



St George's **NewsBoard**

Sunday 29th January 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

Dear St. George's Church community,

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

As the saying goes, "Laughter is the best medicine." With that in mind, here's a little something to make you chuckle:

Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing!

On a more serious note, as we navigate through these uncertain times, it's important to remember that Jesus is the light in the darkness. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Let us hold onto this promise and trust in Jesus as our guide through life's challenges.

In His Service,
St. George's Church

Hmmm...did that sound like me? I wonder. It wasn't me. It was written by an Artificial Intelligence programme online. I wrote this:

'Can you write me a parish newsletter for St George's church, starting with something humorous yet thought provoking then concluding with how Jesus is light in darkness'

and the above is what was generated. It's called 'ChatGPT' and like the pocket calculator, the phone and Google, I think it's going to change a lot of the way we work and play.

How? I have no clue yet but copy writers are probably out of a job soon. This is basically a baby version that produced that wooden sounding article above and

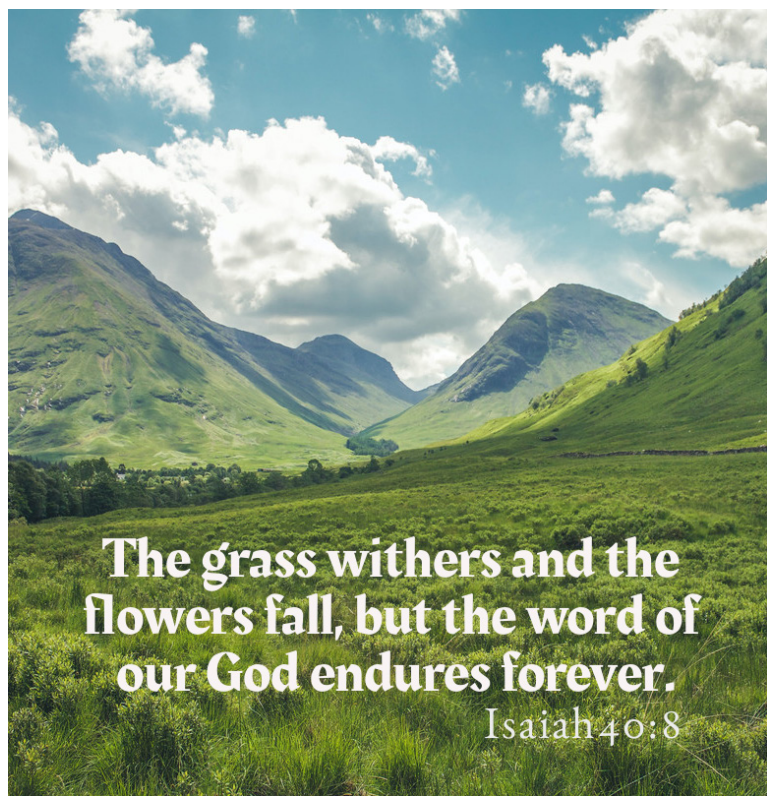
yet it is not hard to imagine it improving and quickly. I recommend you play with it, whilst it's still free.

This remarkable bit of software demonstrates the sheer pace of change that all generations are having to wrestle with.

It's a truism that the 'only constant is change' but the scriptures also point us to a deeper truth. The grasses do wither and the flower fades but the word of the Lord stands forever, says Isaiah.

Although it's almost impossible for us to keep up with all of the shifting sands of the world, we are called to look beyond the daily to the eternal and hold onto the One who sees all and yet remains unchanged. It calms the mind! (I even wrote that bit myself...honest!)

God Bless
Nick



**The grass withers and the
flowers fall, but the word of
our God endures forever.**

Isaiah 40:8

St George's News

SAFEGUARDING

Way back in the Old Testament they set up 'Cities of Refuge'. These cities were places that you could go to if you felt unsafe because someone was accusing you of something and you wanted justice. Places of safety and places of justice. Echoing those principles, St George's Church wants to be a safe place for all that come to us and interact with our teams. Liz Flower has been our tireless safeguarding officer for the past 8 years.

We're so grateful to Liz for all of her hard work, care, wisdom and patience with all of our policies, delicate work and careful deliberations. Liz has been an enormous support to me as the vicar in the time we've worked together and I am grateful to God for her. Taking over from Liz's role is our beloved Jenny Norman who is now our new safeguarding officer for the parish of St George's.

To be a safeguarding officer one has to be kind, wise and thoughtful with a keen eye for detail. I was delighted when Jenny stepped forward for the role because she fills all of these characteristics wonderfully. A change of guard means that there are always some shifting of policy and Jenny will be helping us get to grips with an everchanging landscape of safeguarding. Thanks to Jenny!

If you have any concerns or questions related to safeguarding in St George's Church, you can send a message to Jenny (safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk) or me (nick@stgchurch.co.uk). Safeguarding is a normal part of all churches and it's an expression of our worship to do our utmost to protect the most vulnerable children and adults in our care.

Please don't hesitate to talk even if you're not sure or feel it's just a tiny thing. The light brings the shadows to naught and can open the path to healing and wholeness for individuals and communities.



Jenny

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

LIMITED TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

Join us for an 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.

You can pay direct by Bacs using

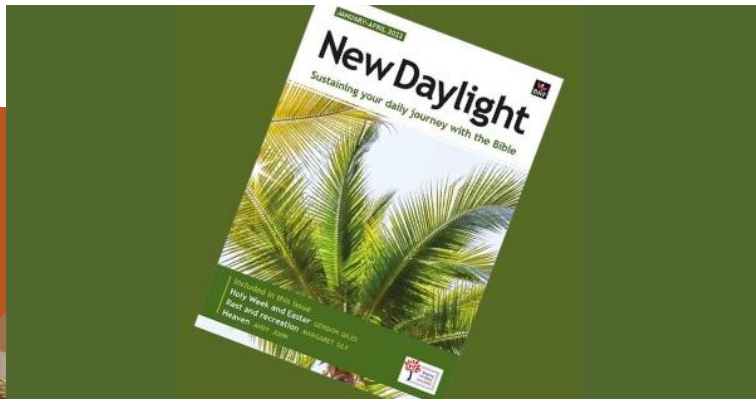
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and quoting the reference Clinton

to or come to the Church Office in office hours 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.



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 issues 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, but I do need orders by Thursday 9th February please.

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

Marion Nunn

STROLL FOR THE SOUL FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.

We hope to be walking beside the waterways from Tesco's car park to Goodland Gardens and French Weir.

Watch out for further details in Newsboard next week - or contact:

Rachel Pinder: 07818003297.

Janet Hall: 01823 337183

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

Mens SHED

• **MONDAY 30TH JANUARY** •
7.30PM
SCOUT HUT
• **ST GEORGE'S WILTON** •

For more information email

A WARM SPACE IN TAUNTON

Cosy Cafe

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

TUESDAYS
1.30pm - 4.00pm
THURSDAYS
10am - 12.30pm

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.



NEARLY NEW SALE

Thank you so much to those who donated, came to support, helped on the day, to make this a really great community event. It had such a lovely atmosphere and all those who came enjoyed and grabbed a bargain. We were able to let more people know about the brilliant family work we have here and the icing on the cake was making £175 which will go towards the work we do here at St Georges for Families and all the associated groups!

THANK YOU EVERYONE !!!



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:

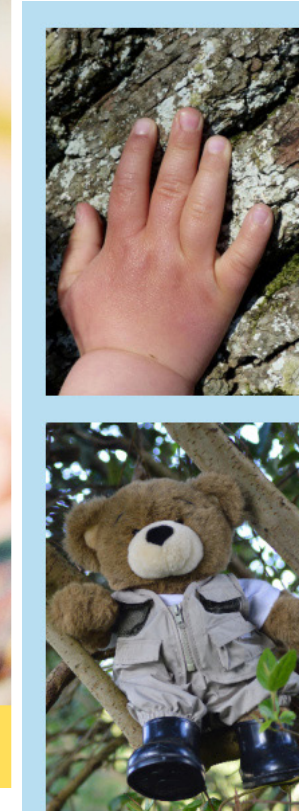
- **Models of eggs** or access to real ones (from quail, duck or goose to ostrich sizes)
- Unusual (but clean) **feathers**, like peacock, pheasant or others
- Any chicks due around that time to bring along to show the children?
- A **Hook A Duck Set**

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 WILTON **Mini Mossy Church** **FOR 0-5'S**

SLEEPY WINTER BEAR'S ADVENTURE
EXPLORING HOW NATURE & CREATURES REST IN WINTER

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 10-11.30AM

**NATURE CRAFTS
SENSORY PLAY
BABY PLAY AREA
STORIES & SONGS
SLEEPY BEAR TRAIL
BUILD YOUR BEAR A WINTER DEN
& LOTS MORE**

FREE TO ATTEND BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL

SESSION IS BOTH INDOORS & OUTDOORS @ ST GEORGES HALL & CHURCHYARD
FIND US ON FACEBOOK: @MOSSYCHURCHSTGSWILTON
BOOK NOW AT [HTTPS://MINIMOSSYSLEEPYWINTERBEARS.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://minimossysleepywinterbears.eventbrite.co.uk)

Who's **WHO**

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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 families@stgchurch.co.uk

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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 below.



Alternatively you can donate directly into our bank account using the following information and putting 'Donation' reference:

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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

Please remember **Lesley Fairfax** in your prayers as the family are moruning the loss of Lesley's husband Richard who passed on Monday following a very short illness. Please pray for Lesley, her daughter Anna and son Matt and all the wider family and friends. Lord, comfort them we pray and hold them close to you, especially now as they make their preparations for his funeral.

The **Collect** Sun 29th Jan

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

*We remember
Joy Tyrrell, Eileen Northam,
John Wyatt, Harry Brooks,
Les Street
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 29th January

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
10.00am Coffee Zoom
11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 30th January

10.00am Buggy Buddies
7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 31st January

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 1st February

9.30am Stay and Play
7.30pm Knit and Natter

Thursday 2nd February

10.00am Cosy Cafe

Friday 3rd and Monday 6th February
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

OUR CHARITY COLLECTION IS FOR ST MARGARETS HOSPICE

Our collections this week will be donated to St Margaret's Hospice, who have specialist In-patient beds at their Taunton Hospice, supporting patients with complex needs. Their specialist team of doctors, nurses, therapists and volunteers provide individual palliative care and support in homely and comfortable surroundings. As well as treating each patient's symptoms and controlling pain, they care for the emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of each person with respect and sensitivity.

They aim to achieve symptom control to support discharge and help patients to return home. Working with Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and Community Teams means they can make sure this happens safely and successfully. They support carers and families, offering training where required, to ensure safe discharge. Patients may remain at the Hospice for end-of-life care if this is best for them.

St Margaret's Hospice Care is a charity - not part of the NHS

If you are unable to attend either of our services but would like to donate to them, you can find their details on their website;

<https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/donate-now>

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



WOMEN of GOD

18 FEB 2023

SPEAKERS
Jen Baker
Lydia Petitt
Christy Wimber

WORSHIP
Joe Hardy

LOVE LEGACY

womenofgodconference.org.uk

10 YEARS
COLLABORATION WITH
Compassion

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.

EVERYDAY FAITH 29 January – 4 February 2023

Just a reminder to sign up if you would like to join in with the Diocese's Everyday Faith materials. Visit the Diocese website and register your details to receive info each day.

Online Launch Service – 29 January at 15:00.

Bishop Michael and Bishop Ruth will be joining us online for worship on the theme of Growing in Faith.

Stories of Growing in Faith -

Monday, 30 January – Saturday, 4 February

A short video will be released each day, featuring people from across the diocese talking about their experience of growing in faith. This can be sent straight to your inbox, So make sure to sign up



Valentine's fundraiser party!

Friday 17 February, from 7pm til late

@ Ring of Bells Pub,
Norton Fitzwarren, TA2 6QU

Suggested donation:
£10 adult, £25 family ticket

Come with someone you love!
Your bestie, your auntie/uncle,
your small group leader!

Ticket price includes:

- Elsa from Frozen (songs and games)
- Charity auction (get some amazing bargains)
- Light buffet
- Live jazz singer
- Disco!

To book please email:
created.to.sing@gmail.com

Booking by 1st February for catering purposes, please

100% ticket price and charity auction proceeds go to
The Besom in Taunton and Acts Uganda

The Besom in Taunton
is registered charity no 1152511

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Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

presents

Stand up and Sing!

an evening of music with special guests
Arquebus in aid of our Patrons' charity
Cancer Research UK - Taunton

on

Saturday 18th February 2023

at

St James Church, Taunton, TA1 1JS

7:30pm Doors open 7:00pm

Tickets £12.50 from:
• tauntondeanemvc.com
• Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir
01823 432495

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Stand up to cancer