of biscuits
- savoury treats
- chocolate tree novelties
- hot chocolate
- crackers
- selection boxes etc

The deadline for donations is Sunday 3 December. Please ask your own church about arrangements for collecting donated food.

*Besom is a Christian charity
working to show the love of Jesus
to all*



To contact The Besom in Taunton
please telephone on
07432 629444
or use the contact form
on our website

www.tauntonbesom.org.uk

*The Besom in Taunton is a registered charity
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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 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!

Rev'd Nick Taylor

Please remember the Taylor Family in your prayers as they say Goodbye for now to Nick, who served us all here at St George's for many years and will forever be remembered.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore. Amen.

The funeral will be taking place on Tuesday 21st November.

In Loving Memory

We remember
**Peter Hawkins and
Christine Gibbs**

*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.*



THURSDAYS
In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL**
www.stgchurch.co.uk

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our collections following Remembrance Sunday will be donated to 'Corrymeela', a Christian peace and reconciliation charity which was born out of the 'troubles' in Northern Ireland - but has now become a world-wide community of people who, in our increasingly divided world, are dedicated to encouraging and supporting communities to live together well, through their many training courses and periods of residential training. They support thousands of people from different backgrounds and cultures to understand and respect each other and live well together. Many courses are run for youth leaders, church leaders and those who desire to repair relationships and nurture cohesive leadership.



In this run-up to Christmas they are encouraging the world to "shine a light for peace" - and ask us "this Christmas, how will you shine a light for peace?"

If you are unable to attend our services and would like to donate, you can do so on their website <https://www.corrymeela.org/donate/recommitting-to-living-well-together>

Or post a cheque to:

Corrymeela Community,

5 Drumaroan Road

Ballycastle

Northern Ireland

BT54 6QU

Please do not send cash by post

AROUND TOWN in Taunton



A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

A wonderful Christmas celebration features a 50-voice choir from across Taunton's churches. This is an excellent opportunity to get into the festive Christmas season by inviting family, friends, and coworkers to hear some beautiful music as you hear about the story that changed everything!

Here's the link to purchase the ticket : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../a-gospel.../e-ravgjq>

TAUNTON CHAPLAINCY CAROL SERVICE

Taunton Team Chaplaincy invites everyone to the Chaplaincy Carol Service at St James Church, Taunton on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm, with special guests VOCE Choir. Refreshments will follow the carol service