



# Sunday 25th February 2024

## A Note From **Your Vicar**

Most football clubs around the country have a chaplain. Indeed it is a hard calling to be enlisted as chaplain to your own football team. I live a little way from Manchester United but I think they need all the help they can get...so if you're reading Erik Ten Hag – give me a call. One exception to this rule was Nottingham Forest where the legendary Brian Clough banned chaplains throughout his tenure.

Later, another England legend took over the management – Stuart 'Psycho' Pierce. He was a terrifyingly 'hard man' and in today's football would have been sent off on a weekly basis for his bone crunching tackles. But he did accept the offer of a chaplain. Occasionally, attending training sessions and games, the chaplain managed to ingratiate himself enough to the point where the chaplain was asked for a carol service....Here's how that conversation went:

Pierce: 'We want a carol service'

Chaplain: 'Yes...of course...er'

Pierce: 'What?'

Chaplain: 'Well I am going to talk about Jesus...'

Pierce: (slightly aggressively) 'What? That's what Vicars do isn't it?'

That little line has stuck with me for years.

There is some stuff that 'Vicars do'. There is some stuff that Christians 'do'. It's part of the deal. And one of the biggest things is prayer. As a Christian community, lots of people have been asking me when our prayer service is and although we hold corporate

morning prayer each week on Monday and Thursday and used to do some lunchtime Wednesday sessions, I've been thinking we need something more.

Next Sunday night 3rd March will begin a series of monthly prayer meetings. The desire is to seek God in prayer. Sometimes that'll be quieter, sometimes noisier, we'll pray for our community, for the lost and broken, for our world and lastly ourselves. There will be some worship to help us focus. This is what Christians do. We pray. In my own life, I've found that prayer is both the catalyst and the goal itself. When we pray, stuff happens. But God isn't a vending machine doling out nice things to those who pay the price, or a teacher giving house points to favourites, instead God is both the means and the goal. We pray because God calls us to, and when we do pray stuff happens. There is so much to pray about for our world in turmoil, the different challenges in our community and prayer for our own lives too.

So join us, next Sunday night at 7.00. It'll be relaxed and prayerful and full of God. Come and Pray. It's what Christians do isn't it?

God bless,

*Nick*



St George's

# News



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

World Day of Prayer is fast approaching - and this year the Services in Taunton are being held HERE at ST GEORGE'S !

The full Service will be at 10.30am and there will be a shortened form of the Service (approx 30 mins) at 1.15pm - so, if you can't make the morning, maybe you could join in during the lunchtime.

These Services are held all around the World and begin as the sun rises in the Pacific on 1 March and continue to be held in different countries as the day rolls on, until the sun sets again over the Pacific - with over 150 countries taking part.

Each year the Service is written by Christian women from a different country and this year's Service has been written by the women of Palestine.

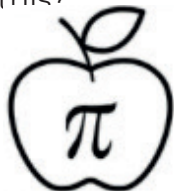
YOU TOO CAN BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WAVE OF PRAYER !

Everyone is welcome at these ecumenical Services. Let's give our visitors a very warm St George's welcome!

*Carole*

## WOMEN IN THE PUB

Can you solve this?



Come along for an evening of Dingbats! Our Women In The Pub are meeting up again on **Monday 4th March 7.30pm** and we'd love to see you there for a drink and a catch up. This time, just for fun, there'll be a game to play too so please pop into your diaries and join us then!

*Kate and Jenny*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 25th February

9.30am **Holy Communion** in Church

11.00am **Worship Service - with Communion**

### Monday 26th February

10.00am **Buggy Buddies** For more information contact:

[families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

### Tuesday 27th February

7.30pm **Bellringing Practice**- for more info on joining the Bellringing Team, contact Brenda Arcscott via Parish Office.

### Wednesday 28th February

9.30am **Stay and Play** - our Baby and Toddler group in Church Hall. £2 per family

### Thursday 29th February

12.00pm **SOUP**- Come and bring a friend for a bowl of soup. Do get in touch with Rob at [rob@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

### Friday 1st March

10.30am **World Day of Prayer**

- see the NewsBoard article for more information. Contact Carole Smith



Come and join us on the 1st Monday of the month. We'll often bring something "to do" - a quiz, a craft or even share a meal but it's more about having time together to catch up!

OPEN TO ALL

You don't have to attend St George's to come along! For more information email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

## PIANO, CAKE AND TEA

To mark the fifteenth anniversary of Lis's death, and to raise funds for Myeloma UK, I am proposing to hold three afternoons of Piano, Tea and cakes at 31 Manor Road, TA15BG on March, 6th, 13th and 20th at 2.30 pm.

Numbers are limited to a dozen each afternoon. I propose to play music from the shows and silver screen.

Further details and tickets available from me (at a cost of five pounds at least.)  
Tel. 01823 288 504



**PIANO  
TEA & CAKE**

Playing Songs from the Shows and the Silver Screen

**WED 6TH, 13TH & 20TH  
MARCH 2.30PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO MYELOMA UK  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LIS TREASURE**

31 Manor Road, TA15BG

**FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS  
CONTACT GEOFF TREASURE 01823 288 504**

**£5**  
Limited No.  
Available

## MEALS!

From time to time we have people who are going through particularly tough and stressful times. Maybe they are recovering from an operation, been discharged from hospital, supporting family or quite simply just finding life difficult. One of the ways that we, as a church family, could help in these situations, would be to provide the occasional meal for the person/family so that there is one less thing for them to organise every now and again. If you would be willing to cook and deliver a meal to those in particular need, please contact Hilary McKegney on [hilary@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:hilary@stgchurch.co.uk). Hilary is compiling a list of willing volunteers and will contact you if needed. Many thanks in anticipation.

*Hilary*

## VOLUNTEERS AREA

### DON'T MISS OUT - JOIN A TEAM TODAY!

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!

### 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](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT TEAM

Have you been a Communion Assistant in a previous Church? Would you like to serve in this team, especially at our 9.30am service? We would love for more to be a part of this really special ministry - one that feels a real privilege to be a part of. If you have done this before or would like to help serve in this way, please email us to let us know!

[office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

### BUGGY BUDDIES TEAM

Another wonderful group for bumps to babies to toddlers and we'd love you to join our team where we walk and talk with the Mums/Carers and just be there to chat and provide coffee and a listening ear. If you can help once a month on a Monday morning that would be wonderful. Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) if you would like to find out more!

### WELCOME TEAM

We want everyone who comes along to St G's to feel welcome, to see what a great church family we are and to want to come back again! If you think you could be that welcoming face for either of our services, get in touch with either Peter Joyce (for the 9.30am) or Michael Hayes (for the 11am) [joyce07@btinternet.com](mailto:joyce07@btinternet.com) [mhayes@outlook.com](mailto:mhayes@outlook.com)



## LEE ABBEY WEEKEND AWAY

### Lee Abbey update

We are sorry to say that there is no more single accommodation available to us and we will be closing the books completely on Tuesday. If you want to come in a double standard, twin standard, or triple standard or an en-suite family room (sleeps 4) then let us know before Tuesday. If you are a family then the triple room may take a z bed or cot.

Thank you to all who have booked, you will receive an email in about a week with further details.

Looking forward to our time together,

*Hilary and Hilary*

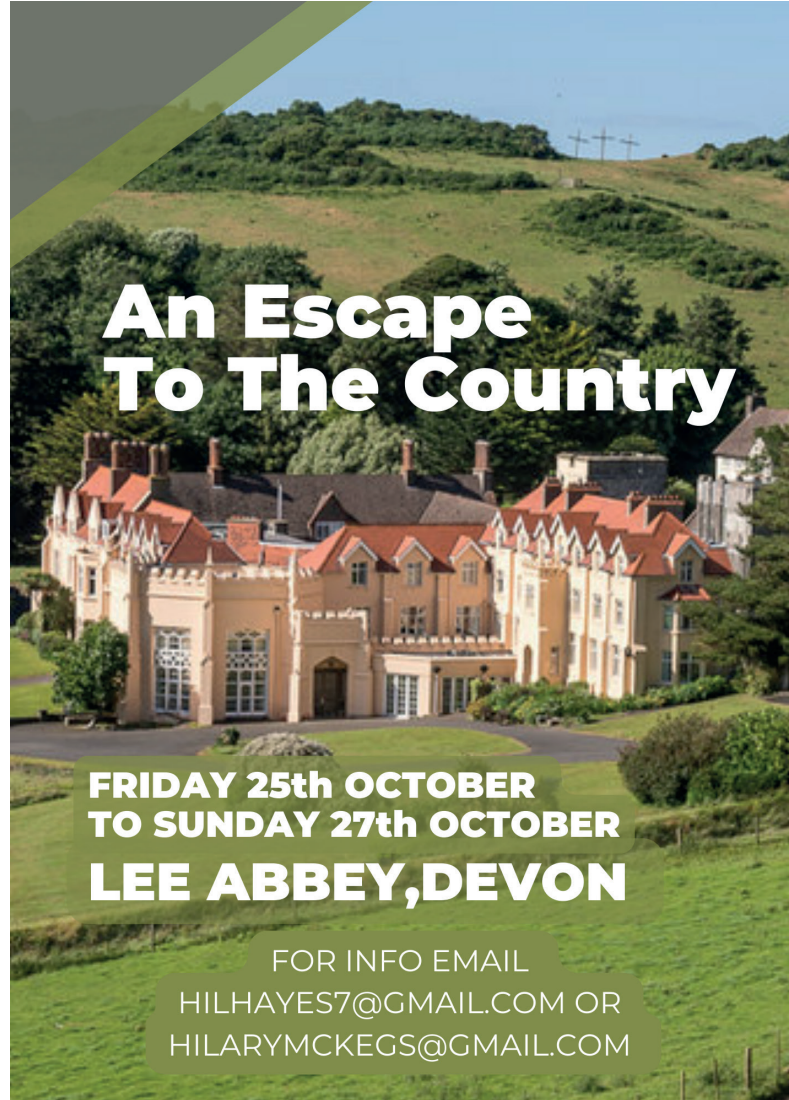
Further information from:

**Hilary Hayes** hilhayes7@gmail.com. or

**Hilary McKegney** hilarymckegs@gmail.com

*We do hope that all of you who have booked on will have a wonderful time at Lee Abbey. It is a special place and a really peaceful escape where we hope you will feel closer to God and to one another.*

*Their Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends are great and we hope that you will feel all of those*



# An Escape To The Country

**FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER  
TO SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER  
LEE ABBEY, DEVON**

FOR INFO EMAIL

HILHAYES7@GMAIL.COM OR  
HILARYMCKEGS@GMAIL.COM

For the month of February we have set up a Fund so that we can support any of our Church Family who needs a helping hand.

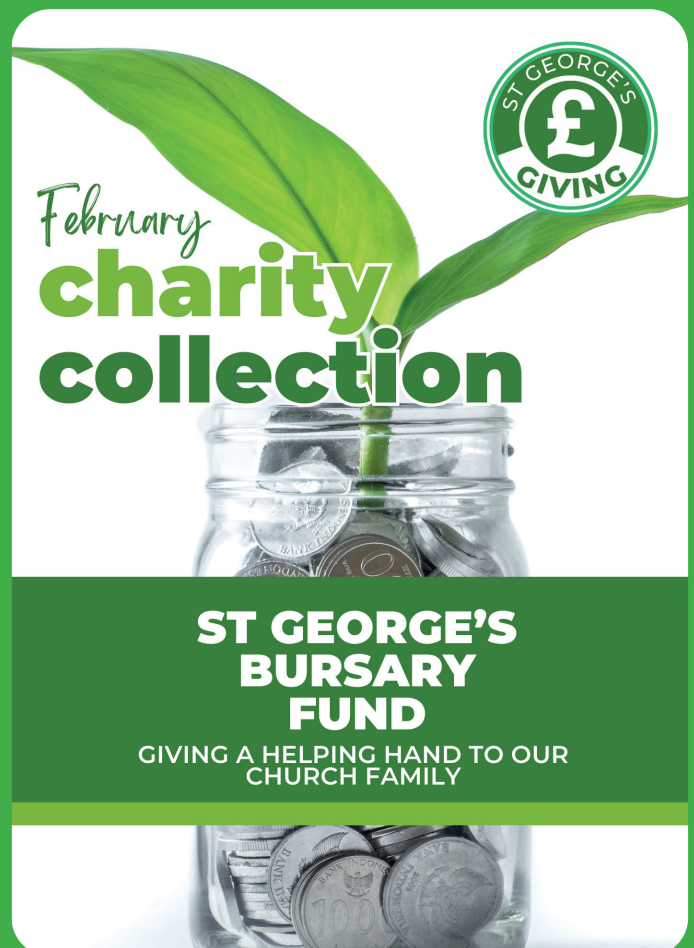
This will be with a financial donation to help people to be able to join in with any of our church led events/activities that they may wish to join in but feel that it would maybe be difficult financially.

The St George's Bursary may be used to help with payment for things like a Church Weekend Away, 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



**ST GEORGE'S  
BURSARY  
FUND**

GIVING A HELPING HAND TO OUR  
CHURCH FAMILY

# 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](mailto: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!*

ST GEORGE'S WILTON  
**PRAYER**  
& Worship

1ST SUNDAYS @7PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a 1st Sunday for a short time of prayer, reflection and worship.

*'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'* Matthew 18:20

BEGINNING SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024



*In Loving Memory*

*We remember*

**Helen Russell and  
Christine Harris,**

*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.*

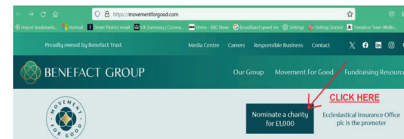
*May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.*

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.*

#### **How to nominate Wellington Street Pastors for £1000 of Benefact charitable funding.**

1. Before 16 March, go to Benefact homepage: <https://movementforgood.com/>.

You will see the following page; click on "nominate a charity for £1000" as shown

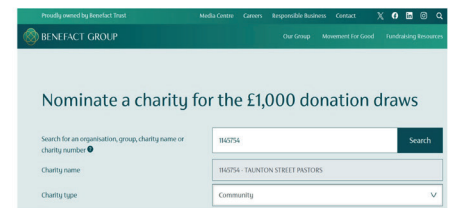


2. This will take you to the nominations page. Please enter the following number which uniquely identifies Wellington, Taunton & Bridgwater Street Pastors

1145754

This will return "1145754 Taunton Street Pastors" (Wellington, Taunton & Bridgwater combined)

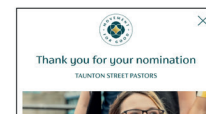
3. On the line below, please chose "COMMUNITY" from the drop-down list of charity types, as in the screenshot below:



4. Continue down the page, filling-in your personal details, then press the "nominate your charity for £1000" button at the bottom of the page and shown below:



5. Once completed successfully, you'll see the following screen confirming successful nomination:



Street Pastors are in need of help to get some funding to help their work in Taunton, Wellington and Bridgwater. It just takes a couple of minutes to complete, and would be really great if a good number of people could support us! There are a number of people associated with Street Pastors at St George's, so would mean a lot to us all! Thank you so much!

*Di*



# Who's **WHO**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ANY OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL

## **Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin**

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## **Churchwardens**

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## **Curate**

Rev'd Rob Cromwell

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## **Associate Minister**

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## **Reader**

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## **Parish Administrator**

Bethan Baigent

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## **Safeguarding**

Nick Griffin

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## **PCC Reps**

Matt Norman

Paul Cole

Mary Carson

Pete Underwood

Laura Willetts

Katie Lanchbury

## **Families Coordinator**

If you would like to find out more about what we have on for families here at St G's

Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

## **Pastoral Care Coordinator**

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## **Digital and Technology Coordinator**

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## **Small Groups Coordinator**

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## **Community Fridge Coordinator**

Mervyn Roberts

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## **Hospitality Coordinator**

Rob Cromwell

Email: [rob@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:rob@stgchurch.co.uk)

## **Prayer Circle**

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle email:

[prayer@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:prayer@stgchurch.co.uk)

## **Christian Giving**

Robin Stamp

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## **Electoral Roll Officer**

Laurie Jeffery

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## **Deanery Synod Reps**

Hilary Hayes

Hilary McKegney

The West Somerset Singers  
with tenor soloist Gregory Steward

# Road to Calvary

Music for Holy Week

Olivet to Calvary - J.H. Maunder  
God So Loved The World - Stainer  
Il fervido desiderio - Bellini  
Agnus Dei - Bizet



Saturday 23 March 2024 - 7.00pm

St George's RC Church, Taunton TA1 3NN

Tickets £10 from Chris Knapman on (01823) 335303 or on the door

[westsomersetsingers.org](http://westsomersetsingers.org)

FILM SCREENING AND Q&A:

# AFTER THE FLOOD

THE CHURCH, SLAVERY AND RECONCILIATION

Q&A Speakers include:



**Rev Alton Bell** Co-host  
Chair of Movement for Justice & Reconciliation



**Susann Savidge** Co-host  
Somerset African Caribbean Network



**Robert Beckford** Guest Speaker  
Professor of Climate and Social Justice at Winchester University, BAFTA award winning film maker, 'After the Flood' narrator

Saturday 9 March 2024

1.45 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. (arrival from 1.15 p.m.)

Cedars Hall, Wells BA5 2ST

Tickets: £10/Students £8

via [wells cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](http://wells cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk)

Tea and Coffee provided during the interval

'After the Flood' study booklet available @ £5 cash only at the event



## AFTER THE FLOOD

This 67 minute feature documentary shows how the 18th century Church became embroiled in chattel slavery. We discover how the Church justified its involvement in the trade and its lasting impact. The film then explores what this means for Christian reconciliation today.

"This film represents a watershed moment for the church. The case for the wrongs of the transatlantic slave trade to be addressed through restitution leading to true reconciliation has been made. I commend this film as a must watch for every person."

Bishop Mike Royal  
General Secretary, Churches Together in England, CTE

To watch a trailer and find out more about the film visit [www.mjr-uk.com/aftertheflood](http://www.mjr-uk.com/aftertheflood)



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# B1 Together / Pursuit

PRAYER AND PRAISE

With Special Guests:  
MATT SMITH

Sun 25th Feb, 7:30pm  
North Street Church

St James Players present

# Bodysnatchers

Fri 5th &  
Sat 6th April  
2024

A Whodunnit Mystery for Easter written by Jenny Wakefield

at St James Church, Taunton  
Doors Open 7pm Performance 7.30pm

Tickets are £10 (Students £8) available from:

Ticket Source:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-james-church-taunton>  
Phone 07796 248369

All proceeds go to

Ticket Price Includes:  
Nibbles, 'Banger in a Bun' at the interval  
Followed by Cake & Coffee after the show  
Bring your own drink to enjoy the evening!



## GIVE IN LENT



### HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD THIS LENT

In the 6 weeks of Lent, the food bank will provide emergency food parcels for local people and families facing hardship.

The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations we're receiving. Please donate an item or two from our shopping list, if you can.

#### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- UHT Milk (all types)
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sausage & Beans
- Tinned Ravioli/Spaghetti
- Tinned Macaroni Cheese
- Tinned Vegetarian Meals
- Mug Shots/Cup a Soup
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Custard



THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT

To find out how to donate food visit  
[taunton.foodbank.org.uk](http://taunton.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1163094).