



Sunday 16th July 2023

A Note From

Your Vicar

At the beginning of the week we were awarded a grant from Taunton Town Council towards our community fridge project. I had to present to a whole council room and pushed a microphone to speak. It felt like the UN or something you see on TV. There were 16 applicants and to make sure that everyone kept to their allotted time there was a buzzer. It was nicknamed 'the buzzer of doom'. At the end of my presentation, I said, 'I'll finish there so I don't get the buzzer of doom. 'I wouldn't dare', joked the chair, 'I might get struck down by lightening'...

At the end of our 9.30 services I stand at the door and greet everyone as they depart. One of our most committed regulars often says to me; 'The sun shines on the righteous'.

There is a temptation to think that clergy are a different breed. We wear funny collars and wear funny clothes. In the church building there are areas that vicars stand in but not everyone else. Even the cheekiest of Scouts will ask me quietly – am I allowed up there...?

But there is a danger in all of this 'vicars are a different breed' business. The end of the phrase 'the sun shines on the righteous and on the unrighteous alike' means that however righteous/unrighteous we think we are, then 'stuff' happens to all of us. Today was one of

those days. Pushed from pillar to post in the day, I cycled to retrieve the car, carried 5 litres of petrol in a backpack to retrieve the car from the garage which gave me a £300 bill. As I tried to refill my tank with a jerry can, petrol poured onto my shoes. I called my daughter to pick her up from school, I put my phone on speaker resting it on the top of the car. Halfway to school, I realised my phone was missing and found it smashed on the forecourt of the garage.

Sun shines and the rain falls on all alike.

Being a Christian isn't pretending everything is peachy, it's knowing that in the mess, that I'm not alone and that my job here as the vicar is not to be overwhelmed by all the mess but work through it and in it, to the glory of the one who in the end, makes all things well.

God bless,
Nick

""The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.""

Psalms
37:23-24

St George's **News**

DAY OF PRAYER THANKS

How wonderful it was to have such a special day of prayer together on Saturday. It really was a whole day filled with lots of different opportunities and ways to prayer for our church, our young people, our community and our town.

It was wonderful to welcome people from our community who came along to join in with prayer. It was just great seeing this old storage room converted to a place of prayer.

We need to give lots of thanks to all who made this possible. The biggest thanks must go to **Karen Williams** who, from the very start, planned and put this day together. With the help of **Jane Hamilton**, **Jan Jones** making a beautiful cushion brightening the space and **Peter Joyce** organising the new vinyl floor and storage of furniture, the old storage room was transformed into this really special place that welcomed people in to pray and we hope will be a much used, much loved space to pray by yourself, or as a small group.

Thanks also must go to all those who came and led an hour slot. We know how much preparation and care you put into those hours, so thank you!! And to Rob, our new Curate, for helping out with refreshments and the BBQ at the end of our Prayer Day.

Soon, we shall share how you can use the Prayer Shed and easily access it as this will be a space that is available 24/7 (unless booked of course!) because remember....when we pray....STUFF HAPPENS!!!!



CARMEN CROMWEL

We've been so blessed already by the arrival of the Cromwell family and are super excited to see what God will do through Rob, Carmen and the kids.

This summer, Carmen was selected for ordination at a Bishops Selection Conference to be a 'Distinctive Deacon' and we look forward to her ordination in June 2025. To prepare for ordination she will begin her training at Trinity College Bristol on a part time basis, to 'top up' the completion of her recent theology degree.

The way that the Church of England understands 'Deacons' is that they are focused more clearly on the world and community beyond the boundaries of the church than within it. They are allowed to lead, preach, to baptise and marry people, but not to lead communion services. In the CofE it's possible to be ordained three times – as a Deacon, Priest and Bishop and the different ordinations build upon one another. So, Rob is now ordained as a Deacon but expects to be ordained as a Priest next year. Carmen feels a distinctive call to Mission and outreach – particularly amongst younger people and so will remain as a Deacon through her ministry life. If this is confusing, then do ask questions! This means that Carmen is now an 'ordinand' and will be a placement student here with us (woohoo!). This role will evolve over time, but she will be involved in services and youth work. Alongside this, Carmen is running a charity, 'Pulse', which seeks to train, equip and support churches to deliver children and youth work.

Please pray for Carmen as she works to settle into Taunton, develop the charity and begin her studies and placement with us. You can contact Carmen via email 'carmen@stgchurch.co.uk'

PCC MEETING

The PCC met this week for the first time since our APCM so it was great to welcome along to the Meeting Hilary Hayes, Hilary McKegney (in new role as Deanery Synod Reps), Laura Willetts (PCC) and Rob (Curate - no choice in the matter!).

The Minutes will be available to view online shortly but the key messages from the

Meeting were:

- Jenny Norman is doing a great job at getting our Safeguarding on track. The demands on the Safeguarding role have increased significantly and there is a lot of work involved but great progress is being made. If you have had a meeting with Jenny about a DBS please do make sure you follow this up and get in touch!
- Matt Norman's role description as Digital and Technical Coordinator was agreed.
- Contactless giving is on the way and we're researching the different possible ways.
- Electrical work has begun to connect the Community Fridge Shed and electrical work has begun in the Parish Office with building work due to commence on Monday 7th August for approximately 4 weeks.

Our next PCC Meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th November 2023**

SUPPORT MEALS

Join us as we demonstrate God's love through providing a meal at a tricky time.

We are looking to set up a list of willing cooks who can be contacted as and when we need to support through meals in this way. If you would like to refer yourself or someone else, please email **supportmeals@stgchurch.co.uk**

The Medlock family will soon be moving house very and have welcomed their new addition and as a church family we want to support them at this time by providing them with a hot meal

If you would be willing and able to make a meal for this wonderful family and deliver it to them please email **supportmeals@stgchurch.co.uk** for full details. Thank you.



FAMILIES MEAL

Just a quick reminder for the for the parents/ carers of little ones up to teens" from our Sunday Clubs that this Sunday we're getting together for our families shared lunch time. We'll be heading to Wilton Lands (bring your own picnic) but should the weather decide to rain on our parade we'll stay up at the Hall keeping dry! There are no activities planned but as said, it's a time to gather and to get to know each other better over food!

MENS SHED

Men's Shed is back on Monday 17th July so do go along or tell any who you think may value having some time at the Mens Shed.

From bug hotels, to painting our Community Fridge Shed to trips out to Motor Museums, it really is a great way to get together.

Do get in touch if you would like any more information on our Mens Shed which meets every 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.



FAMILIES at St G's



KIDS @11

**ON THIS SUNDAY
BACK AT OUR USUAL 11.00AM**
IN THE CHURCH HALL

**SUNDAY GROUP FOR KIDS AGED 3-10
AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON**

Sunday Children's Groups over the Summer

The Creche@11, Kids@11 and Youth@11 volunteers will all be taking a well earned rest over the Summer holidays, ready for a fun filled term in September. From late July to September during the 11am service we will be again opening the 'Families Room' in the Dunning Room which the service will be live streamed into. This will have a variety of toys, games, Bible crafts and activities available to enjoy together with your children as well as a creche area.

In order to make this happen we could do with a few volunteers willing to help to set out and tidy away the space. If you feel you can help during this time please email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** as soon as possible.



song circle time craft play

at St George's Wilton

Creche @11

A space for babies, toddlers and their grown up to use during the 11am service. Stay with your little one as they play. The service is livestreamed for you to join in with. Find us upstairs in the Winston Room!



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!

Stay and Play
BABY AND TODDLER

STAY AND PLAY & BUGGY BUDDIES

As our wonderful Sunday teams take a break over the Summer, so too will our fabulous Stay & Play and Buggy Buddies teams.

This coming week (beginning 17th) will be their last one of the Summer until the term begins again in September.



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

ST GEORGE'S WILTON. FONS GEORGE. TAUNTON. TA1 3JT



Thank You to our Volunteers who have worked so very hard to make each of these groups such a great success. They put so many hours in to make all their sessions fun and faith filled for our younger ones. We thank you for your time, love and dedication! Enjoy this well deserved rest!

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection for this Sunday is
**BISHOP HENDERSON SCHOOL LEAVERS
BIBLES**



Each year we like to make sure that each child who leaves our Church School - Bishop Henderson CEVA Primary School - has a Bible to take with them as they move on to Secondary School. So, for the next two weeks we shall donate our collections to BHS Bible Fund for School Leavers, to fulfill our mission to those children and to ensure that they can maximize the benefit of the Christian experience they have enjoyed whilst at Bishop Henderson School.

Let us pray for all the children and staff at Bishop Henderson as the end of the school year winds down. We pray that they can all recharge their 'batteries', de-stress and enjoy some family time during the summer holidays, and be ready for all that the autumn term will hold.

Carole Smith



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!

The **Collect** Sunday 16th July 2023

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

*We remember
this coming fortnight
Ann Hunt, Polly Hearn
and Florence Evans*

*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*



In Loving Memory

Our Church flowers are
in loving memory of
Helen Buckingham's
parents

*Gladys and
William Cannings*

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 16th July

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 17th July

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm Mens Shed

Wednesday 19th July

9.30am Stay and Play

Sunday 22nd July

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
with choir and sung liturgy

11.00am Worship Service

Who's **WHO**

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

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

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