

ST GEORGE'S

NEWSBOARD

Sunday 4th
May 2025



A Note From **YOUR CURATE**



Dear friends,

As I write, it is St George's Day. 'That's strange', I hear you cry, 'I thought it was last week!' Well, in any other year you are right, but because of a strange quirk of the Church calendar, we don't commemorate Feast days in the week after Easter, so it was pushed back to 28th April this year.

St George was likely a Turkish, Roman soldier, born in the 3rd century AD. Although he is mostly remembered now for slaying dragons, his greatest legacy is that he stood up to the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who launched a brutal campaign of persecution against Christians. George, a Christian, refused to renounce his faith, or participate in the persecution, for which he was imprisoned, tortured, and eventually executed. His defiance wasn't military rebellion — it was moral resistance: standing firm against a regime demanding absolute loyalty.

In the UK, we are so fortunate to live in a society where Christians aren't persecuted. But, around the world, it seems as though societies are getting more divided, governments are getting more authoritarian, and countries are becoming more isolated from one another — choosing to compete against one another — even ally vs ally — rather than come together to face the issues together.

The bible talks often about how God desires Christians to work together in unity, and Jesus goes as far as to say that we will know who his followers are, by how they love one another. We are called, like St George, to stand against leaders who aim to bring disharmony, and stoke fear of others, and instead show the love of God to anyone and everyone.

By the time you read this, we will have had our annual St George's day service with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. Both churches share the same name, St George's, and each year we come together to commemorate and celebrate his memory together. Although we worship in different styles, we have so much more in common than anything that divides us. We will worship and pray together, and afterwards share in some refreshments and enjoy spending time together, despite our different traditions.

As we go forward, may we continue to seek that unity in our daily lives — across churches, across communities, even across differences — so that the love of Christ will be seen more clearly through us. St George stood firm before an emperor; we will stand together — in faith, in hope, and in love.

God bless,

Rob

St George's **News**

COFFEE AND CHAT

It's so great seeing so many of you enjoying some time together after the services - now at both our 9.30am and 11am. Hearing people taking time to check up on one another, introduce themselves to new people and catch up is wonderful and we're so pleased to have these times together.

As we are now bursting at the seams with our Kids work., we have now had to split the Kids@11 into two groups so it is even more important for our Kids teams to be able to set up and be ready to welcome to children across to the Hall.

Could we politely ask those who enjoy a coffee after the 9.30am to make sure you've drunk up **by no later than 11.10 as we really need the space.** We so want to be able to be accommodating for everyone so hopefully 40 minutes is ample time for you all to catch up on all your weekly goings on :)

Thank you all so much for your help with this, it's much appreciated.

And if you'd also like to bring along your own travel cup for coffee even after the 9.30, not just the 11 then I'm sure our coffee team would be thankful for not so much washing up!!



Coffee Served in Hall 10.30-11.00
Coffee Served in Church 12.15 - 12.45

Remember to bring your own mug and join us for coffee after the service!

IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 4th May

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service - Remember pick up time for Sunday Clubs at 12.20pm

Monday 5th May

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - STAFF TEAM OFF

7.30pm women In The Pub

Tuesday 6th May

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 7th May

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 8th May

9.15am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Bellringers Ringing For VE Day

Sunday 11th May

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion

11.00am Worship Service - Remember pick up time for Sunday Clubs at 12.20pm

7.00pm PRAY

Monday 12th May

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9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Worship Gathering

Tuesday 13th May

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 14th May

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 15th May

9.15am Morning Prayer

Saturday 17th May

9.30am Churchyard Gardening

10.00am Mossy Church Event - Minibeasts



Tuesday 20th May 7.30pm APCM 2025

BISHOP HENDERSON NEWS

During Lent the pupils of Bishop Henderson were involved in "Acts of Kindness" towards the local community.

Each class contributed in different ways. Thank you cards were delivered to the local shops, Thinking of you cards to the Children's Ward, Easter Cards for the residents of Mountbatten and St George's Care Home, and the hospital chaplains came into school to receive message cards for patients and staff. There was Litter Picking in Galmington, and learning about wasted food, and delivering food to St George's Community Fridge.

It is hoped that all these contacts can continue, especially a visit by some of our music group to St G's Care Home

Rev Jenny
Chaplain at Bishop Henderson School

NOTICE OF OUR APCM

Roll up, roll up....our APCM - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (like an AGM) is taking place on **Tuesday 20th May** and we would like for you to come and join us.

We hope you will find it interesting, helpful encouraging with a time of worship, prayer and giving thanks to those who have served and a look ahead to the future..

Please pop the date in your diaries and join us in church on the 20th.

WOMEN IN THE PUB

It may be a Bank Holiday but that's not going to stop our Women In The Pub getting together for more fun together.



There will be a quiz and a swap shop. Books, magazines and dvds.

So ladies come and join us in The Vivary Arms, Bank Holiday Monday at 7.30pm - hope to see you there!

Kate T

JOIN A TEAM AND SERVE

BEING A WELCOMER

A warm smile and a lovely welcome can make all the difference to someone visiting us for the first time, or even for our regulars after a hard week - it's lovely to be greeted by a friendly face to put everyone at ease. We would love to increase the team to do this important ministry, so if you think it may be something you would like to do and join the team, please chat to Nick or Rob, even the Parish Office to find out more about what being a Welcomer means.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

We'd love to enlarge our group of volunteers who open / clean / close the St. George's Community Fridge. Why not volunteer by contacting me (Mervyn) at **fridge@stgchurch.co.uk** to find out more? We'd also like to be able to offer to have the Fridge open much more as the word is spreading across the town so if we can serve our community in this way it would be great to have more of you onboard!!

BUGGY BUDDIES

We walk alongside everyone at such a precious and often challenging time of life and to demonstrate the Christian faith in a gentle, practical way whether that's a sympathetic listening ear, pushing a buggy for a Mum while she walks with her active toddler, or providing a flask of free hot coffee for the grown ups! We urgently need more volunteers to keep Buggy Buddies running and allow it to thrive. If you can help out for just 2-3 sessions each term, please reach out to us at **families@stgchurch.co.uk**

MOSSY CHURCH TEAM

We have 'mini' sessions which take place during weekdays, two to three times per term as well as occasional Saturday or school holiday sessions for older children normally once a term. Joining the team wouldn't involve helping at all of the sessions, even once per term would be brilliant. This might be helping to prepare a craft or activity, or if you're not crafty, welcoming or making refreshments, or reading a story on the day. Email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** if you would like to find out more!

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Children & Young People News



EARTH DAY MINI MOSSY EVENT

We had such a wonderful time at our Earth Day Mini Mossy Event on Tuesday was so lovely. The sun was shining, the churchyard trees provided us with perfect shade and we sang, played, had a story and did some lovely crafts together.

All the families went away having had a great time and smiles on their faces.

DONT MISS OUT ON OUR NEXT ONE FOR ALL THE FAMILY....



ST G'S MOSSY CHURCH

Minibeast Family Adventure

For Ages 0-12 years old

Saturday 17th May 10.00am - 11.30am
St George's Wilton Churchyard

NATURE CRAFTS • THEMED ACTIVITIES • SENSORY PLAY
MINIBEAST HUNT • BUG TRAIL • SONGS & STORIES

Don't Forget...
FREE
Limited Spaces
BOOK NOW

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE NOW AT: WWW.STGCHURCH.CO.UK/EVENTS

Mossy Church
ST GEORGES WILTON



EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ CONNECT

Join the Mossy Church team and other local families for this **FREE** session as we learn all about the wonderful world of marvellous minibeasts!

In this session there'll be nature crafts and activities for ages 0-12 including, a bug hunt trail, habitat exploration, games, stories, songs and sensory play for the youngest ones, as well as other nature activities and crafts for primary aged children. Our St G's Tuk Tuk cafe will also be out, with **FREE** filter coffee and tea for the grown ups.

Session will be fully accessible. Toilets / baby changing on site.
Please note that this is a family event and children are to be supervised by their parents / carers at all times.

(Indoor wet weather provision in place so session will take place whatever the weather.)

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



In Loving Memory

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

**Fred Mills, Betty Rourke,
Audrey Dootson, Judy Bellamy,
Brian Heard and James Stutt**

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*

Our Easter Flowers are in loving memory of dear Peter Ball kindly

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:
Account Name: **St George's Wilton Stewardship**
Account No: **59935227**
Sort Code: **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

Diary Dates 2025



Saturday 19th April 10.00am
EASTER TRAIL For 0-12's

Tuesday 29th April 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s
EARTH DAY

Saturday 17th May 10.00am
MOSSY FAMILY For 0-12s
MINIBEAST FAMILY ADVENTURE

Monday 7th July 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s
LIGHT & COLOURS

Explore Engage Connect

Mossy Church is a relaxed, nature themed Christian group exploring creation, connecting with others & getting to know the Creator. Check out our Facebook page for regular ideas and to find out about our activities, trails and fun family events!



A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS



Join our walking group, **Stroll for the Soul**, where we meet monthly for a gentle walk together. We go to a different location each time, talk as we walk and stop for reflection and prayer.

STROLL THE SOUL 2025 DATES

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

FRIDAY 18TH JULY

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

For more informations email office@stgchurch.co.uk, chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!

Jesus you walk with me, help me to walk with you.



SAFEGUARDING AT ST GEORGES
The Protection of Children,
Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding in the church community to make our churches safe for children, young people and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility.

At St George's Wilton we take our safeguarding responsibility very seriously and we have our own safeguarding policy.

If you have a concern over ANY issue with regards to safeguarding, please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Team

Email our Safeguarding Officer,
Hilary McKegney on:
safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk
or telephone
01823 284253 for the Parish Office



The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is
Ben Goodhind
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GROW TOGETHER

THURS 24th - SUN 27th JULY '25

adult £150 (Supporter)
adult £125 (Standard)
adult £100 (Supported)

youth £50 (11-17)
child £25 (4-10)
child FREE (0-3)

monthly payment available with £20 deposit AND ST G'S BURSARY HELP AVAILABLE

visit our website:
stgchurch.co.uk/bigweekend
or scan this QR code to take you to the booking page



ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

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TACKLING POVERTY & INJUSTICE WE WORK TO TRANSFORM LIVES

As a Christian development charity, we partner with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.

Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond. Our goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region.

Ours is a vision of love in action. It is rooted in, and inspired by, Christ's invitation to care for those most in need.

WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

We currently have 40 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region, providing education, healthcare and community support. All are working to transform the lives of those most forgotten and on the margins; all are inspired by the Gospel. We feel deeply privileged to work in partnership with Christians in the Middle East and honoured to be able to bring their witness closer to people in this country.

If you are a Church At Home worshipper, you can donate via their website - <https://embraceme.org/give-general>



St George's Wilton Community Fridge

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

OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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

HUBBUB
WWW.HUBBUB.ORG.UK
Registered Charity No. 1158700



TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Michael & Hilary Hayes
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding, Prayer & Video Studies	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Bible & Prayer	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andrews
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 3.00pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure
Classic Bible Study	Bishops Hull	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Elaine & Geoff Bowyer

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Join one today for friendship and faith
Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk or check out My Groups on Churchsuite

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