



Sunday 5th March 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A Note From **Your Vicar**

The first football game I ever enjoyed was Tranmere Rovers vs. Aston Villa in 1994.

The plucky Rovers fought back gallantly against Villa only to lose on penalties 8-5. I decided from that moment I would support Tranmere. Until I got to school and realised nobody had ever heard of Tranmere Rovers. I didn't even know where it was. So I thought Villa....but then the boys of Bishop Henderson School bullied me for that option too. And I didn't want to support somewhere that sounded like a house trying to be posh, so I turned big and red and supported Man Utd.

Glory Glory Man Utd! Was the song. I knew all of the players, the name of the kitman and the third goalkeeper. Every Birthday and Christmas I requested football shirts and I was once told off for singing too loudly along to Status Quo's, 'Come on you Reds'. (look it up on youtube, it's like a timecapsule).

Anyway. In 2018, one of my kids said they would support Liverpool. 'No'. Was my single word response at the dinner table. Later I found out why this betrayal had been manifest. They too were now getting teased at school for 'supporting' Man Utd. Times and indeed seasons change quickly.

Last Sunday, my beloved team beat Newcastle to win the Carabao Cup (Coca-cola cup in my head). It's the worst domestic trophy but it's been 6 long years without one and I'll take what I can. In football as in life, glory comes and glory goes and the reality is that in the bleak years of a clueless manager (s) you have no idea when

or even 'if' things will pick up again. 6 years is a long time for a trophy for Man U; it has been 68 years for Newcastle. Has the 'glory' returned to my beloved? Maybe this season but next season who can tell (ref. Liverpool last year to this one).

In the church's calendar, we've just entered Lent, a season of pruning things back to make space for the blooming of life at Easter. These penitential seasons can seem a bit gloomy but really it is a type of faith that amidst the ups and downs, the comings and goings, the arrival and deportation of glory, God is there in it all. In the desert and in the blooms of the field; on mountaintop and the low valley. So that faith is, not yet, an ascending staircase of glory to glory, rather more like fixing your eyes on the horizon beyond that somehow hastens to us even as the ground on our feet is sometime rocky and sometimes smooth. For in the end, the grasses fall and the flowers fade....but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Nick

**"The grass
withers and
the flowers fall,
but the word of
our God
endures
forever."**

Isaiah 40:8

St George's **News**

CHURCHYARD GARDENING RETURNS

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with churchyard gardening last year, whether at the Saturday sessions (3rd Saturday morning of the month, March – November), or by caring for an area of the churchyard in your own spare time, as part of St George's ADOPT-A-PLOT scheme.



MARCH IS HERE! Spring flowers are blooming, trees will soon be in leaf, the grass is growing, and so are the weeds and brambles!

In case anyone is wondering what goes on at the Saturday sessions: on average between 6 or 7 come along to help. It's rewarding to see the fruits of our labours: perhaps freshly raked-up grass cuttings or leaves, a pruned bush, a weeded or planted border, or a wall cleared of ivy.

It's a peaceful place to work, but there's also good company between times – it's encouraging to work together over a task, or to chat generally when we break to gather at about 11am round one of the benches for a 'Bring & Share' drink and snack.

If we're working at the front of the church, many people walk through the churchyard on their way to or from town, and they nearly

Easter Lillies

The notice will be 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 £4.00

If you are unable to get to church to add your name and the name of those whose name you would like the lilly dedicated to

email office@stgchurch.co.uk

Payment should be made to us via BACS using the following information and putting 'Easter Lillies' as the reference to:

Account Name: St George's Wilton

Account No: 29750970

Sort Code 60-80-06

In Loving Memory this Easter



always greet us or return our greeting or stop and talk for a few minutes. At other times people may come to visit the grave of family or friends, and it can be very uplifting for them to know that the churchyard is valued and cared for by us; and if we have spoken with them, it can help us to feel familiar with the names on grave stones of people we haven't personally known, or whose relatives we haven't met before.

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 18TH MARCH!

Jane, Michael & Tricia
On behalf of St George's
Churchyard Gardeners, March 2023

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

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

THURSDAY 9th MARCH is our next Stroll for the Soul so make a note in your diaries!

Marlene will be leading this stroll - starting from the Church in Bishop's Hull. Arrangements will be made for car-sharing. Parking may be limited in the church car park, but there is space in The Hub car park close by.

Do come and join us for a gentle stroll with time for reflection and companionship.

Meet at 10.15 - to stroll at 10.30.

Janet

**JESUS YOU WALK WITH ME -
HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU.**

ELECTORAL ROLL

It's been so wonderful having so many lovely new people come to be a part of our Church family here at St George's at both our 9.30am and our 11am services.

If you have been coming to us for over 6 months and would consider yourself as St G's being your home church, do get in touch for an Electoral Roll form from the Church Office.

This allows you to make a vote in our APCM (our Annual Meeting where we elect our Wardens, PCC and Deanery Synod) and helps us to know what our worshipping community is here.

A SPACE TO MEET



Cosy Cafe

AND MAKE FRIENDS



TUESDAYS 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Dunning Room • St George's Church Hall
Fons George • Taunton
TA1 3JT

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*A space and a place for you to meet up
together with a friend for a cuppa or to come
by yourself for some company and a chat!*



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
www.stgchurch.co.uk Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk



COSY CAFE HOURS AND HELP

We are delighted that we can continue to keep our Cosy Cafe open on a Tuesday (thank you Ian!) as it has been such a joy to see people coming along and meeting up for a cuppa and a chat.

It's been great that St G's church family have been using it as a meeting place too - a lovely community hub for us all.

If you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday to come along and help with the coffee and chat, do get in touch via office@stgchurch.co.uk. Having a Cosy Cafe team would be so good! So if you think this is something you'd like to help us with - don't delay, get in touch today!

Do email office@stgchurch.co.uk and I can send you a form to complete or pop one in the post!

Additionally if you have not yet signed up for our Christian Giving Scheme and would like to contribute to the work of St George's on a regular basis, then I can also send out a copy of the form for that also.

Thanks everyone!

Bethan x

IF YOU HAVE AN
ARTICLE FOR NEWS-
BOARD PLEASE EMAIL BY
WED@12PM AT THE LATEST
EMAIL:
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

FAMILIES at St G's

OUR FAMILY TEAMS NEED HELP

- Buggy Buddies • Kids@11/Youth@11
- Mossy Church • Stay and Play

*Being on our teams is fun and fulfilling
and is not forever just for now*

BUGGY BUDDIES

Following on from our article last week, due to personal circumstances we are now down from a team of 4 to a team of 1 and so please can we **pray for a couple of people to step forward** and help us keep this really wonderful ministry going. It's a really relaxed group of lovely Mums - some wanting to spend time with fellow Christian Mums, some wanting to make new friends, some just wanting to get out into the fresh air and to do something with others.

Each week, we meet, we walk and we chat! During the colder months we go indoors after the walk for coffee, song and story time and have space for the little ones to play. In the warmer months, we do this outside on picnic rugs, midway during our walk.

If you feel that this is something you might like to be involved in, please email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** as soon as possible and join us as we walk alongside families at this precious time of life.

STAY AND PLAY

Stay and Play is our really popular baby and toddler group which runs on a Wednesday morning during term time. It's a great group and team to be a part of and

we'd love more of you to join us. We especially need help with set up and clear up so even if you can help with that every now and then, that would be so appreciated and a great way to serve so please do get in touch if you can!

YOUTH@11 AND KIDS@11

Thank you to all those praying for Youth@11. We believe we have found our Sunday morning home. The Scout Hut has a lot of potential and we are excited about how it will work for us.

To make it feel more homely we would like a large rug or two to put on the bare wooden boards. Does anybody have one they could give us? If so please contact Rose or Jay through the church office or come and speak to us at church.

We do still need helpers and leaders for both kids@11, Youth@11 and to help with Creche. We would be so grateful even if you can only help so if you can give us an hour of your time on a Sunday **once every 4-6 weeks**, we would be so thankful. Do get in touch with Hilary Hayes, Bryony Griffin, Jenny Norman or Rose Slack.

MOSSY CHURCH

Our Mossy Church events are always a lot of fun and engage with both church families and those in the community. We'd love for more to join our Mossy team to help with ideas, helping at the events with craft activities. No craft experience necessary (phew!), just a willingness to help. We have a few events throughout the year so not a regular weekly commitment so if you can help email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** - Thank you!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

Term Time
Mondays
at 10am
MEET IN
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCHYARD

To find out
more email
FAMILIES@
STGCHURCH.CO.UK

RUN BY A
FRIENDLY TEAM FOR
PARENTS/CARERS
OF BUMPS, BABIES
AND TODDLERS

Come and join the fun!

stories snacks songs friends crafts toys

£2 PER FAMILY

WEDS
9.30-11.00
TERM TIME

ST GEORGE'S
WILTON
CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE
TAUNTON
TA1 3JT

COME AND JOIN OUR POPULAR, FRIENDLY
PLAYGROUP FOR BABIES & TODDLERS.
FRESH SNACKS FOR THEM AND AN EXCELLENT
COFFEE AND CAKE FOR YOU!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
**Stay
and
Play**
BABY AND TODDLER

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection is for **TAUNTON TEAM CHAPLAINCY**

The purpose of the Taunton Team Chaplaincy is to advance the Christian faith in the town by providing care, witness and prayer in a wide range of community and workplace locations.

Chaplains are drawn from local churches and linked with a workplace or area to visit (usually weekly) with the purpose of offering friendly and supportive care to all. A chaplain's main aim is to listen and take an interest in the people they meet and give comfort and compassion where needed. Time spent with each person varies which may be enough to catch up but, if a longer conversation is needed, arrangements can be made for a chat at a convenient time.

While the Chaplaincy is unashamedly Christian, there is no intention to 'preach' and support is offered to all, those of faith or none. This is an opportunity for us to join with and support the work of the Taunton Team Chaplaincy and help to enable them to continue to show and share the love of God in our town.



Taunton Team Chaplaincy have a great video which explains what the Chaplaincy does, with an introduction from Bishop Ruth. Do head over to their website and check it out for yourself! Or go to Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEVTyCDij10>

Instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to. We try to donate to local charities, Christian charities at home and abroad and any Emergency Appeal that is brought to our attention. If you would like to donate to these charities, do bring your money to the Sunday Service and pop into the donations basket. Thank you!

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 after praying about it, you would like to change the amount you are already giving to St George's, you will need to fill out a **new pledgeform** and, if appropriate a new standing order form.

- 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**

If you have any questions about your Giving or would like some help, please do not hesitate to either contact the Church office or to our Christian Giving Officer, Michael Small on hortoncross@gmail.com

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

We remember
Russell Petty and
Jean Underwood

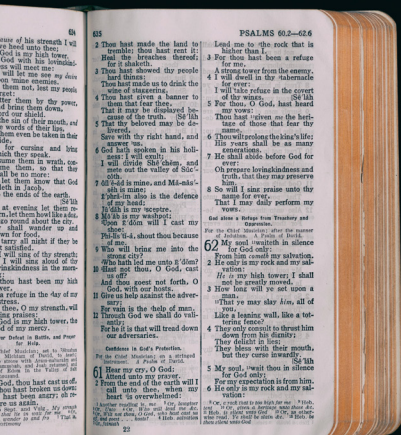
and pray that you would bless
those who mourn with the comfort
of your love that they may face
each new day with hope and
the certainty that nothing can
destroy
the good that has been given.
Through Jesus Christ,
our lord.
Amen.



LECTIONARY READINGS

As we are going
through our Sermon
Series on Ephesians,
here are the
Lectionary Readings
for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17



The **Collect** Sun 5th March Second Sunday of **Lent**

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

AWAKEN Saturday Nights

DOUBT

MAR | 7 PM
25 | 10 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: NICK GRIFFIN

CANON ST CHURCH, TAUNTON

Awaken is a group from 15+ churches, passionate about gathering & encouraging young adults (18-30s) through worship & community. On AWAKEN worship nights they provide opportunities to meet God through worshipping Jesus and praying for each other along with drinking coffee, eating cookies and much more.

QUIZ NIGHT fundraiser



7:30PM
Saturday
11th March

Oakwood Centre,
Taunton, TA2 7PU

Minimum Suggested donation £5



Book your place
taunton.yfc.co.uk

Charity no.1081565

Join The Team!

YOUTH
@11

KIDS
@11

We'd love you to come and join our teams
to help us with the St G families
get in touch!

// Worship School 2023 //

MISSION: TO GATHER THE CHURCH TOGETHER TO DEVELOP WORSHIP IN THE TAUNTON AREA THROUGH TEACHING, PRACTICAL TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY

Worship School - 2nd Monday / month 7.30pm @Living Light Church, Gipsy Lane, TA1 5LQ

13th Feb
13th Mar
3rd April (due to Easter)
8th May
12th Jun
10th July
(no August meeting)
11th Sep
9th Oct
13th Nov
11th Dec

- Worship
- Teaching
- Practical training
- Band skills
- Communication
- Learning songs

Who is it aimed at?

- Those who are already involved in worship in some capacity or who are keen to be involved and with a bit of training would be ready to join
- Acoustic Guitar, Keys, Bass, Vocals, Cajon (Drums), Worship Leaders & PA & tech team members

A town-wide Prayer & Worship
gathering every Tuesday &
Sunday nights in Taunton

SUNDAY NIGHTS 7.30pm

PURSUIT

One thing I ask... Ps27:4

@ North Street Church, Taunton

Who's **WHO**

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Office Hours: **Tues - Thurs 10-1pm**

Prayer Circle

Prayer Circle Coordinator - Lesley Ware

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

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Coordinator - Hilary McKegney

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

pastoral-care@stgchurch.co.uk

Families

If you would like to find out more about what we have on for families here at St G's email

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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 5th March

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 6th March

10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 7th March

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 8th March

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Wednesday Prayer and Worship

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
between 10am - 1pm

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

Thank You!