



Sunday 3rd April 2022

A Note From

Your Vicar

The Oscars is normally a boring watch. Running at 4 hours with lots of beautiful and highly paid people talking about the importance of their work, the ceremony has failed to attract viewers for years. Not this year.

If you've been living under a rock, the comedian Chris Rock joked about Jada Pinkett-Smith's alopecia. Her husband, Will Smith stormed onto stage and slapped the comedian in full view. Shock, contrition and carefully worded apologies have been expressed and released. I've grown up with Will Smith, he was the cool big brother on 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air', an action 'Dad' in Independence Day and careful mr modern man in dramas that I am sure are important to cinema but I haven't watched. I've always liked him, admired his unflappable demeanour and change an atmosphere with warmth. But on this occasion, he 'lost it'. Totally lost it. Hitting another actor on stage in front of a live audience and then swearing at him on international live tv? Incredible.

Public debate about free speech is currently rife; it's the heart of a new bill from Dominic Raab, the Secretary of State for Justice and forms the battle ground for the culture wars about 'wokeness'. The debate is endless but can be boiled down to the question of 'what can be said and what must not be said?' One side is worried about the damaging effect of words being used to hurt and destroy; the other side is concerned that truth will not be spoken in order to avoid offense. One aspect uniting

this debate is a recognition that words are powerful. They can create and they can destroy, making war and peace, marriage and divorce. I wonder whether recognising the power of our words helps to unite the debate and conversation that is dividing us culturally. In the scriptures, God creates through speech, commands in audible form and Jesus is described as the 'word', a kind of living word. Clearly, words 'do' things and there are consequences to them. As Deuteronomy puts it, 'decide between blessing or curse'.

In the Oscars, what Will Smith did was clearly wrong. Yet, mocking the illness of a woman on international TV is wrong too. The words we use do matter and will have consequences. Sometimes these consequences are immediate; sometimes the fruit of our language takes time to grow but our words do matter.

God Bless

Nick





ST GEORGE'S
Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
Good Friday 12.00pm

Easter Sunrise Service (Check our website for time)
Easter Sunday Services 9.30am and 11.00am

For more information on our Easter Services, scan the QR code or visit our website www.stgchurch.co.uk
Or Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk



Join Us This Easter Time At St George's Wilton



We are beyond excited (and slightly nervous if we're being honest) to announce that we will be LIVE STREAMING for the very first time next **Sunday 10th April at our 11.00 service.**

It has been a long journey getting to the point of sharing our church services live and we cannot thank Matt and his growing team enough for the amazing work he has done to reach this point. Three years ago we would scarcely have imagined that a church of our size would be producing small scale live broadcast on a weekly basis!

What will change:

Time – 11.00 not 9.45am
Not one-to-one – less of Nick speaking to a camera in an empty church!
Style – this will be at our 11.00 service so will be more contemporary in style.
No longer the substantial time commitment for Bethan to edit and collate the services.

What will stay the same

Still available through the week to catch up
Sermons will still be published separately.
What will be totally new
Nick and team learning how to minister to both physically present and virtually present congregation!
The level of set up for the tech team.
We've trialled the process for a few weeks to try and iron out the bugs and problems but it's still a learning process for everyone involved and so won't be perfect straight away.

Help us to fill our Churchyard full of Sunflowers this Easter!

Colour  Paint  Decoupage

We invite you to take part in sharing the Easter message, of **hope** as well as **solidarity with the people of the Ukraine**, by decorating a Sunflower to be displayed throughout the churchyard from the Easter weekend.

All sunflowers **MUST** be cut out and returned to the church office by **Friday 8th April**



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Fons George
Taunton
TA1 3JT
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Together Tuesdays - Easter Crafts Afternoon

We had such a great time on Tuesday making easter cards and eating some yummy cake and naughty easter eggs! We hope to have lots of other great ideas for our Together Tuesdays after Easter, giving us opportunities to get together, get to know one another, find out even more about each other and just spend time in wonderful fellowship so do let us know any ideas you may have on what you'd like to join in with as we join for our Together Tuesdays!

Easter Lilies

The sign up sheet is now up in the church porch should you wish to have an Easter Lily in loving memory of a loved one this Easter time in church for a donation of £3.00. Please can you make sure you pay either Sue Stenhouse or Bethan in the Church office.

If you are unable to get to church to add your name and the name of those whose name you would like the lily dedicated to, email office@stgchurch.co.uk Payment will not be needed upfront!



The Readings

Sunday 3rd April 2022

The Lectionary readings for Sunday 3rd April are:

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

Our readings in church and online for this Sunday are:

Acts 16.25-34

John 12:1-11

Do get in touch if you would like to join our team to read either in church, at either our 9.30am or the eleven. We are always looking for people to join our prayer team for our services too so get in touch if you'd like to join us and serve in this wonderful way!

We remember

Eileen Northam, Adrian Hode, John Bowden, Margaret Ross, Nina Brooks and Annie Rourke

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.



The Collect

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory; through 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

OUR WEEK Ahead

Sunday 3rd

9.30am Holy Communion

9.45am Online Service

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service

Monday 4th

10.00am Buggy Buddies

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Wednesday 6th

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Prayer and Worship

7.30pm Knit and Natter

Thursday 7th

7.30pm Learning in Lent

Saturday 9th

7.30pm Soup Saturday



St George's

Sunday Services

SUN

3RD

APR

9.30am Holy Communion Service

9.45am Online Service

11.00am Worship Service

SUN

10TH

APR

9.30am Holy Communion Service

with Choir and sung liturgy

11.00am Worship Service -

Livestreamed on YouTube

SUN

17TH

APR

6.15am Easter Sunrise

9.30am Holy Communion Service

11.00am Worship Service with

Communion - Livestreamed

SUN

24TH

APR

9.30am Holy Communion Service

with Choir and sung liturgy

11.00am Worship Service -

Livestreamed on YouTube

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.



Families at St G's

Our next 'Mini' Mossy event for those with 0-5's is coming up on the 7th April. Join us outside for some fresh air, nature crafts, Spring activities, stories and songs for our mini adventurers & their teddy bears.



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Mini Mossy Church
Spring Teddy Bear Adventure
FREE OUTDOOR NATURE BASED SESSION FOR 0-5'S & THEIR TEDDIES!
Spring crafts, stories, songs & nature activities
April 7th @ 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://minimossychurchspringteddyadventure.eventbrite.co.uk>



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Mossy Church
EASTER
NATURE ACTIVITY SESSION
Lots of free Easter nature based activities including...seed planting, campfire hot cross buns, egg painting, wild art, sensory activities, nature weaving, stories, a trail & more!
April 16th @ 10-11.30am
Mossy session in the St George's Churchyard.
Book your **FREE** place now at...
<https://mossychurcheastersaturday.eventbrite.co.uk>
(Toilets & baby changing facilities available)

Christian Giving Appeal 2022

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Growing
and in **Spirit**
and in **Number**

IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN CHURCH THIS WEEK, LET THE OFFICE KNOW AND WE'LL POP IT IN THE POST!

Please make sure you collect your Christian Giving envelope. Read the enclosed letter and leaflet from the Vicar and pray about it. If you are new, please help yourself to one of the blank packs! Thank you so much!



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Buggy Buddies

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

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Charity Information

This Sunday 3rd April, Passion Sunday, Christian Aid are arranging for Christians across the UK and Ireland to come together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine - and St George's are being a part of this.

Our charity donations will be given to Christian Aid's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal to help with their work with Ukrainian refugees, and a special prayer has been written for Passion Sunday 3rd April.

If you cannot get into either of our services to donate, you can donate online by heading over to the Christian Aid website

and donating to their Ukraine Appeal - part of the DEC Appeal.
<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1?ApproachCode=CAM-003194>

If you would like to donate over the telephone (due to Covid-19 postal donations are rather delayed at the moment) please telephone **020 7523 2269**

After Easter Sunday, in spite of what it may say on your Christian Aid Lent Box, please send the money direct to:
Christian Aid
35-41 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**.

Very many thanks,

Helen and the Christian Aid team

A Prayer For Ukraine

God of all peoples and nations,
who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole.
Show us the way of peace that is Your
overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine
and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time when weapons of
war are beaten into ploughshares,
When nations no longer lift up sword
against nation.

We cry out to You for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve
to live in security and safety.
Comfort those who fear for their lives and
the lives of their loved ones.
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on
violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that
leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
and a passion for justice to prevail
And a renewed recognition that we all
play a part in peace.
Creator of all, hear our prayer and bring us
peace.
Make us whole.

Amen

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

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EVENTS at St George's

St George's Wilton

KNIT & NATTER

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL
MEETING ON ZOOM
7.30-9PM

A RELAXED & INFORMAL SOCIAL GROUP FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES IN THE PARISH & SURROUNDING AREAS
DO ANY CRAFT OR NONE AT ALL!
ALL WELCOME JUST COME FOR A CHAT.

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk to be sent the zoom details

Do come and support our Soup Saturday next Saturday 9th. It's a time for food and fellowship - a lovely way to spend a lunchtime!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON'S
Soup Saturday
SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2022
FROM 12.15PM

ST GEORGE'S WILTON CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE
TAUNTON TA13JT
Voluntary Donations Welcome

JOIN US FOR SOME SPRING SUNSHINE IN A BOWL - A DELICIOUS BOWL OF HOMEMADE SOUP.
WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE OF STALLS TO TAKE YOUR FANCY TOO! BRING A FRIEND!

Events across **TAUNTON**

And a couple of lovely concerts for you to attend in the county town this April!

Patrons

Springtime Harmony

with
Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir

and special guests *Eight to the Bar*

A concert in aid of Cancer Research, Taunton

Saturday 9th April 2022

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
• Taunton Visitor Centre 01823 340470

CANCER RESEARCH UK

TAUNTON CHORAL SOCIETY
tauntoninfonietta

Spring Serenades

Fauré - Requiem
and *Cantique de Jean Racine*
Mozart - *Laudate Dominum*
Elgar - *Serenade for Strings*

Saturday 2nd April - 7:30pm
St Mary's Church, Taunton

Tickets, information and much more at
www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk

Pre-concert talk at 7:00pm

Registered Charity - Number 900173