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Sunday 15th May 2022

A Note From

Your Vicar

I'm kind of tone deaf. Not completely but... almost. Our lovely Ian described me at Christmas as a 'Russian Bassist'. But I do try. Many of you will have seen my guitars on my wall. I am self-taught – via youtube – and would love to have some lessons but I know my limitations! But I do try.

It's said that God loves a tryer. I hope so because he's got to put up with my singing!

But the truth is that trying things can make you feel vulnerable. Putting yourself out there to try means working through the nagging voices in your own mind, ignoring the negative voices of the present and stepping out. Of course not everybody can do everything ('having a go at fire eating' in the kitchen is not a great idea) but within a set framework, why not try? Courage is related to faith, in that you do not know the results of your efforts beforehand. You have to step out and have a go.

A few weeks back then song words went a bit wrong in our 11.00 service. It was a technical thing that we don't need to worry about but I said at the time and I repeat it now, that we aren't perfect. The church isn't perfect, I am not perfect and none of it's members are perfect. In fact, we aren't even going to try to be perfect because it's impossible and the effort just makes us anxious.

Our excellence will be demonstrated in our efforts to love God and love our neighbour rather than some stilted nervous desire to be 'perfect'.

On Tuesday 24th we have a 'worship jam'. The idea is that people love worshipping God plus it's really fun to play music together – whatever our ability. So it's an open invitation to singers and musicians to come along and try. Whether you play the Tuba, keys, guitar or good ol' triangle by coming you're not signing up for anything, rather you're having a go and getting involved. You might decide you want to join one of our bands, you might decide you never want to do it ever again ever or you might make some new friends.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

God bless,

Nick

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Worship Jam

*Play an Instrument?
Like to sing?
Want to be part of the Worship Team?*

TUESDAY 24TH MAY 7.30pm

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT AND COME AND JOIN US TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AND HELP US GROW THIS WORSHIP TEAM AT ST G'S

BRING YOUR OWN
Picnic

MAKE YOUR SANDWICHES,
GRAB YOUR PICNIC BLANKET, BASKET AND CHAIR
AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH TOGETHER
IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN!

Sunday 15th May
12:15pm

EMAIL OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK TO LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN JOIN US!

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY
7.00PM



Don't forget to pop this date in your diaries for our APCM which rather than holding after a service, will be **held in the Church THIS WEDNESDAY 7.00PM**

We hope as many of you will be there as we elect some new PCC members and as well as looking back over 2021, look forward to what may be ahead for St Georges..

We hope you can join us!



New to St G's?
Just dipping your toes in?
Want to find out more?

welcome tea

Come to the
Vicarage
Garden and
meet others
who are new
to St G's too!

Find out more
about who we are
and what we do
here at
ST GEORGE'S
WILTON

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk

SAT 21st MAY
2.30pm
Vicarage
Garden

If you would like to come along to our Welcome Tea on Saturday 21st May at 2.30pm - just email office@stgchurch.co.uk to let us know!

If you are someone who likes to bake, we'll be in need of some scones for the welcome tea. Do get in touch if you would be willing and able to bake some for us - that would be amazing! xx

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

PRAYER & Worship

WEDNESDAYS @1PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a Wednesday 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

ST GEORGE'S WILTON ● FONS GEORGE ● TAUNTON



St George's News

HELP FOR A UKRAINIAN FAMILY

An update from Pauline Blackmore on behalf of her friend Pauline, for those of you who had been very kind in offering help and signposting support for this particular Ukrainian family. regarding an appeal for a young lady in Killams who had just managed to get her elderly parents (mother with Alzheimers) to join her and her two children, in her 2-bed house, where they had recently arrived with just one small bag each...

" So many lovely, kind, thoughtful friends & neighbours have helped them with donations of clothes and food. £605 in donations has been raised since telling the very challenging story on Just Giving. I must mention Compass Wellbeing who work tirelessly to support families by issuing quality Care Packs to many needy families until they are on their feet. I visited today to pick up a pack, arranged only last night. It was fantastic, bags full of essentials and thoughtful gifts! I must also mention RAFT who will provide additional clothing as needed.

Now for the not such good news... Trying to get assistance for this family's living & financial situation is not so forthcoming. Why? This is because they do not come under the Homes for Ukraine scheme which supports British non-related families to host Ukrainians in their own dwellings, and where advice and support appears to be freely available. However, in this family's situation, they do not qualify as the host is a family member. Getting support and advice in their situation has been extremely difficult, drawing a number of dead ends, and is still ongoing. Not all routes have been exhausted yet, however, so we will keep going!

Thankyou for all your support. This family has my heart! They are humble, grateful and actually so undeservedly embarrassed at needing some help "

So both Paulines wanted to extended their thanks to Wilton for the potential help, and the advice on Sunday.

As mentioned, Compass Wellbing are putting together welcome packs for each new family that arrive. If you would like to donate to the welcome pack, purchasing via the Amazon Wish List at https://www.amazon.co.uk/.../3OE.../ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2 If you are on Facebook, do join the Help For Ukraine Taunton as it keeps you updated on how we can help and support those in need.

Bless you all, thank you



SUMMER FAYRE - CANCELLED

Just to keep you all updated. We had made plans and planning was well under way but we have since found out that on the one date available for us to hold our Summer Fayre, there is a much larger event happening in Vivary Park, so we have made the sad decision to cancel the Fayre for this year. On the plus side, it means we can start planning our monster Christmas Fayre to make it even bigger and sparklier than last years (if that's possible...)

So, if you would like to help us with planning this festive sparkle of a Fayre, then get in touch and help us to make it a really great, fun and fundraising time for us all! **Saturday 3rd December 2-5pm.**

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Charity Information



This Sunday marks the beginning of **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** when churches, across the denominations, make a special effort to support the work of Christian Aid.

In the past, St George's have been much involved in joint awareness-raising and fund-raising events and collections. These are not so easy to arrange at the present time so, this Sunday our collections will go to support Christian Aid in its work of being beside the poor in numerous countries and working to give opportunities to improve incomes amongst the world's poorest.

Helen has arranged for Christian Aid envelopes, with Gift Aid certificates, to be available at all services this Sunday so, if you are able to Gift Aid your contribution, Christian Aid will benefit by a further 25%.

Some folks are also planning Coffee Mornings at their homes during the Week. Any money you raise from holding your Coffee Morning now needs to be sent direct to Christian Aid using our unique reference number.

Please send it to:

Christian Aid
5-41 Lower Marsh,
London
SE1 7RL

saying that it comes from St. George's, Wilton, Taunton and giving our church Christian Aid number which is **OR337869**

If you are available, there is an opportunity to support a Fund-raising Coffee Morning to be held at Temple Methodist Church from 10.30am on Saturday 21 May - to 'round off' the week and it would be good if some could support that too.

Thanks to GiveStar we now have a special St George's Church Christian Aid Fundraising Page which you can see here <https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/0a176f47-fa5c-42aa-b213-2e29dd32a26f>

You can also select on here to Gift Aid your donation should you wish/be able to.

And we even have our own QR code which you can now use your phone camera if you have a smart phone which will take you directly to this special Fundraising page.



Scan here!

I know money is short but life is even harder for those people whom Christian Aid serves. *Helen & the Christian Aid Team*



An event organised by the 3 church partnership of Temple Methodist Church, Taunton URC, and St John the Evangelist

Coffee Morning
Saturday 21st May from
10.30am
at Temple Methodist
Church

During the morning, there will be a presentation from the Christian Aid South West Co-ordinator, Mr David Hart

Bakes *Displays* *Books* *Talk*

The next **STROLL FOR THE SOUL** walk will be on **FRIDAY 27th May**.

Please note the change from Thursday to Friday for the walk this month.

We will be following a short (1.75 mile) circular walk starting at MAUNSEL LOCK on the Taunton-Bridgwater Canal. There is a good footpath for the whole of this level route, with the option of retracing your way back along the towpath after completing about a third of the walk, if you don't fancy going all the way.

There is an excellent tea/coffee shop at Maunsel Lock so we will be able to look forward to that whilst we walk!

All are welcome. Please contact either Rachel (tel 07818003297) or Janet if you are able to offer a lift in your car, or if you require a lift, or need more precise instructions to find the venue. If you can't catch us in person, you can get in touch with us via the church office by emailing **office@stgchurch.co.uk**



Our next session is **SATURDAY 21st May**, and our main tasks this month will be: raking grass cuttings, sweeping the driveway and car park, clearing any blocked soakaway drains, tidying the edges of main tarmac path, removing Ivy from walls & Ground Elder from the Beech hedge and all around the Old Choir Vestry; also general weeding and shearing.

If you'd like to learn more about our churchyard or help with gardening, please do come along to all or part of one of our Saturday sessions. We (on average 7 or 8 people) meet on the **3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, MARCH TO NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE, 9.30 – 12.30**. There are a few churchyard tools, but if you can bring along a tool of your own, our main tasks are raking, sweeping, hoeing, shearing, pruning & weeding! Bring your own gloves and drink or snack; and it can be really helpful if you are able to take away any green refuse to the tip or your own green wheelie bin, if you have any space.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE CHURCHYARD!

Jane Joyce On behalf of the Churchyard Gardeners

COME AND JOIN US!

Churchyard Gardening

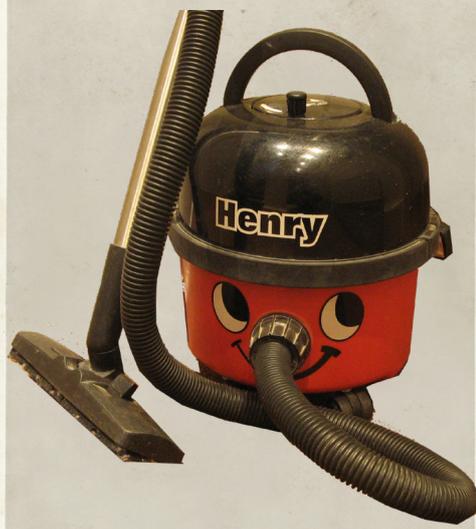
Every
3rd Saturday
From March to Nov
**9.30am -
12.30pm**

Bring your
gardening gloves,
your tools and
join in!

Come and care for our beautiful
St George's Wilton Churchyard.
For more information, contact
office@stgchurch.co.uk



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Henry the Hoover

My name is Henry and hope you can help me because I feel so very lonely and unloved; you see, even though live in your church and do my best to be helpful and useful, I don't have many friends. I would love to get to know more of you; you all seem to be such lovely people when I listen to you each Sunday and sometimes during the week too.

But almost nobody talks to me, which makes me feel sad. I don't often get out to see you and have to spend most of my time in a dark cupboard with just the other cleaning equipment for company. It can sometimes feel rather a sad place to be, especially because I know what beautiful and special building I live in. When I do come out I have such a wonderful time with the few friends I have, exploring all round the church building and showing you special places where you can sit, pray and reflect, and perhaps encounter God in His quiet sanctuary. How happy I would be if I could be friends with more of you - and show you that God always blesses beyond our expectations when we serve him. Try it, and you may discover that helping me to clean our lovely church is another way to have a very special encounter with God.

If you think you could be my friend and spend some time with me, do contact the Church Office on office@stgchurch.co.uk

Henry x



MEMORIAL THANKS

Just a quick note to say a huge thank you to all who played a part in making the Thanksgiving Service for Stuart Gunn such a wonderful, memorable service.

Special thanks go to Rev'd Jenny Jeffery for all her help with this service and supporting Catherine.

The audio from the service is now available to listen to on our website on our Services page. Visit our Online Services page on our website or visit <https://www.stgchurch.co.uk/post/audio-version-of-thanksgiving-service-for-stuart-gunn>

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her,

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die;
and whoever lives by believing in me
will never die."*



We remember

Roy Waygood, Jenny Bowerman,
Stella Norman and
Bishop Andrew Radford

*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.*

St George's

Sunday Services

SUN
15TH
MAY

9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service with
Communion

SUN
22ND
MAY

9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service -

SUN
29TH
MAY

ASCENSION

9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service -

SUN
5TH
JUNE

PENTECOST

9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service -

SUN
12TH
JUNE

TRINITY

9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service -

The Collect Sunday 15th May 2022

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the
gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

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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

pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk

GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

If you would like to donate to the work of St George's, we now have more ways to donate. We now have a Give A Little page which you can access either on our website or simply by hovering your phone camera on the QR code below which will take you directly to our giving page.



OUR WEEK Ahead

Sunday 15th May

9.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service LIVE with Communion

10.00am Church Picnic

Monday 16th May

10.00am Buggy Buddies

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 17th May

10.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Prayer and Worship in Church

7.00pm APCM in Church

Thursday 19th May

2.00pm Brian Underwood Interment

Saturday 21st May

9.30am Churchyard Gardening

2.30pm Welcome Tea for those new to St G's or just exploring



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Families at St G's

ST GEORGES
WILTON
Buggy
Buddies

Stay
&
Play

Mossy Church

FIND US ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK TO SEE WHAT WE OFFER FROM BUMPS TO BABIES TO SCHOOL AGE!

ST GEORGES
WILTON
Buggy
Buddies

Every Monday
@10am
Term Time
Starting from
St G's's Wilton

Fresh Air
Friendship
and
FREE!

FREE COFFEE
Just bring your
own travel mug!

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!

Buggy Buddies

Relaxed walking group run by a team
of friendly Mums, for parents & carers
of bumps, babies & toddlers

MEETS DURING TERM TIME @ 10AM

STARTING FROM OUTSIDE ST GEORGE'S CHURCH,
WILTON FOR FREE DRINK & THEN A GENTLE WALK
(next to Vivary Park)

FIND ON FACEBOOK SEARCH:
@STGEORGESBUGGYBUDDIES

Join us this Summer Term as in
addition to our usual walks we offer
variety sessions - to be advertised
ahead of each:

- * Buggy Buddies 'Creative' - Time
within some of the walks for baby
singing & crafts
- * Buggy Buddies 'Off Road' - walks
using carriers & welly boots through
local fields and farmland
- * Buggy Buddies 'Picnic' - bring an
early lunch to enjoy out & about with
your little one(s)

Mini Mossy Church Seaside Adventure

FREE OUTDOOR
NATURE BASED SESSION
FOR 0-5'S (& THEIR TEDDIES!)
Seaside themed crafts, stories, songs
& nature activities

May 23rd @ 10-11.30am
Bring a picnic blanket & join us for this fun
'Mini' Mossy session
in the St George's Churchyard.

Book your FREE place now at...
[https://minimossychurchseasideadventure.
eventbrite.co.uk](https://minimossychurchseasideadventure.eventbrite.co.uk)

Toilets & baby changing facilities available.
Booking closes 22/5/22 @ 8.30pm

There is always lots going on for Families at St G's so if you would like to find out more, then do get in touch by emailing families@stgchurch.co.uk.

We are also on Facebook so check out our Stay & Play (our baby and toddler group), Mossy Church at St George's and Buggy Buddies at St George's Facebook pages!