



Sunday 14th May 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

Three bank holidays feels totally luxurious like I am the laziest of lazy bones. Three? That can't be right. Surely not? Yes! Three bank holidays in one month. It's so many that this May feels a bit like that twilight week between Christmas and New Year...what day is it, I find myself mumbling. The problem is that there are still quite a lot of things to do and my usual patterns and routines are completely out of sync. For example, this very piece you're reading now dear reader, may or may not have been written later than I have ever submitted it to the dearest Bethan. Forgive me, sister in Christ.

Frankly it's rather marvellous. I understand that France has four public holidays in May and often squeezes a fifth (FIVE?!) as Ascension Day is on a Thursday and if you're off on Thursday then really what is the point of Friday? Somehow the hours worked in France are lower and the productivity rate is higher.

If you hadn't noticed, given the panoply of activities happening in this church, I am not very good at relaxation and tend to think I should be doing something productive. For example, loyal readers will recall the incident with poorly trimmed hedge that resembled the fringe of a poodle has now by the gift of the King been removed entirely. In the West, we tend to think of work as an virtuous evil, a concept which has a deep

tension within it. We respect those who work hard but look forward to a retirement of doing nothing; we love bank holidays but fill them with DIY.

I love to work. I love my work and it brings me joy. But I have been reflecting recently on that 4th commandment; to remember the sabbath. What does that look like for us now in the West? What does rest mean? Is it simply absence of activity (the way that the Jews do not switch on lights on a sabbath), is it different activity (sports or recreational bits) or something else entirely. What I think that the commandment does is to remind us that all of our time is a gift of God and that 'productivity' can be as much of an idol as images of wood or stone. All things come from you and of your own do we give you, is the liturgical phrase. 'All things' surely includes the gift of time and so the question for you and me, is what does giving my time back to God mean?

God bless,
Nick

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY BY KEEPING IT HOLY. SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR AND DO ALL YOUR WORK, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. ON IT YOU SHALL NOT DO ANY WORK, NEITHER YOU, NOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER, NOR YOUR MALE OR FEMALE SERVANT, NOR YOUR ANIMALS, NOR ANY FOREIGNER RESIDING IN YOUR TOWNS. FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, BUT HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY. THEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND MADE IT HOLY."
Exodus 20:8-11

St George's News



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

APCM

**MONDAY
15TH
MAY**
7.30pm

**Growing in
Spirit and
Number**
with coffee
and cake!

APCM IS THIS MONDAY!

So the time is upon us for our APCM which will be taking place on Monday at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The Annual meetings (APCM) receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. It also elects new members to the PCC and to Deanery Synod every three years and our Churchwardens. So those of you who are on our Electoral Roll are able to vote all these things through for the following year.

We do hope that you can make it. The Agenda will be circulated and the papers available on our website.

The meeting will have a space for worship and prayer and to hear about the next steps forward for us all at St Georges.

IF YOU HAVE AN
ARTICLE FOR NEWSBOARD
PLEASE EMAIL BY WED@12PM
AT THE LATEST TO GET INTO THE
SAME WEEK'S EDITION!
EMAIL:
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY FRIDGE

In a few weeks you will see a new shed in the church car park which will eventually house a fridge and shelves for otherwise wasted food. If this interests you and you would like to be part of this project in any way then please send your details to me, Mervyn Roberts, at fridge@stgchurch.co.uk I'll add you to my list and then will get in touch in a few weeks' time about what you can offer and about training for the voluntary role.

Mervyn



*Community Fridge
Coming Soon to
Wilton & Sherford*

Get in touch if you would like to get involved and help in any way to provide this to our Community.



GOOD FOOD FOR ALL

What is a Community Fridge?

A community fridge is a space where anyone can exchange food that would otherwise go to waste. Run by local volunteers, many fridges also provide a positive social space for local visitors to learn more about food, sustainable eating, growing your own and eating on a budget.

The UK's first community fridge was trialled in 2016.

Since then, 100s of community fridges have taken root across the UK helping thousands connect to their neighbours, access nutritious food, save money and reduce waste.

Community Fridges are:

- ✓ Focus on environmental impact of reducing food waste
- ✓ Open to all
- ✓ Accessible
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Friendly
- ✓ Spaces to access new skills and friends

Community Fridges are not:

- ✓ A Food Bank
- ✓ A solution to food insecurity



CONTACT
Mervyn Roberts
Community Fridge Coordinator
St George's Wilton
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DAY OF PRAYER – CAN YOU HELP?

We are **planning to hold a 'day of prayer'** in the prayer room in St George's churchyard, taking place on **Saturday 8th July**.

The vision for this special day of prayer is to build deeper roots as a church community and nurture the foundation already laid – to become 'rooted and established in love' (Ephesians 3:17).

The day will be broken into hourly sessions, following the '24-7 prayer' model. There will be opportunities to lead prayers / oversee a session and help prepare the prayer room.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch by emailing Karen at **karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com**



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
CHURCHYARD
gardening

Help us to care
for our Churchyard

3rd Saturdays
9.30am - 12.30pm
March - November

For more information,
please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

*"Thou shalt be like a watered garden,
and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."*



Conversation Fellowship Contemplation

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

**A Stroll
for the Soul**

A GENTLE WALKING GROUP

*Jesus you walk with me -
help me to walk with you*

A monthly walk with friends.
For more information email: office@stgchurch.co.uk



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

**Day of
Prayer**

Saturday 8th July

**ST GEORGE'S
PRAYER ROOM**

*Become "rooted and
established in love"*

CHURCHYARD GARDENING

It's so rewarding to see the fruits of our labours after a Churchyard gardening session: perhaps freshly raked-up grass cuttings or leaves, a pruned bush, a weeded or planted border, or a wall cleared of ivy.

The sessions are between 9.30 – 12.30, but sometimes people come for just an hour. That's absolutely fine of course; although they might just miss the tea break!

So, if any of you would like to come along and help this year, please do; or come and have a word if you'd like to care for a specific small area of the churchyard in your own spare time. And THANK YOU AGAIN to all of you who do already help.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SATURDAY 20th MAY

Jane, Michael & Tricia

GET YOUR BOOTS BACK ON FOR ANOTHER FYNE STROLL...

We had a great time together this last Thursday so here's another one for your delight....

On **Thursday 18 May**, Michael Yardley plans to arrange a stroll at the National Trust Nature Reserve at Fyne Court. We will certainly liaise to ensure that everyone has a lift to get there - arriving at around 10.15 am.

Contact Janet or Rachel if you would like a lift, or can offer one. if you do not have their contact information, please do get in touch with the Church Office.



SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023

Our Church Bells rang out in celebration of His Majesty King Charles III Coronation



ST GEORGE'S

BRILLIANT BELLRINGERS

Well done and thanks to you wonderful Wilton Bellringers for ringing for the King last weekend on the historic Coronation Day. We're sure it will be something for you all to remember for years to come!

if you're curious about what bellringing involves, head over to our Youtube channel as we have put together a video from their time at the Coronation.

It shows little clips of our Brenda "showing the ropes" to our newest bellringers, followed by our more experienced bellringers showing us all how it's done and how beautiful they sound.

Do head over and take a look and if it tickles your fancy or pulls on your heart rope ;) then go and have a word with Brenda or any of our Bellringing team to find out more!

Many thanks again to you all for ringing out across the parish for His Majesty!

WORSHIP at St G's

REHEARSE TOGETHER Thurs 25th May 7.30pm
SING TOGETHER Sun 28th May 10.30am

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

COME SING

Gospel for Pentecost



Email chris@stgchurch.co.uk
for more information

SING SOME GOSPEL FOR PENTECOST

We are having our next '**Come and Sing Sunday**' for Pentecost - **Sunday 28th May at a JOINT service at 10.30am** and we would love you to be a part of it.

This will be a little different to the other times with a Gospel feel so we're really excited to see what we can do together. We shall rehearse together on **Thursday 25th May 7.30pm** upstairs in the church hall.

It's not necessary to read music or to wear a robe, just a heart for worship.

We hope to have 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 service or you just want to join a choir you are so very welcome to come and join us!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL

THIS SUNDAY, Judith Pickles will be running a Plant and Produce Stall in order to make some money in aid of Christian Aid as this week coming is Christian Aid Week.

Please do support the stall if you can and buy something to help support the charity for this special week!

Thank you!

*Our Charity Collection for the remainder of the month is therefore for **CHRISTIAN AID***



Our collections until the end of May will support **'CHRISTIAN AID WEEK'** and will help farmers plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build happier futures for their children.

Families in developing countries are paying, proportionately, a greater price in this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertilizer and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months in Malawi - for example - and hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate change crisis brings increasingly erratic weather, droughts and floods.

The impact of the recent 'Cyclone Freddy' in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives. Christian Aid is working NOW to help families build back, and will continue to support the 'pigeon pea project' - which uses a specially-developed, hardy, drought-resistant crop which can be used to bake delicious bread for families and with which women, in particular, can begin small enterprises and make money to pay for medicines when needed, send their children to school and create a happier future for their children and grandchildren. £10 can secure a 2kg bag of 'pigeon pea' seeds.

Everything we can give this Christian Aid Week will help many to build a better and more secure future for their families.

*How long, O Lord,
can we hide our faces from the headlines of violence and tragedy?*

*How long, O Lord,
will communities in Myanmar be displaced by conflict?*

*How long, O Lord,
will the children of the Caribbean be battered by hurricanes?*

*How long, O Lord,
will the people of Mexico live with threat of tsunami from earthquakes?*

*How long, O Lord,
will South Asia experience devastating floods?*

*How long, O Lord,
must the soul of humanity bear the pain of trauma and loss,
and have sorrow in its heart all day long?*

Consider and answer us, O Lord our God!

Give protection to all those living in fear of death.

Give strength to endure so tragedy will not prevail.

Give guidance to decision makers who are on the ground.

Give compassion to hearts weary with fatigue.

*We trust in your steadfast love,
our hearts will rejoice in your salvation,
as we participate in your kingdom restoration praying,
acting and giving bountifully
with all those preparing and repairing
what violence, hurricane, earthquake and flood is destroying.*

*How long, O Lord,
will we bring our prayers of lament to you?
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray.*

Amen

We remember this week
Roy Waygood, Jenny Bowerman,
Stella Norman

*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*



The Funeral of Mike Rourke

The Memorial Service of Mike Rourke will take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.30am at St George's.

This will be followed by the Wake at The Wyvern Club which you are invited to.

Please do remember the family in your prayers as we say goodbye to a loved and long standing church member and Churchwarden

The **Collect**

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God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

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 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**
Account No: **29750970**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

Prayer Ministry

AT THE ELEVEN

Prayer Ministry is available after the eleven service if you would like prayer for yourself or another with one of our Prayer Ministry Team

Who's **WHO**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ANY OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL

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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

Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle email:

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about who is ill or lonely

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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 15th May

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm APCM in Church Hall

Tuesday 16th May

10.00am Holy Communion Service

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 17th May

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 18th May

10.15am Stroll for the Soul - meet at Fyne Court

Saturday 20th May

9.30am Churchyard Gardening

St George's Church Office Opening Times

The Church Office is open on
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays**

between 10am - 1pm

Outside those hours please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Thank You!