



Sunday 27th February 2022

A Note From **Your Administrator**

What's that saying? When the cats away, the mice will play?? Well, since Rev'd Nick is on a well deserved break and I'm still here, I have taken the opportunity to take over his column!!! Mwhaaaa!! It's just like the old days...a long winded waffling column from me :) Now I cannot promise this will be as good as his column is and I cannot promise that what I write next will make any sense....

I suppose I could simply just write the two words that mean so much to receive - THANK YOU.

I know that I have probably said this to you all before, but truly, I am so thankful for this Church family as you never cease to amaze me with your generosity in numerous ways and I don't think I have ever worked somewhere where those two words - THANK YOU - is given so freely and meaningfully. I cannot tell you how much it helps. When the work piles up and you feel as though you're going to drop one of the numerous balls you're juggling, just having one person say "Thank you for..." gives the message of support, gratitude and encouragement. It gives you that spring in your step or helps keeps those balls in the air! They can make you feel appreciated, acknowledged and not take for granted.

don't be taken for granted don't we.

And that's why it is so great to give thanks to God when we pray and worship. To take time to acknowledge all that He does for us. To not take Him for granted.

Being thankful in all situations helps us develop our trust in God and helps us to be humble. To thank Him for all that He provides us with. To thank Him for being there when we're lost, lonely, in pain. To thank Him for His forgiveness, His creation, His people.

I am also thankful for all He is doing here at St George's. I am so thankful to Him for bringing the wonderful Griffin family to us. I am thankful for this Church family, I am thankful for all of you, stepping forward together on this journey, this new chapter. I am thankful that in His plans for me, He brought me here to this church. And I am thankful that He loves me. Faults and all... and there are many of them!!

Those two little words have such great meaning for those receiving them but actually also it's a great feeling to give thanks to others and it really feels even more amazing to give thanks back to God.

What are you thankful for today? The sun? Your health? A kind word? Food? Company? So let's give thanks to friends, work colleagues, family but most importantly, to God.

Every blessing

Bethan X

*Rejoice always,
Pray continually,
Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.*

ST GEORGE'S **Prayer**



A Prayer for the Crisis in Ukraine by Pete Greig & 24-7 Prayer

Father God, King of all nations, we cry out to you now for the people of Ukraine. We ask you to rescue those who are vulnerable from the hands of their enemies that they may live without fear before you all their days [Luke 1:74-75].

*Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Lord of lords and Prince of peace, our politicians are predicting the biggest war in Europe since 1945, and we simply cry out to you urgently to write another story in our time. Thwart the dark machinations of evil men. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to peacemakers seeking an equitable and less violent way. May politicians exercise the wisdom from above, which is peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy [James 3:17].

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Holy Spirit, we pray for the church in Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. Give our many brothers and sisters in that nation courage in this crisis that they may proclaim the good news of your kingdom, bind up broken hearts, and bring comfort to all who mourn. [Isaiah 61 :1-2].

*Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

You Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. Make a peace that is strong and not weak. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; he shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:1 O].

*Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
Amen*

A Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ukraine

statement from the Archbishops



"The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil.

"Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces.

"We call for a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace.

"We invite Christians to make this Sunday a day for prayer for Ukraine, Russia and for peace.

"We also give our support to the call from Pope Francis for a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday, March 2."

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



St George's **Small Groups**

The next **STROLL FOR THE SOUL** walk will be on **FRIDAY 11 March**. Please note the change from Thursday to Friday, as we are occasionally trying out different days in order to suit as many people as possible.

This month we will be following short but beautiful circular walk at Staple Hill on the Blackdowns. There is a good footpath for the whole route, about half of which is level and the rest with a mostly gentle incline.

Near the end of the walk there is a convenient picnic table with a splendid view across Taunton Deane, so do bring your own flask of coffee if you would like to - biscuits will be provided!

Meet at the Staple Hill carpark (grid ref 246159) - at 10.15 a.m. for a 10.30 a.m. start on Friday 11 March.

Follow the Corfe road up to the crossroads at the top of the hill, turn left and the carpark is signed on the left after about a mile.

All are welcome. Please could you let either Rachel or Janet know if you are able to offer a lift to the venue in your car, or if you require a lift.

If you can't catch us in person, you can get in touch with us via the church office by emailing office@stgchurch.co.uk.

If you read last week's News Board - Rev'd Nick was talking about the people you can meet in the park....



...He might have been meeting all kinds of important people in the Park - but he missed this happy little group!

**MEETING
WED 2ND
MARCH
7.30PM**

*Bible In
One Year*

WINSTON ROOM
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL



**MEETING
MON
28TH FEB
7.30PM**

*Young
Adults*

WINSTON ROOM
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL



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Lent Lunch

Soup Saturday

**SATURDAY 12TH
MARCH 2022
FROM 12.15PM**

ST GEORGE'S WILTON CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE
TAUNTON TA13JT

Voluntary Donations Welcome

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A BOWL OF
HOMEMADE SOUP. ALL PROFITS GO TO...**



**christian
aid**

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Learning In LENT

COME AND LEARN TOGETHER THIS LENT

On **Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm** we will be beginning a 5 week Lent Course similar to that we ran last year - Learning in Lockdown.

It will be on Zoom on a Thursday evening and will be taking a look into the Book of Acts for this brand new course (please note this is not a repeat of last year's Lent course!)

If you would like to join the course from the comfort of your sofa, please email **office@stgchurch.co.uk** to register your interest and to receive the Zoom link to join in!



Begins
THURS 10TH MARCH
7.30pm on Zoom



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Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk to sign up!

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



ST GEORGE'S WILTON • FONS GEORGE • TAUNTON

✠ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 ✠

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

You are invited to join with this ecumenical celebration which is taking place all around the world on this day

to be held at

St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Square, Taunton

starting at 10.30am

or for a shortened Service in the lunch hour also at

St Mary Magdalene Church

Church Square TA1 1SA

from 1.15pm – 1.45pm

I know the plans I have for you

World Day of PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer of Service is an ecumenical worldwide movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland as countries take it in turns each year and this year, both services will be held in St Marys Magdalene's on **Friday 4th March**. (Check out the poster above.) Do pop the date in your diary and go along if you can.



It's Lent Boxes Time!

Christian Aid Lent Boxes will be available today for those who have not kept last year's box. Please put the number of the box you pick up in the book and your name and telephone number.

Thank you!
Helen x



Despite the recent storms, the Mossy Church team were delighted to be able to run our 'Love Creation' session last weekend. We welcomed lots of families for some creative nature based crafts, activities and stories to explore and

engage with creation and connect with the Creator. It was brilliant to see so many familiar faces as well as lots of new families too. A particular favourite activity was making 'seed bombs' ready to place in gardens and windowsills and share the spring joy of wildflowers with those around us. We can't wait to see what flowers grow!



ST GEORGE'S **Charity Information**

Taunton's homeless community. In the first instance they provide a warm welcome, a smile and a cuppa! After that they work to ensure people have their basic needs met. They have showers, a clothing store and provide a laundry facility. They serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited refills of tea, coffee and juice. This works to increase people's self-esteem and gives them a positive sense of belonging.

Then, individuals are offered tailored support plans which target key goals such as developing life skills, sustaining accommodation and accessing employment. A huge team of over 45 volunteers helps to underpin this work - including some from our congregations.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ONLINE ...

please visit their page <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17972#!/DonationDetails>
You can pay here by PayPal, CAF or by card.

Alternatively, please send a cheque to **Taunton Open Door**,
1A Mount Street, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3QB

**FREE
TICKETS***
OPTIONAL DONATION

ST GEORGES WILTON MOSSY CHURCH STARGAZING

FOR FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-14

5.30-7PM ON 5TH MARCH @ WILDSIDE

A special twinkly family adventure!

Join us as we explore the night sky with a real scientist,
make sparkly nature crafts, read starry stories &
enjoy a hot chocolate by the crackling campfire with sparklers

BOOK AT: <https://mossychurchmarchstargazing.eventbrite.co.uk>

EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ CONNECT

A twinkly stargazing adventure for all the family.
With a guided gaze, sparkly crafts, a crackling campfire & sparklers!

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Our next event is our Mossy Church Family Stargazing Adventure on 5th March from 5.30-7pm at Wildside up on the Blackdown Hills (rearranged from November due to a storm). Places are free (although there is an optional donation collection) but places are limited. If you, or someone you know would like to attend the event or would like to know more, please visit <https://mossychurchmarchstargazing.eventbrite>.

Our charity collection for this week will be for

Taunton Open Door



Taunton Open Door is a day centre for

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Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle, please email: prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

OUR WEEK Ahead

Sunday 27th

9.30am Holy Communion

9.45am Online Service

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service

Monday 28th

7.30pm Young Adults BIOY

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 1st

2.15pm St George's Social
- Pancake Fun

Wed 2nd

9.30am Stay and Play

7.30pm BIOY group

Sat 5th

5.30pm Mossy Church
Stargazing Adventure



St George's

Sunday Services

SUN 27TH FEB	9.30am Holy Communion Service <i>with Choir and sung liturgy</i> 9.45am Online Service 11.00am Worship Service
SUN 6TH MAR	9.30am Holy Communion Service 9.45am Online Service 11.00am Worship Service
SUN 13TH MAR	9.30am Holy Communion Service <i>with Choir and sung liturgy</i> 9.45am Online Service 11.00am Worship Service
SUN 20TH MAR	9.30am Holy Communion Service 9.45am Online Service 11.00am Worship Service with Communion
SUN 27TH MAR	9.30am Holy Communion Service <i>with Choir and sung liturgy</i> 9.45am Online Service 11.00am Worship Service

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.



St G's SERVICES



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the nine thirty

A traditional **Holy Communion** Service in **our Church** building with sung liturgy and our Choir every 2nd and 4th Sunday

the online

Join us from the comfort of **your home** for our online service over on our **YouTube** channel, every Sunday from 9.45am

the eleven

Come along and grab a coffee at our new Worship service - a more relaxed, informal style of service.

Led by **Worship Band** and in **our Church Hall**

Sundays at 11.00am.

There will be **Activity & Craft packs** available for families to use during the service aimed at ages 0-14 a Family Room will be freely open to families to access throughout the service with their children.

For more information, get in touch!
We'd love to hear from you!

Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk

Worshipping God
Following Jesus
Learning Together



We remember

Desmond Wilce, Helen Russell,
Christine Harris and Barbara Colwill

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 Readings

Sunday 27th February '22

The Lectionary readings for Sunday 16th January are:

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

LUKE 9:28-36

The readings in church and online for this Sunday will be the same.

Do get in touch if you would like to join our team to read either in church, online or both!

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!

The Collect

Sunday 27th February '22

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St George's **Events**

HAVE A FLIPPIN' GOOD TIME!

As part of our Social events programme, this Tuesday is our "Panckae Fun" afternoon from 2.15pm. They did have such fun when we put this on a couple of years ago and hope it will be great fun again this time.

As ingredients are involved though, we do need an idea of numbers, so if you would like to come along do email either Rosa on r.parsloe@btinternet.com or call her on **01823 338817** or email the Church office at office@stgchurch.co.uk

It's a bargain of £3 for an afternoon of fun and fellowship so do come along!

SOUP SATURDAY

We wanted to say a Souper **THANK YOU** to all who came along to support our Soup Saturday. We raised nearly £160 which is great - every penny counts and so this really is great, we are so grateful. Thanks go to our wonderful Soup Saturday team who make these lovely events possible. The stallholders, the soup makers, those who help with the setting up and clearing down. We are so very grateful. We could not do this without you!

Do pop the date of Saturday 12th March when we will be having our Lent Soup lunch in aid of Christain Aid so do come along and support it if you can!

PRAYING FOR OUR STREET PASTORS

The week commencing **Sunday 5th March**, we will be Street pastor's Praying Partner, where they ask us to remember them in our Prayers and Small groups, and as individuals. We are also invited to go and pray with them at their base in North Street Church as they prepare to go out on their patrol from 9.15pm onwards (they can provide details on where to meet). Street Pastors really value the prayers of all the Christians in our town and especially at the present time. Over the last 6 months they have managed to resume their weekly Saturday night patrols in the town centre and frequent patrols in Halcon and Priorswood during daylight hours.

Please do check out this brilliant new video that shows what Taunton Street Pasrors is all about <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEQOB87ZRxQ>.



A Murder Mystery by Richard Adams

**Friday 18th / Saturday 19th March
7:00pm at St James Church**

Tickets £8 from:
St James Church Office
jennywakefield@btinternet.com
07796248369

**Canapés and cake
- bring your own
alcoholic/soft drinks**

All proceeds in aid of:



a charity working with schools and disadvantaged young people in Taunton

ST JAMES PLAYERS

Our friends over at St James are holding another Murder Mystery in aid of Taunton Youth For Christ in March.

Some of you may remember they came along and did this event for us St George's so you'll hopefully remember it was a great evening of guessing who dunnit!!

So, if you're up for an evening of entertainment do get in touch with them and grab yourself a ticket for the great work of TYFC.

