

ST GEORGE'S NEWSBOARD

Sunday 20th & 27th
July 2025



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**



You might notice that the tower is looking a little different from how it normally does....Don't worry the vicar hasn't gone (totally) bonkers or started the building project plans early.

One of the pinnacles had to be removed following a safety concern raised in an inspection report. If you've ever seen the movie Hot Fuzz, then you may recall a very graphic scene where one of those great stone pieces falls onto someone's head.... we did not want that to happen to anyone or indeed our roof to be damaged by falling debris.

The team that performed the removal were excellent. Knowledgeable, friendly and using lots of terms that I have never heard of. Merlins and merlinettes, finials and versicles that I am not sure if they were making the terms up or if I've just made them up for your digestion. Here goes one of the conversations
JPConstruction: 'There is a tree growing on your lower edge merlin, near the quadfoil'.
Me Externally: 'Ah yes I see!;
Me Internally: 'Look for a tree, look for a tree'

It's dangerous work up there but they brought a real joy and professionalism to their trade that it was enlivening to speak with them.

Part of our duty as a community is to maintain this building to be used and enjoyed by the next generation. It needs to be safe – safety isn't first (otherwise we'd do nothing) but it is basic.

That's right there in the bible – Deuteronomy 22.8 tells builders to build a 'parapet around your roof, so you don't incur blood guilt'! Health and safety 4000 years ago!

So what's next? The current pinnacle is not repairable. A replacement would need to be commissioned and carved and then put in place. This will not be cheap. And so as a community one of the jobs is prioritization. Where do we use our resources and when? We have a big building project forthcoming; we would like to consider adding new staffing for children and families work; our car park will soon be reimagined as a tourist site for those who can't get to the grand canyon; seagulls use my roof as an annual retreat centre and bits of nearly all our buildings are falling off. So how to choose? We'll get quotations but some things just need to wait for the right moment – especially if they're decorative.

One small bit of beautiful wisdom that came out from our conversation was the need for step-by-step maintenance. Making an annual check part of our budget and story rather than massive one-off projects. If we can keep it ticking the building ticking over, we can keep her going well for the next generation.

God Bless
Nick



St George's **News**

Big Weekend IS NEARLY HERE!!

The trailers are being packed up, food ordered, bar stocked, kit lists oput together, we are soooo nearly ready for our first ever BIG WEEKEND.

Let us stress, THIS IS NOT A YOUTH CAMP.... this is a Weekend Festival for us to come together as a church to grow deeper in Spirit and deeper with eah other.

Take a look at the updated Programme and see what we have coming up and we really do think there'll be something for everyone.

Our early Morning Devotionals will be lead by Richard Kelley on the Friday and Sunday, with a Lectio style prayer session on the Saturday.

Nick will be running a daily Bible Overview - "The Big Picture" Session on the Friday and Saturday as well as an in person Extra Slice - "Digging deeper in the Spirit". Our Prayer Tent will be open for quiet prayer and some prayer ministry time too.

For the crafty ones amongst you there will be a couple of craft workshops. For the sporty/ games fans we're hoping to take up the table tennis table with us, have badminton and table football as well as have times for the Board Games cafe to open.

We will have a couple of led local walks - one to the top of Brent Knoll and we are also hoping to have some archery available, but we're just awaiting a yes from our Insurers!

So if you're still not sure if you want to join us or not, please pray about it and consider joining us, even if you can only make one day. Spend some great time together with your church family and with God. What more could you ask for!

There will be a Sunday 9.30am service here at St George's for those not able to join us but if you can make it to up to Wick, we'd love to see you there for our final day!

**PLEASE NOTE UNFORTUNATELY
THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM
ON SUNDAY 27TH JULY - SORRY!**

IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 20th July

9.30am Common Worship Communion

11.00am Worship Service with Communion

**** Welcome Lunch postponed to September**

Monday 21st July

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 22nd July

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

7.30pm Bellringers

Thursday 24th July - Sunday 27th July

**!!! THE BIG WEEKEND !!!
WooHoo!!!**

Sunday 27th July

9.30am Common Worship Communion

**10.30am Big Weekend Celebration Service
with Communion followed by BBQ**

NO LIVESTREAM SERVICE

Monday 28th July

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Tuesday 29th July

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7.30pm Bellringers

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Sunday 3rd August

9.30am Common Worship Communion

11.00am Worship Service

7.00pm PRAY

OFFICE CLOSED

Due to the Big Weekend and all the work that needs to be done both before and after, the **Parish Office will be closed from 21st July through to the following Wednesday 30th July**.

Many apologies for any inconvenience caused but do hope you can understand. Do get in touch however should you need to get in touch as a matter of urgency!

Thank you all so much.

PCC MINUTES

The PCC met last Tuesday to discuss a variety of issues, so are highlighting some of them for your information. As the previous meeting's Minutes from March have now been agreed and signed off, they are now available on our website should you wish to read them.



This July's meeting key messages are:

1) We were delighted to welcome Keith Powell as our new Prayer Coordinator. Keith Powell spoke on the importance of prayer and the plans for the next stage of developing the prayer life of the church including new prayer groups and ministry from September.

2) Capacity questions. The PCC have been asked to consult with the congregations about shifting the times of both services to reduce friction of the handover. Please talk with a member of the PCC to give them your feedback. The list of PCC Members is below but this is always listed each week on the whos who at the back of NB.

3) There are a few building works required over the next few months. Kitchen refurbishments are due in September, some roof work in August and car park barriers in the coming month to help improve traffic management.

Our next PCC Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September,

PCC MEMEBERS

Nick Griffin	Rob Cromwell	Richard Kelley
Lisa Westlake	Richard Barnes	James Leck
Matt Norman	Hilary McKegney	Rachel Pinder
Ian Pinder	Laura Willetts	Mary Carson
Paul Cole	Katie Lanchbury	Bethan Baigent
Carmen Cromwell		

KEY CODES/ KEYHOLDERS

If you are someone who requires regular access to either the Church or the Church Hall, we shall be changing the codes for all key safes giving you access very soon. This is something that has not been done for a long time and as we continue to invest in new equipment in lots of our spaces, we need to ensure that we are secure as possible across the whole site.

Please can you **email the Parish Office** to let us know what you require access to, how often and whether you already hold a key to either the Church or the Hall and if you foresee any issues or have any concerns about us doing this.

If you could be in touch by no later than 8th August, we would be really grateful.

SUNSHINE SUNDAYS



The School Summer Holidays are here and as well as the schools having a much needed rest, our wonderful Sunday Club teams need a rest too - but we want to make it as easy as possible for you with children to still come to church so like Tots@11, we will have the livestreamed service on in the Hall and have things available for you to use to entertain the little ones

So if your little one starts to be too fidgety or would value using another space, do make use of the space available in the Hall. **Starting Sunday 20th July!**

They had such a great time for their last Kids/Mini time last Sunday as they had a party together in the Hall to celebrate the end of term.

May we take this opportunity to thank ALL the volunteers for all their time, care, support and commitment to being a part of our Children and Youth Team. We cannot stress enough how important this Ministry is as you are laying their faith foundations. Thank you for all your hard work and enjoy the Summer off!

!!! URGENT PLEA FOR ACCOMMODATION !!!

We have had one of our St George's families get in touch to see if anyone in our Church family can help them with finding accommodation to rent in Taunton.

They work for our Charity of the Month - Charis as Arts Events Manager having come from Iran with her husband and 5 year old child.

They are looking to rent a 2 bedroom flat/ house for up to £1200 a month with a Guarantor provided.

If any of you think you can help in anyway, please do get in touch a their deadline to move out of their current accommodation is coming up, obviously causing the family alot of stress.

Thank you for helping and please, Church, can we all be praying for them.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE - OPENING FOR ANOTHER DAY!! WOOHOO!!BUT WE NEED YOU!!

The St. George's Community Fridge will now be open for **5 days a week**

At the moment it is being manned / womanned by existing Volunteers who are doing extras. Thanks! It would greatly help if you were able to volunteer

It would involve opening & cleaning or closing every other Saturday but it would mean that Volunteers weren't stretched.

If we don't get enough volunteers then the Community Fridge would have to be closed some Saturdays, which would be a shame. The long-term aim is to open the C. Fridge EVERY day of the week!

Do get in touch with Mervyn at fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



St George's Wilton Community Fridge

St George's Wilton Church Hall Car Park
Taunton TA1 3JT

OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays

From 9.30am to 4pm Autumn / Winter

From 9.30am to 5pm Spring / Summer

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE

- Bring your own bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there up to a **MAXIMUM OF FIVE ITEMS**
- Please take only what you'll use and leave enough for others
- Please sign out: **CLICK THE COUNTER** to the left of the door once

PLEASE NOTE: that food will vary in quantity and quality from day to day.



If you wish to donate to the Community Fridge, please put them in the crate to the right of the door. If you donate something that requires refrigeration, please pop in the basket on the top shelf of the fridge. If you wish to help with the running of the Community Fridge, please email fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



ST GEORGE'S



TAUNTON
TOWN
COUNCIL

PURSUIT THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday at Pursuit we have North Devon Worship coming to lead worship. North Devon Worship have led worship at various events such as New Wine and the regional Young Adult event hosted by Awaken back in January.

For those who may not know about Pursuit, we are a cross church prayer & worship ministry who meet at North Street Church every Tuesday in the prayer room and Sundays in the main church building. We will be taking a break over August but we are excited to start in September with a launch event rebranding into 'Somerset House of Prayer'. More information will be sent out.

Thank you to all who have supported us so far this year. God Bless, Kathryn



4 DAYS TO GO!

BIG WEEKEND WITH ST G'S

Get ready for a vibrant, faith-filled weekend packed with worship, community, and fun for all ages!

Join us for The Big Weekend – a celebration of God's goodness with uplifting music, inspiring messages, and activities for the whole family.

Whether you're new or a regular, there's something for everyone.

Come and be part of something special!



GUEST SPEAKERS



BBQ'S & BAR



KIDS PROVISION, ACTIVITIES & BAKEHOUSE...



MORNING DEVOTIONALS, LIVE EXTRA SLICES, BIBLE OVERVIEWS CRAFT WORKSHOPS & CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



LUXURY TOILETS & SHOWERS

















BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

SCAN ME



St George's Big Weekend

PROGRAMME

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.30am		Morning Devotional	Morning Devotional	Morning Devotional
8am		Breakfast BYO	Breakfast BYO	Breakfast BYO
9.30am		ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Morning Walk Tots Play Session 0-4s	 Morning Celebration 	Time for Campers to get packing
10.30am		 Morning Celebration 	ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE LIONS V AUSTRALIA Extra Slice - Digging Deeper Family Mossy Trail	 Morning Celebration 
12pm		Lunch BYO	Lunch 	Lunch  Final BBQ
2pm	BIG WEEKEND opens 2.30pm	ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Extra Slice - Digging Deeper Led Walk up Brent Knoll Adult Craft Workshop	ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Wilton Olympics Local Walk Adult Craft Workshop	Home Time and leave site
4pm	Time for Campers to sign in and put up your tent	ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Film Time The Big Picture-Bible Overview Board Game Cafe	ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE Poetry Workshop The Big Picture-Bible Overview Board Game Cafe	
5pm	Welcome BBQ 	 Dinner BBQ 	Dinner Haverslice Pizza Van Available or BYO	
7pm	 Evening Celebration Campfire Worship	 Evening Celebration With Keith Powell 	 Evening Celebration With Nathan Kiyaga 	
8pm	Bar Open With Fire Pits, Stores...	Bar Open Campfire Chat - God, Space & Science	Party Night Dress Up 60s,70s,80s, 90s	

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPTIONAL FOR YOU TO JOIN IN WITH
OR JUST HAVE A TIME TO RELAX AND UNWIND TOGETHER**



Morning & Evening Celebration includes worship, teaching and ministry



Means that there is Kids Provision - Up In the Air Kids Club provided by Pulse Ministries during this session. To be signed in 15 minutes before session



Church will provide this meal - for any without the cutlery symbol it means that you need to provide your own - note on Sat evening there is a pizza van available for you to buy pizzas from Haveaslice

The Big Weekend will open on Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm so come along to set up your tent and get comfy then we'll join together at 5pm for our Welcome BBQ For Friday/Saturday Day Trippers, the site will be open from 9am for you to park up and join in the fun! If you think you may be travelling late, then do let us know - it's not a problem!

Sunday Worship is open for everyone - so if you cant come before or only make the Friday, then do still join us for worship on the Sunday! Come along in the morning and we'll start at 10.30am

Do let us know if you have any further questions.

Let's make this a Big Weekend to remember!!

**CLOSING
DATE**
31st July
2025

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Join Our Team

PART TIME WORSHIP DIRECTOR
AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON TAUNTON

One day a week + Sunday am

Music is a central part of the life of the worship at St Georges.
The Worship Director will work across both of our main services
(currently 9.30 and 11.00) to lead and facilitate the music.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.stgchurch.co.uk/vacancies

WORSHIP NIGHT 7.30PM

NORTH STREET CHURCH, TAUNTON

NORTH DEVON WORSHIP

SUNDAY 20TH JULY

WORSHIP

7.30PM



**FREE
EVENT**

NIGHT

20/07/2025

NORTH
STREET
CHURCH

DOORS
OPEN
7PM

SUNDAY 20TH JULY

NORTH DEVON WORSHIP



WORSHIP NIGHT 7.30PM

HOSTED BY PURSUIT

JOIN THE SATELLITES TEAM!

TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST
TO
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST

WE NEED MORE...

STEWARDS 
CREATIVES 
PASTORAL TEAM 

MORE INFO
& APPLY AT

WEARESATELLITES.COM


THE PERKS OF BEING ON THE TEAM

FREE MEALS ALL WEEK 

 TEAM T-SHIRT

FREE CHILDREN'S
SESSIONS FOR 1-11 YEAR OLDS

TEAM LOUNGE 

 TEAM PRAYER, WORSHIP &
BIBLE STUDY TIMES

ACCOMMODATION:
CAMPING OR STAY OFFSITE

THIS YEAR (DUE TO AN EXCITING INCREASE IN NEW GROUPS) WE SEEM TO BE REALLY SHORT ON VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY AROUND PRAYER/PASTORAL, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND STEWARDING, SO WE ARE DOING A SHOUT OUT TO CHURCHES IN THE AREA TO SEE IF ANYONE CAN HELP.

DO VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AND GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN.

- SATELLITES IS THE CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL WHICH ROB AND CARMEN VOLUNTEER AT EACH YEAR SO SHOULD YOU WISH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SATELLITES - DO GO SPEAK TO THEM!

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

This July we are supporting our local charities who help and support Refugees - CHARIS and Taunton Welcomes Refugees...

CHARIS

CHARIS settles refugee families in the Southwest of England through the UK Home Office Community Resettlement programme. Their mission is to see individual refugees and families happily settled in the UK and contributing to the wellbeing of their communities. And their vision to be friends to refugees, and to provide the practical, emotional and spiritual support they need to settle and live happy and healthy lives.



As a Christian charity they believe wholeheartedly in loving our neighbour, whether they live next door, across the street or across the other side of the world. There are many examples in the bible of individuals, whole people groups who were displaced from their homes including Jesus himself. He fled to Egypt with his mother and father to escape the persecution of Herod. There are also many examples of people who welcomed the stranger or the foreigner into their home, their town or their country.

Today we face a major refugee crisis in our world and we believe that the church has a voice in such times. We have an opportunity to display our love for our world and its people in the action we take today. Our faith in Christ underpins everything we do.

<https://charisrefugees.org>

TAUNTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

Taunton Welcomes Refugees (TWR) is a charity that is run by volunteers. They have come together to welcome the refugees that are living in Taunton, Wellington, Bridgwater and the surrounding area.



TWR works through its enthusiastic and resourceful volunteers to engage with refugees, both families and individuals, and finds ways to work with them to ease the transition from new arrivals to integrated members of our society. Their needs are, of course, as varied as the people themselves. But all need help with finding their way around the local area; sorting out minor problems with their allocated houses and learning English.

TWR also coordinates events where refugee families can meet each other and discuss common problems and their solutions. There are also opportunities for refugees to learn new skills that will be useful in our society such as cycling, gardening and catering regulations.

<https://www.tauntonwelcomesrefugees.co.uk>

Please do give what you can to these two charities at our Sunday Services either via cash or using our card device.

If you are unable to attend the services and would like to give, do try and do so online on their website where you will be able to find out more about these charities.

In Loving Memory

Lord Jesus we think of those we've loved who we want to remember in the fortnight ahead, especially the family of

**Ann Hunt, Polly Hearn
Florence Evans, Aileen
Crossfield, Michael Small
and Rose Cole**

We 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*

Would You Consider A Gift In Your Will To St George's?

In the scriptures, financial giving is part of our worship and as many people have supported this church throughout their lives and giving a gift in your will enables you to make one last significant gift to the whole community.

Your legacy will help us to continue to give glory to God and serve our community for many years to come.

Pick up a leaflet or speak to one of the team to find out more



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Christian Giving Scheme



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 we 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@stgchurch.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 or click here <https://givealittle.co/c/87f1f0f9-d531-42a3-bb0d-14691d850cf6> Alternatively you can donate directly into our bank account using the following information and putting 'Donation' reference:
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Account No: 59935227
Sort Code: 60-80-06

Thank you so much!

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