



St George's **NewsBoard**

Sunday 5th February 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

We ordered a bag of onions this week.

We don't eat onions for various non-publishable reasons so they're surplus to requirements. The online delivery only sold them in bags not as an individual vegetable and the eldest needs them for his cooking class. So we've got eight onions and we need one. What are we going to do with them?

The short answer is that I don't know. It's a bit weird to give someone a bunch of onions, it feels wrong to put good food in the food waste. The truth is that one bag of onions cost 80p and whilst I don't want you thinking we're fat cats living in the vicarage, that ain't going to break the bank entirely.

No, I haven't completely run out of things to write about this is going somewhere. Apart from the craziness of buying excess onions, last week we also visited Taunton's first community fridge in Monkton Heathfield, nestled next to the new primary school. It was fantastic.

Firstly, the simplicity of the idea. Excess food doesn't rot slowly at home but can be used by other people. Second, anyone can access it, no questions asked, just take what you need. But thirdly and my clear favourite was the wonderful spin offs that have been developed. People love it so much they're working on a community garden, a toddler group has been grown too (also called stay and play!), community baking groups....all in the space of a neat seven months.

New housing estates are often thought of as soulless and unfriendly blocks

of housing that are good for companies building them but less so for people to live in. But this was brilliant and made a centre for the people to gather.

A major part of the vision of this church is to be the 'beating heart of Wilton and Sherford' and the good news is that we've just received the grant to be Taunton's second community fridge. So no more will my excess onions slowly wilt in my fridge, no more will the glut of courgettes from the allotment keep you awake at night instead there will be a local place where the plenty can be shared and bounty distributed.

I often think about the people of Israel wandering in the desert. They collected manna from the ground and were invited to take enough for each day. Everyone had enough and no one was hungry. But if you tried to hoard it, the manna would rot. We're gonna stop the rot and share the plenty...and save the onions!

This is a fairly big new project for us and if you want to be involved in cleaning/collecting/opening the fridge please be in touch. Full training will be provided and more detail to follow.

God Bless
Nick



St George's News

SHARING IS CARING

Well what another wonderful time we had together again on Sunday for our second Shared Lunch.

A HUGE thanks to the Loaves and Fishes team for producing another tastebud sensation with a heart chilli, jacket potatoes and some fine desert offerings too - we were spoilt for choice.



Thanks have to go to the chefs, the kitchen team, the servers, the desert makers, the washer uppers - you worked so hard but I hope that you felt the reward of lots of love and appreciation coming back your way.

We had SUCH a lovely time together. A place, a space, some food - a great way to get to know one another.

If you didnt come along, do try to make a note for next time as it was great to come together for this special time of fellowship.



Super Squad..though some helpers managed to escape the camera shot...



A great time of fellowship!

LIMITED TICKETS GOING FAST!!

Tickets are going fast for our evening of good food and good company with former BBC Journalist Clinton Rogers.

We'll have a Q&A with Clinton covering his broadcasting career, from his early days on BBC radio to setting up BBC Somerset Sound, reporting for HTV West and becoming the BBC's television correspondent in Somerset. So come and hear some of Clinton's stories in person on **Sunday 12th February at 6.30pm.**

Bring your own drink and enjoy a curry with us. Tickets £12.50 **email office@stgchurch.co.uk.**

**SUNDAY 12TH
FEBRUARY
6.30PM**

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL
WILTON, TAUNTON
TA1 3JT

CURRY with
CLINTON

AN EVENING WITH
CLINTON ROGERS

Join us for a curry and a Q&A with
former BBC Journalist Clinton Rogers
Bring your own drink
and enjoy the evening with
a curry and Clinton

£12.50

EMAIL:
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

You can pay direct by Bacs using
Name: **St George's Wilton**
Account No: **29750970**
Sort Code **60-80-06**
and quoting the reference :(Your Surname)
then Clinton eg Baigent Clinton

or come to the Church Office in office hours TUES - THURS 10-1PM and pay by cash or cheque made payable to **St George's Wilton**

In order to cater for everyone, there will be a limited number of tickets, so get in quick before we advertise more widely!
All proceeds will go to our **Community Fridge project.**

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

On **FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY** we have our next winter Stroll. We shall enjoy a town-based route around Goodland Gardens and French Weir, following the Mill Leat and the River Tone.

Meet at the far end of the Tesco car park beside the cut through to the footpath by the stream **at 10.15, to walk at 10.30** for about an hour. (NB: The Tesco parking time limit is now 1hr30mins)

Flapjacks may be on offer as a reward!
Coffee on this occasion might be purchased at the Weir coffee shop at the end of our walk if we wish to.

Rachel Pinder: 07818003297.
Janet Hall: 01823 337183

*Jesus You Walk With Me. -
Help Me to Walk With You.*

St George's Wilton A Stroll for the Soul

Walking Group

Conversation • Fellowship • Contemplation



For more information email:
office@stgchurch.co.uk

A GOOD READ!

The Bible Reading Fellowship publishes several sets of notes to accompany daily Bible reading, and I order these on behalf of several members of St George's who have commented how interesting and stimulating they find them.

There is a short Bible passage printed, with explanation, comment and prayer focus. The notes follow a fortnightly theme written by people from a range of church backgrounds which makes for interest and variety.

There are three issue a year each costing £4.95 for the standard size and £6.25 for the large print version. Postage is free. Payment on collection.

If you are interested, past issues are available to borrow and try out, and are kept in files at the back of the church under the tower.

I can bring some over to coffee on Sunday 5th February, I but I do need orders by Thursday 9th February please.

To know more about BRF activities and publications visit BRF.org.uk.

Marion Nunn

FAMILIES at St G's

EXCITING NEWS!

Kids@11 is ready to add Youth@11 on some Sunday mornings.

This will be a special group for those aged 11-16. There is even talk of hot chocolate and pancakes!

Do you think you could help? We really need one more helper for each group.

This wouldn't necessarily involve leading but just being a helping hand. It would be no more than once a month and the only requirement is a DBS check and a safeguarding certificate (they are not hard to do).

If you would like to know more chat to Hilary Hayes or Rose Slack or to Jenny Norman about DBS or Safeguarding.



We'd love you to come and join our teams to help us with the St G families get in touch!



A Relaxed Walking Group
run by a team of friendly Mums for Parents/Carers of Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Email: families@stgchurch.co.uk for info!

Do you happen to have:

- **Models of eggs** or access to real ones (from quail, duck or goose to ostrich sizes)
- Unusual (but clean) **feathers**, like peacock, pheasant or others
- Any chicks due around that time to bring along to show the children?
- A **Hook A Duck Set**

We would love to borrow them for an upcoming which you could lend to Mossy Church for an upcoming bird themed Mossy Church session in early April please?

If so, please

email families@stgchurch.co.uk or get in touch with Hilary Hayes

Many thanks!



ST GEORGE'S Charity Information

OUR CHARITY COLLECTION IS FOR MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

Mission Aviation Fellowship is an international Christian mission organisation that uses planes to overcome the barriers of jungles, mountains, swamps, insecurity and dilapidated infrastructure that prevent people receiving physical and spiritual care and hope for the future.

They provide aviation, communications and learning technology services to more than 1000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas - often ferrying people in need of emergency medical help to a hospital or taking mission partners to work with the communities to which they have been sent.



MAF believe that every community, however remote, should have the essentials for life. Their vision is 'to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ'.

If you are new to us at St George's, instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to.

If you would like to donate to these charities, do bring your money to the Sunday Service and pop into the donations basket.

Thank you!

THERE WILL BE A
COLLECTION BASKET ON
THE FONT IN CHURCH FOR
THE 9.30AM AND ON THE
WELCOME TABLE AT THE
11AM



WORSHIP at St G's

It has been so wonderful welcoming our new Worship Director, Chris

Sampson here to St George's. We do hope many of you have had a chance to introduce yourself and say hello to him these past couple of Sundays and if not that you may soon. There'll be lots of time and opportunities to get to know Chris but he has said what a wonderfully warm welcome he has been given!

As we move forward with Chris, we hope to bring you a Worship section in NewsBoard with any information, dates, events that may be coming up so do look out for new articles here each week.

We are having a special event '**Come and Sing Sunday**' on **Sunday 26th Feb**. There

will be a choir rehearsal **7.30-9.00pm Thu Feb 23rd** upstairs in the church hall and then we will sing together at the 9.30am Sunday service. Not necessary to read music or to wear a robe! We will sing some familiar hymns, some contemporary gospel songs and a featured choir number. There will be audio files available to help learn the music. Have a chat with Chris Sampson (or email chris@stgchurch.co.uk) for more info or just come along! If you're usually part of the 11am you are also very welcome to come and join us.

Another date to make a note of is for anyone interested in joining the **worship at the 11am** and for those already in the 11 Worship team, we would like to get together (and will bring some food) after the 11 Service on **Sunday 26th February**.

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?**
- 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 by scanning the QR code.



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

 WOMEN of GOD

18 FEB 2023

SPEAKERS

Jen Baker
Lydia Petitt
Christy Wimber

WORSHIP

Joe Hardy



womenofgodconference.org.uk



IN
COLLABORATION WITH



INVITE TO ALL ST G'S WOMEN

Would you like to enjoy a day of refreshment in your walk with God? Join Di and some other of our St G's ladies, who will be attending the 'Women of God Conference' in Yeovil. With challenging and practical teaching, inspiring worship, space to meet with others, market stalls, exhibition stands, refreshments and more on **February 18th from 9.30am-4.30pm**

This year's conference theme is "Love Legacy" with speakers Jen Baker, Lydia Petitt & Christy Wimber and worship led by Joe Hardy Tickets are £25 (or £20 for over 65's) and can be bought at <https://womenofgodconference.org.uk>

If you'd like to link up with others who are going (and arrange a lift with them - there are some car spaces available) then email office@stgchurch.co.uk and we'll put you in touch with them.

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Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle, please 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, get in touch with our Pastoral Team on

pastoral-care@stgchurch.co.uk

Families

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

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Please remember **Lesley Fairfax** in your prayers as the family say goodbye to Lesley's husband Richard at his funeral on Monday 6th February at 3.30pm. Please pray for Lesley, her three children and all the wider family and friends for comfort and strength as they hold one another through these difficult days ahead. May they feel His love, peace,, comfort and strength.

Our Church
Flowers
this week
have been kindly
donated by
Helen Price
in loving memory of
her sister
Eileen

We are very sad to let you all know of the passing of Tim Blackmore. He passed peacefully on Tuesday morning. The details of the funeral will be sent out in due course but in the meantime please pray for Carolyn and the family.

*Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot
be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your
eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The **Collect** Sun 5th Feb

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen

*We remember
Les Street, Norman d'Cruz,
Pauline Mumford, Julie Harris,
Ray Colwill, Anne Hickox
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.*

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 5th February

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 6th February

BETHAN AWAY

10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 7th February

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 8th February

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 9th February

10.00am Cosy Cafe

Friday 10th February

10.00am Stroll for the Soul

(see article for details)