



Sunday 20th February 2022

A Note From

Your Vicar

Vivary Park is a wonderful place. This morning, a set of mum-joggers from our school ran past, a ground worker laughed at my dogs (or possibly my overly large bobble hat), whilst an inebriated man yelled at him, then Somerset County Cricketers used the main park route to run laps. I have not made the acquaintance of many professional cricketers and I hadn't expected them to be so tall. Four times these giant cricketers thundered past my tiny dogs whilst their trainers shouted encouraging things like "3.50, Come on!". Where else in society do elite athletes, kids playing football and latte slurping mums mix?

British parks have a rich history. Originally privately owned and enjoyed by the public on only special occasions, the parks movement was borne out of social guilt at the lowered living conditions of the industrial revolution and rapid urbanisation. Add a concern for the social morality of the 'middle and lower classes' and parks were intended to bring something of country gentility into the town. This sort of language sounds a bit patronising now, but it took real vision, money and ongoing work to leave this fantastic legacy of everyone together with no barriers of cost or class. Everyday you will find workers quietly cutting, strimming, fixing and maintaining the place; to keep it free and open takes work. There is one other places that's supposed to be like this; the church. All who stand

before God, stand on a level platform; at the communion rail both presidents and paupers kneel. There is no barrier to worship, there are no reserved pews, saved seats, no special spots or indeed 'my ways', the church is our collective church and for all those who want to worship, you are welcome. This is a truth that few will disagree with, yet it has rarely been maintained in history. For much of history, the wider church has reflected the class and social divisions of society with wealthy and poorer churches that do not mix. Mixing things up is difficult and requires work it is a spiritual discipline to be intentionally open, to intentionally love our neighbours.

In the last few weeks, we've started new services which have welcomed lots of new people. Loads of them, new leaders, new patterns and experiences have sprung up quickly. As the Vicar, I'm excited to see growth and development and also mindful of the need for the ongoing work of keeping it open, keeping it available, that all who want to can come and worship. Dear reader, this means you too; if you haven't been to church for a while, now is a great time to join with some many new people, you'll fit right in!

God bless

Nick



A NOTE FROM OUR ROSA

We enjoyed a very busy 'Soup Saturday'. Bright weather encouraged lots of people to come along and fill all the extra tables and conversations, and laughter mixed well with the aroma of soups and the Valentine treats. It was great!, though think many forgot the stalls could only be there for that day, so sales were down. Even so a sum of £155.80 was added to the Church/Hall Fund. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Sunday; unfriendly weather greeted an early start I was not surprised that only one loyal person came to the meeting in the Winstone Room.

Some have offered help for the planned events, but we do need new leaders to help keep Tuesday afternoons running. Please sign up on the Request Sheet in the Porch. Let us know what you would

like to have; if you can help; if you can lead a session.

Doing things together is such a good way to make new friends, especially if you are new to our church family.

You can always ring me on 01823 338817
New people, new ideas..... don't be shy;

'Fun with Pancakes' numbers are limited which we are holding on **Tuesday 1st March** so please sign up, email or ring to be assured of a place,

Looking forward to meeting you on the arranged Tuesdays

Rosa x

ps Don't forget to pop the date of the next Soup Saturday in your diary as all proceeds will be going to Christian Aid!

A poster for a craft afternoon at St George's. The background is a blue surface with various craft supplies like buttons, a blue pen, and a pencil. The text is overlaid on the image.

ST GEORGE'S
**CRAFT
AFTERNOON**
in Dinning Room
TUES 22ND FEB 2022. 2.15PM
£3.00
MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."
Hebrews 10:25

A poster for Lent Lunch Soup Saturday. The background is a red banner with white text, set against a background of a bowl of soup. The text is as follows:

Lent Lunch
Soup Saturday
SATURDAY 12TH
MARCH 2022
FROM 12.15PM
ST GEORGE'S WILTON CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE
TAUNTON TA13JT
Voluntary Donations Welcome
COME AND JOIN US FOR A BOWL OF
HOMEMADE SOUP. ALL PROFITS GO TO...
christian
aid
• ST GEORGE'S •

BIBLE in one year

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the new date for the Bible In One Year meet up which will now take place on **Wednesday 2nd March**.

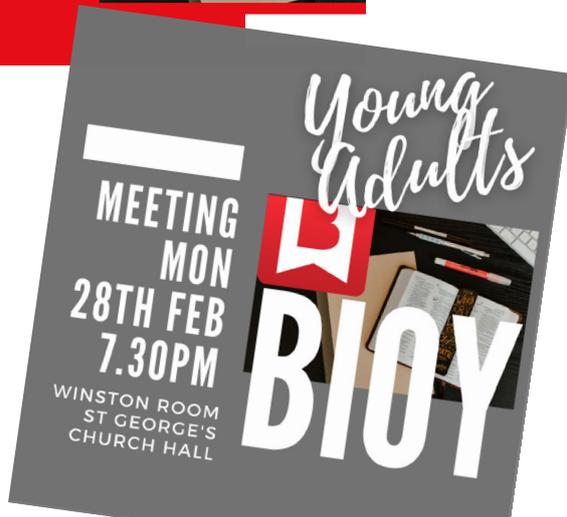
The Young Adults session for 20-30s is still on Monday 28th February.



MEETING
WED 2ND
MARCH
7.30PM

Bible In One Year

WINSTON ROOM
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL



Young Adults

MEETING
MON
28TH FEB
7.30PM

WINSTON ROOM
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL

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Learning In LENT

MAKE A NOTE...

On **Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm** we will be beginning a 5 week Lent Course similar to that we ran last year - Learning in Lockdown. It will be on Zoom on a Thursday evening for any who wish to join in. Please contact the church office if you would like to join in taking a look further into the Book of Acts in this season of lent.



Begins
THURS 10TH MARCH
7.30pm on Zoom



Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk to sign up!

✠ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 ✠

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

You are invited to join with this ecumenical celebration which is taking place all around the world on this day

to be held at

**St Mary Magdalene Church,
Church Square, Taunton**
starting at 10.30am

or for a shortened Service in the lunch hour also at

St Mary Magdalene Church

Church Square TA1 1SA

from 1.15pm – 1.45pm

I know the plans I have for you

World Day of PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer of Service is an ecumenical worldwide movement started in The USA and Canada in the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots that WDP has taken its present shape - a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

These days, it's not just for women but for all who would like to come and join in with this service which this year's service has been prepared by Christian women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Do pop the date in your diary and go along if you can.

St G's SERVICES



• ST GEORGE'S •

the nine thirty

A traditional **Holy Communion** Service in **our Church** building with sung liturgy and our Choir every 2nd and 4th Sunday

the online

Join us from the comfort of **your home** for our online service over on our **YouTube** channel, every Sunday from 9.45am

the eleven

Come along and grab a coffee at our new Worship service - a more relaxed, informal style of service.

Led by **Worship Band** and in **our Church Hall**

Sundays at 11.00am.

*There will be **Activity & Craft packs** available for families to use during the service aimed at ages 0-14 a Family Room will be freely open to families to access throughout the service with their children.*

For more information, get in touch!
We'd love to hear from you!

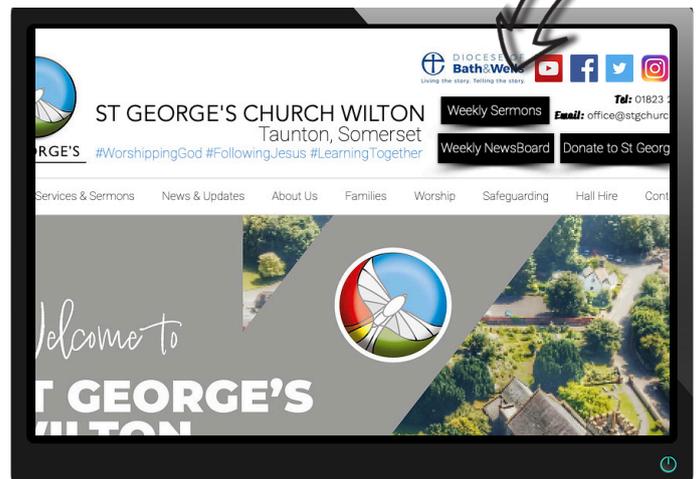
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Worshipping God
Following Jesus
Learning Together

WEEKLY SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Just to let you know that when we can, we will have the Sermons in text format available for you to read after the service. we hope that this will help those of you who find it hard to hear or follow the sermon in person or for those of you who would like to read it and use for Home Group discussion.

You can access the sermon directly from the Home Page on our website!



ST GEORGE'S **Charity Information**

Taunton's homeless community. In the first instance they provide a warm welcome, a smile and a cuppa! After that they work to ensure people have their basic needs met. They have showers, a clothing store and provide a laundry facility. They serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited refills of tea, coffee and juice. This works to increase people's self-esteem and gives them a positive sense of belonging.

Then, individuals are offered tailored support plans which target key goals such as developing life skills, sustaining accommodation and accessing employment. A huge team of over 45 volunteers helps to underpin this work - including some from our congregations.

Our charity collection for the next 2 weeks will be for
Taunton Open Door



Taunton Open Door is a day centre for

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ONLINE ...

please visit their page <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17972#!/DonationDetails>
You can pay here by PayPal, CAF or by card.

Alternatively, please send a cheque to **Taunton Open Door**,
1A Mount Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3QB

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Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle, please email: prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

OUR WEEK

Ahead

Saturday 19th

10.00am Love Creation Mossy Church Event

Sunday 20th

9.30am Holy Communion

9.45am Online Service

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service

Monday 21st

VICAR UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 15th

2.15pm Craft Afternoon



St George's

Sunday Services

NEW SERVICE PATTERN

SUN

20TH

FEB

9.30am Holy Communion Service
9.45am Online Service
11.00am Worship Service with Communion

SUN

27TH

FEB

9.30am Holy Communion Service *with Choir and sung liturgy*
9.45am Online Service
11.00am Worship Service

SUN

6TH

MAR

9.30am Holy Communion Service
9.45am Online Service
11.00am Worship Service

SUN

13TH

MAR

9.30am Holy Communion Service *with Choir and sung liturgy*
9.45am Online Service
11.00am Worship Service

GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

If you would like to donate to the work of St George's, we now have more ways to donate. We now have a Give A Little page which you can access either on our website or simply by hovering your phone camera on the QR code below which will take you directly to our giving page.



In Our Prayers

On Wednesday we said goodbye to **Elizabeth Mortimer White** at her funeral here at St George's.

Many turned up to pay their respects - a very full church indeed.

Thank you to Peter Ball for all his care and leading us through this really lovely service.

Please can you remember her and all the family in your prayers this week as they deal with their grief.

Thank you.



We remember

Leslie Bowerman, Reg Colman,
William Whatmore, Pat Baker,
and Barbara Baker

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.

The Readings

Sunday 20th February '22

The Lectionary readings for Sunday 16th January are:

REVELATION 4

LUKE 8:22-25

The readings in church and online for this Sunday will be the same.

Do get in touch if you would like to join our team to read either in church, online or both!

We are always looking for people to join our prayer team for our services too so get in touch if you'd like to join us and serve in this wonderful way!

The Collect

Sunday 20th February '22

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen