



# Sunday 24th March 2024 *Palm Sunday*

## A Note From **Your Vicar**

I remember my first Easter as a Vicar. It was pretty intense to be honest. I was doing a lot of the preaching and I got so wrapped up in it, I remember sitting crouched on my seat, hoodie-hood over my head enraptured with the dramatic events.

Why was that first one so intense? I'd been a Christian for a long time, I'd gone to church. Even as a tiny kid when we didn't go to church, I was told we had to wait till Easter for the chocolate eggs to be eaten but never got the big deal. I'd orbited Easter, sort of done a bit of it, eaten the lamb, eaten all of the chocolate but somehow had missed the Easter journey itself.

I once read that Donald Trump watches movies really quickly by skipping all of the dialogue and jumping straight to the action sequences...and whilst it's possible to read the last page of a book, read a plot summary online or skip straight to dessert, you're probably missing something quite big. If you only want to see the big 'moments' of a story then the plot won't make much sense to you.

We know the story of Easter. We know how it finishes and where it's ending up. But...skipping to the end and losing the middle bits, you're missing out, I know I was for many years and I don't think that's an uncommon experience today.

On **Thursday** we have our Maundy Thursday Meal that begins with communion, has a meal in the middle and then ends with the stripping of the church. The mood changes as once the mood changed in another upper room and we'll shift from celebrating and feasting to the sobriety of a candlelit church slowly turning to darkness.

On **Friday**, we take time at the cross at 10.30 before joining in with the worship in the town centre from 12.00. Our Chris is leading a day of prayer and worship at North Street

On **Saturday**, all ages are welcome to join the Easter celebrations with open fires to toast buns, escape rooms for the teens and lots of activities for the family.

Then on **Easter Sunday**, we greet the new sunrise with worship at 6.30 before joining in big celebrations at our normal times of 9.30 and 11.00. Most of you reading this have 'done' Easter before. You've been to celebrations, hunted for eggs and eaten the big meal but this year, why not enter in to the journey in a deeper way, enter in to the whole Easter journey and see what you find.

I promise you'll be rewarded.

God bless,

*Nick*



St George's  
**News**

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY  
MAUNDY THURSDAY TICKETS**

As we need to know how many people we are catering for, we'll need to close the bookings on Monday.

The £10 Ticket includes:

- Lamb Tagine with giant Cous Cous (veggie alternative available)
- A glass of wine/soft drink
- Cake, Tea and Coffee
- Holy Communion
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You can buy your tickets online from our website <https://www.stgchurch.co.uk/maundy-thursday-meal>

Or by scanning this QR code on the image below. If you would prefer to pay by cash, make sure you collect one of the Maundy Thursday forms from church, complete it and return it with the correct money in an envelope and pop it through the Parish Office door.

It sounds like a really lovely evening and not too late, so we'd love you to join us.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

**Maundy Thursday Meal  
& Communion**

Join us as we share a meal, take Communion and prepare for what is to come.

TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE,  
OUR PARISH OFFICE OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 6.30PM

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL

**THE APCM IS COMING...**

It's that time again! St. George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is fast approaching! Please join us on **Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall.

The APCM is a great opportunity for the church family to learn more about the amazing activities in the parish, look at changes in the electoral roll, elect new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and deanery synod and to provide a financial update.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday 24th March**

**9.30am Worship with Holy Communion**

**11.00am Contemporary Worship Service**

with our children/young people's Sunday Clubs

**Monday 25th March**

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

**10.00am Buggy Buddies**

**Tuesday 26th March**

**7.30pm Bellringing Practice**

**Wednesday 27th March**

**10am Easter Buggy Service** - all our childrens groups come together to celebrate Easter

**Thursday 28th March**

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

**6.30pm Meal with Holy Communion**

**Friday 29th March - GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.30am Service** A quiet reflective service as we think about the cross

**Saturday 30th March**

**10.30am Easter Family Adventure** An easter event for families with crafts and hot cross buns!

**Sunday 31st March - EASTER SUNDAY**

**TBC Easter Sunrise Service** - welcoming in the Easter Sunrise

**9.30am Easter Worship Service** with Communion and liturgy

**11.00am Easter Contemporary Worship Service** with Communion





In preparation for this, we kindly ask anyone who is not on the electoral roll to complete a form, so that we can update the register in advance of the APCM.

Electoral roll forms will be available in St. George's Church and the Parish Office. Please hand in your completed form to Laurie Jeffery (Electoral Roll Officer) or a member of the St. George's team by Friday 12th April 2024.

Thank you!

*Lucy*  
PCC Secretary

## **PURSUIT DAY OF PRAYER**

On Good Friday, Chris Sampson and Kathryn Andrews as well as the rest of the Pursuit team will be holding an 11 hour Day of Prayer in North Street Church starting from 1pm through to Midnight.

There will be different Church Leaders and Ministries and worship bands from around the town throughout the 11 hours, filling the time with listening to His word, worship and a whole lot of prayer!

You can come and join for as little or as long as you like and dip in and out throughout the day - everyone is welcome.

**Nick will be leading some time of prayer and worship at 6.20pm and we would love for as many of you as possible to come along and be there.**

So come and pray with us for our churches, for our town and for one another.



*Come along to near the Market House at 12pm on Good Friday to hear The Pursuit Gospel Choir singing in the town.  
Do come down and let's show Taunton who Easter is really all about.*

# **VOLUNTEERS AREA**

*Come and give in a different way!*

## **KIDS@11 TEAM**

We believe children and young people are a fundamental part of Church and a blessing from God. The Kids@11 team want to encourage, nurture and support the children to shine their lights and make a difference in the world in their own wonderful way! By getting involved in the team, you can play a vital role in helping to make families feel welcome as we grow and learn about God together.

From September we will be needing more in the team and we'd love it if you would think and pray about it and see if you think this is a ministry where you could help us.

If you would like to find out more about Kids@11 then do get in touch. We hope the more in the team, the fewer times we'd all be needed but even if you could only help once a month or bi-monthly it would really help and we'd love to welcome you to the fun of Kids@11 Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

## **PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**

Prayer is such an important part of our church life here at St George's and we want more of it!! We'd love to be able to offer more during both the 9.30am and the 11am services so if you think that being part of our Prayer Ministry Team is something that you would like to be a part of and help us to grow our prayer life here, do get in touch with Nick, Rob or the Parish Office.

## **MOSSY CHURCH TEAM**

We have 'mini' sessions which take place during weekdays, two to three times per term as well as occasional Saturday or school holiday sessions for older children normally once a term. Joining the team wouldn't involve helping at all of the sessions, even once per term would be brilliant. This might be helping to prepare a craft or activity, or if you're not crafty, welcoming or making refreshments, or reading a story on the day. Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) if you would like to find out more!

## COMMUNITY FRIDGE SURVEY

After 6 months I have to submit some responses to HUBBUB who financed part of the setting up of the St George's Wilton Community Fridge. I'm going to put some printouts of the response form in the Shed for those who don't / can't 'do' technology but here's the link if you are able to do this please if you've used the fridge. I don't get to see it of course.

Fridge Users and Visitors survey: 6 months after opening/ongoing – Link here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/212083267422046>

Many Thanks.

*Mervyn*  
Fridge Coordinator

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR MENS

Please make a note for all you Men Shed gents or those wishing to come along and try it out that as the next Mens Shed would fall on the 1st April, with it being Easter Monday we thought that we should move it to the following day so our next meet up will be on **Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm**



*Gordon getting some band saw tuition from Arthur*



*Dave, Brian and Richard tackling the prickly challenge of building a hedgehog house which will be available freehold when completed!*

## NEXT WEEK'S NEWSBOARD

Just a heads up that after Easter, the Parish Office will be closed for the week and so next Sunday's NewsBoard will be a double edition.

If you need anything to be mentioned/promoted between 2nd-13th April, please can you make sure that you send me the article/

notice by no later than Tuesday 26th April at 12pm to make sure it will make the double edition.

Thank you all so much!

*Bethan*  
Parish Administrator

## THE BESOM IN TAUNTON

We praise God for a recent large donation of mugs, which are always in demand. Thank you to the donor. Specific needs at the moment are clean, good quality beds and mattresses, chests of drawers, and tables and chairs. Other needs are second hand kitchen items and good clean bedlinen.

Please see our website for full details – [www.tauntonbesom.org.uk](http://www.tauntonbesom.org.uk) <http://www.tauntonbesom.org.uk/>, or speak to Jane Hamilton, Helen Clegg or Hilary Hayes.

Thank you for your support, enabling those who sometimes have nothing to make a new start.



## A PIANO, A CUPPA AND A CAKE

Many thanks to those who were able to support the above. I am so pleased to be able to send a cheque for £500 to Myeloma UK.

There have been requests for a repeat in the Summer so if you missed this one.....

*Geoff Treasure*



# St George's Children & Young People

ST GEORGE'S  
**Tots@11**  
For 0-3's and their grownups

**song  
circle time  
craft  
play**

A space for babies, toddlers and their grown up to use during the 11am service. Stay with your little one as they play. The service is livestreamed for you to join in with. Find us upstairs in the Church Hall's Winston Room!

**KIDS @11**

**KIDS@11 FOR 3-10**

We have great fun in our Kids@11 Club. We have songs, short creative prayer activities, Bible stories, crafts, games and activities. Starting off in the Church, we then head to the Hall for our session and come back to church to end with worship together!

**YOUTH @11**

**YOUTH@11 SCHOOL YEARS 6-10**

We start off in the Church for the worship at the 11 service and then head over to our own space to hang out for drinks, games, snacks, chat, videos. We look at a different topic each week and when we've finished we head back over to the Church for worship together.

**Family  
Easter  
Adventure**

For ages 0-15

We've got...

- EASTER CRAFTS
- FAMILY ESCAPE ROOM
- OUTDOOR EASTER TRAIL
- CAMPFIRE HOT
- CROSS BUNS
- TUK TUK CAFE

Where?  
ST GEORGE'S  
WILTON,  
TAUNTON

When Is It?  
SATURDAY  
30TH MARCH  
10AM -12PM

For more details email: [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)



We love our children and young people so we do our best to make sure they have things they can engage, explore and create here with us at St George's. Do get in touch to find out more!

crafts  
songs  
activities  
sensory play

ST GEORGE'S

**EASTER**

**Buggy Service  
For 0-5's**

Wed 27th March @ 10am  
St George's Church Wilton  
With yummy drinks & treats in the church hall afterwards

# 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!*

## **CHARITY COLLECTION** MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families worldwide for over 140 years. As a Christian membership charity, Mothers' Union works tirelessly to serve communities while offering care for families regardless of faith or background. They bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

There will be baskets available by the South door for any cash donations and we now have our card facility up and running for you to donate that way. If you are a Church At Home worshipper, you can donate via their website - <https://www.mothersunion.org/donate>



## *In Loving Memory*

*We remember*

**Bishop Will Stewart, David Bowerman and Richard Booth**

*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.*

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If you would like Flowers In Loving Memory of a loved one, our Flower Team would love to help you with this so do get in touch with our Parish Office to arrange it.  
Email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)



*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)

COME AND CELEBRATE EASTER WITH

THE PURSUIT OF GOSPEL  
CHOIR & BAND

# Gospel Worship Night

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH † 7.30PM

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!



NORTH STREET CHURCH  
33 NORTH ST, TAUNTON TA1 1LW  
FREE ENTRY WITH LIMITED CAPACITY  
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

There is limited capacity so if you would like to come along, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Pursuit of Gospel Choir is a choir led by Chris Sampson from a variety of singers from churches across the town including some from St George's.

Come and join the celebration!



# 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

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## **Associate Minister**

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## **Parish Administrator**

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Matt Norman

Paul Cole

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Pete Underwood

Laura Willetts

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## **Families Coordinator**

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

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## **Hospitality Coordinator**

Rob Cromwell

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## **Prayer Circle**

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