



Sunday 30th April 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

Every now and again I inherit something new from my Nan who died about 5 years ago. It's not that somehow I get given them specifically by her, more that my Dad does not want the stuff in the house anymore and I'm the only one with a house to put them in. He once arrived with a full set of fire dogs, a large picture of a horse and a mysterious horse hoof.

Last week I inherited a 'Spirit Kettle'. It's electro-plated nickel silver – so not really worth anything at auction and was given by my Great Aunt Daisy to send my grandparents on picnics while camping. You put a burning oil in the bottom, water in the top and voila, you have some mildly warmed tea. It was never used but the real treasure was inside. A spidery and handwritten note seems to convey strange instructions or a message that is barely legible, I don't know what it says but I'm hoping for buried treasure...

What it really needs is a good clean but you can't put this sort of thing in the dishwasher. It needs carefully treating, scraping off crud and polishing up. Some bits of the note are lost, others we can get hold of. The accretions of time are hard to get rid of without damaging the fabric, even when they are undesirable.

Last week was St George's Day and last Thursday we celebrated our patron Saint with our fellow St Georges Roman Catholic Church. The truth is that finding out about THE St George is very difficult. The legends conflict and the information is scratchy at best. I'm pretty sure there wasn't a dragon but it's hard to get rid of the crud of history.

Perhaps we can't quite get all of the details right. Some things are lost to time. But others aren't. The festival of St George gives us a good excuse to connect with the other St Georges; we share a saint for we share our object of worship, for in the end there is only one church, and it is little bits of history that have once divided us.

We can't always agree about what the note says, or which way to clean the kettle up, but...we can gather in worship to the same God and Father of Jesus Christ and the same Holy Spirit. And then at the end, have a cup of tea – just not from the 'spirit kettle'.

God bless,
Nick



St George's **News**



RING - A -DING - DING

Well, the King's Coronation seems to have come around rather quickly but we are delighted that our trophy winning Bellringers will be ringing out across the land along with hundreds of other churches stretching from Lands End to John o Groates to ring in this special day. Some of them will be doing a Quarter Peal on Thursday 4th May at 7.00pm - so do enjoy that if that's when you come along to vote! A Quarter peal is rung before evensong or a special service, or to celebrate an important event. As it's a much longer performance, of a set length, to a specific composition, and with the same person ringing each bell throughout it means it will be our experienced ringers completing this but what is wonderful is that on the Saturday 6th, our new Bellringers will be joining in to mark the special Coronation Day!

We do hope you all enjoy ringing after all your training - what a great occasion to ring for!

And we hope all of you will enjoy the sounds of the peal as you go out to vote and to enjoy your Coronation celebrations!



CORONATION COME TOGETHER

We know that there are many celebrations taking place across the town over the Coronation weekend and that many of you may already have your own special plans but for those of you who are around and would like to mark this occasion with the church family, we thought we would come together and head down to Wilton Lands after the Sunday Services for a picnic together.

We do hope the weather will be kind for us and we'll give you more details nearer the time but do come and join us. If you have a crown why not pop it on and wear it and let's make it a time to remember together!





APCM IS COMING IN MAY...

The event of the year you have all been waiting for is nearly with us...our APCM. What is an APCM? Well it's an Annual meetings (APCM) which takes place in every parish before 31 May each year. The annual meeting receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. It also elects new members to the PCC and to deanery synod every three years.

Now we know that may not sound too exciting, but we want this year for as many as possible to come along, hear about the vision and the plans we want to help us to grow in Spirit, grow in number. For us all to take ownership of this church and to get behind and support those that make decisions to enable us to reach our vision....there may even be cake...

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you have been coming to us for over 6 months and would consider yourself as St G's being your home church, do get in touch for an Electoral Roll form from the Church Office.

This allows you to make a vote in our APCM (our Annual Meeting where we elect our Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod) and helps us to know what our worshipping community is here.

Do email office@stgchurch.co.uk and I can send you a form to complete or pop one in the post!

Additionally if you have not yet signed up for our Christian Giving Scheme and would like to contribute to the work of St George's on a regular basis, then I can also send out a copy of the form for that also.



PHASE ONE PROJECT DONATIONS LAST DAY

On Sunday 30th April, we will have a Gift Day as your final chance to contribute to the project. We have now had 22 donations so getting slightly nearer our target and booking in those builders which we hope to book in for August. If we end up receiving more than we need then it will go towards our Phase 2 plans which we are currently consulting on but we have to say look extremely exciting and will really help us to become the Community Hub that we pray to become. We can't wait to show you.

HUGE THANKS to those of you who have contributed, we are so very thankful to you. If you are able to contribute to this project, please make cheques payable to **St George's Wilton** or pay direct online with a reference of **Building Project** using the following information : A/C Name: **St George's Wilton A/C** No: **29750970** Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you!

FAMILIES at St G's

our playgroup needs YOU

stories
snacks
songs
friends
crafts
toys

HELP
WITH
PREPPING &
SERVING
REFRESHMENTS

HELP WITH
WELCOMING
FAMILIES
& CHATTING
TO THE PARENTS
& CARERS

WED
9.30 -
11.00

HELP NEEDED ONCE A
MONTH TERM TIME ONLY



JUST AN HOUR OR SO A MONTH CAN MAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE

Are you able to come and join this great team who run our really popular baby and toddler group? We're not asking you to be a leader but if you could come and offer the following help that would be so brilliant:

Setting up

- Prepping Refreshments
- Serving Refreshments
- Welcoming Families
- Chatting to Families
- Helping Clear Away

There really is such a great buzz about the group so if you can offer help once a month we honestly think you'd enjoy it too. It's GREAT outreach with some lovely families that come along and appreciate all we have to offer.

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk if you could offer help or would like more information!

YOUTH
@11



summer term at st g's

YOUTH@11

For Years 6-10
Meeting in St G's Scout
Hut (behind the hall)
after the 11am's first song.
We'll have drinks, snacks
games, chats, videos...

So come
and join us!

sundays

30th april
14th may
28th may
11th june
25th june
9th july
23rd july

topics

listening
loyalty
selfless
trustworthy
one big family
david & goliath
speck & the log

For more information on Youth@11 please contact
families@stgchurch.co.uk

Creche
@11

We need volunteers to help set out and pack up the toys each week and help with a deep clean of the toys on a regular basis. You don't have to lead anything or be in the creche room during the service, but if you are **willing and able**

to move toys, boxes and

some lighter equipment even just once a month, or half term before and after the service@11 and help with the occasional clean, it would help enormously.

Please email families@stgchurch.co.uk for full details about what's involved. *Thank you!*

*Do you have...
a play tunnel,
a child's tipi tent, soft play cubes
or any good quality foam play mats
you no longer use as we are looking
to upgrade and equip our creche
room for the 11 service.*

*Please email
families@stgchurch.co.uk
if you can help.*

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's



children's hospice
SOUTH WEST

Our Charity Collection is for **CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST**

Children's Hospice South West provides palliative, respite, end of life and bereavement care for life-limited and terminally ill children and their families from the south west region. They work to help every child and family living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition to get the very best care and support they can so they can make the most of every moment together.

Instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to.

We try to donate to local charities, Christian charities at home and abroad and any Emergency Appeal that is brought to our attention.

If you would like to donate to this charity please do bring cash to the Sunday Service and pop into the donations basket.
Thank you!

JUST A VOTING REMINDER

Just to remind you all that now when you go to vote you have to show photo ID to make sure you can legally vote unless you are voting via the post.

Our Dunning Room will be a Polling Station on Thursday 4th May until 10.00pm so do remember if you want your vote to count, to take along your ID. 😊

The Electoral Commission

Find out more at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

**Remember,
I need photo ID
to vote**



**TAUNTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

- 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 office@stchurch.co.uk for Bethan to send you the form to complete.
- If you pay income tax, and have not already done so, please consider **Gift Aiding your giving**.
- If after praying about it, you would like to change the amount you are already giving to St George's, you will need to fill out a **new pledgeform** and, if appropriate a new standing order form.

- 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**
Account No: **29750970**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

If you have any questions about your Giving or would like some help, please do not hesitate to either contact the Church office or to our Christian Giving Officer, Michael Small on hortoncross@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

*We remember this week
Brian Underwood, Gladys
Williams, Audrey Dootson, Judy
Bellamy, Betty Rourke and
Brian Heard*

*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.
Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen
Amen.*



On Monday, we said farewell to Peter Ball - our Reader and our friend.

Thank you so much to those who helped with the service and especially to our refreshments team who put together such a wonderful spread. The Hall looked lovely and did our Peter proud - thank you!

The service was livestreamed and if you missed it but would still like to watch it then do get in touch with the Church Office and then we can send you the link in order to be able to watch it.

Please continue to keep Nigel and the family in your prayers as well as the Norman family as they all try to find their way on this new chapter. May they all feel His comfort, His love, His strength and His peace at this really difficult time.

Thank you x

The **Collect**

Sunday 30th April

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen



St George's Church Office Opening Times

The Church Office is open on
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays**
between 10am - 1pm
Outside those hours please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Thank You!

Prayer Ministry

AT THE ELEVEN

Prayer Ministry is available after the eleven service if
you would like prayer for yourself or another
with one of our Prayer Ministry Team

Who's **WHO**

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Families

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

Prayer Circle

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

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about or think would benefit from some TLC, email

pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk

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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 30th

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 1st May

BANK HOLIDAY - VICAR AND OFFICE UNAVAILABLE

Tuesday 2nd May

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 3rd May

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 4th May

Polling Station in Dunning Room All Day

Saturday 6th May

9.00am Coronation Church Bells Ring

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

12.30pm Church Picnic at Wilton Lands

Monday 8th May

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