



Sunday 26th November 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

ST GEORGE'S

On Monday I thought I had an evening off. Richard was leading the Ministry Experience Scheme and so I was back home for 7.30.

'F11' said the dishwasher.

F11 means a 'drain fault'. I've had these before and I know the drill. You get a progressively smaller cup (I like to start with a ramekin, progress to bottle lid before finally sucking the liquid up in a sponge) then clear the debris away from the impeller (looks like a propeller but instead its got 'im' in front of it). It takes about 25 minutes and it's messy.

Did the bins. Came back.

F11 said the dishwasher. 'No!' I cried in a movie star voice. 'I'm not doing it again' I announced. 'Really?' Said Mrs Griffin.

I drained it again.

Took the dogs for a night walk.

F11 said the dishwasher.

'I'm out of ideas, I'll call the man in the morning'. But when I called the man, they told me that the call out was £170 for the first hour, £110 for every subsequent hour and that did not include parts. 'F11' I said to the man on the phone and googled cheaper local people instead. None of them picked up and so whilst the baby ate

scrambled egg in one corner of the room, I tried one more time.

A pumpkin seed had lodged in a later section of drain pipe and made friends with a lot of 'crud' which made friends with more stuff and then blocked the drain. I poked it with a pencil and it fell out. I was about to pay £170 for a man to come and clear something tiny which made a big impact.

In the bible, Jesus talks frequently about small things making a big impact. Mustard seeds growing, faith moving mountains and more. But it goes the other way too. Small things can stop big things from happening and obstacles you don't think are significant *really* matter later on. The funny thing is that most of us think of ourselves as small and insignificant. In lots of ways that is a healthy dose of reality, but it does mean that we can underestimate our ability to make good things happen or to be a block on wonderful things from working. To stretch an analogy, will we be a mustard seed or a pumpkin seed?

God Bless
Hick

St George's News

PARISH OFFICE UPDATE

And we're really nearly back... the never ending building work on the Parish Office is so nearly there I can almost see the OPEN sign....it will be so good to be able to be finally back in and putting everything back together. It's not been easy with almost the entire office stored in the office toilet...still, the end is nigh and we can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Thank you all so much for your patience. Please do continue to email me if you need anything as this is the best way to get hold of me at the moment.

Bethan

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Ok so we have spent time asking for your help with the Fayre and now here's an even bigger ask....COME AND SUPPORT US!!!

It is SUCH an easy outreach way to bring along friends and family - to step foot into a candlelit sparkly church building, to see the fellowship amongst the team, be served and welcomed at the refreshments and stalls... it's the best way to bring people along. So get your family, your friends, your neighbours, your neighbours friends, your local butcher, your postie...bring them all along and have a great time.

This will raise funds for the Church to be able to do more outreach and help with the running costs so come and help us to make this even bigger and better than last year. Ho Ho Hope to see you all there!!

ps Do bring along your bottle/chocolate tombola donations and your nearly new donations along this Sunday. Pop them under the church tower in church after the 9.30am or if you're coming the 11am, there will be a box under the Welcome Table next to the Besom Box

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 26th November

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship Service in Hall

Monday 27th November

10.00am Buggy Buddies

For more information contact:

families@stgchurch.co.uk

7.30pm Worship Team Rehearsal - our 11am worship team rehearse in the Church for fellowship and practice.

Wednesday 28th November

9.30am Stay and Play - our Baby and Toddler group in Church Hall. £2 per family

12.30pm Wednesday Prayer in our Prayer Shed. For more information contact the Parish Office

Thursday 29th November

12.00pm SOUP-our new Cafe to come, have a bowl of soup and a natter. For more information email rob@stgchurch.co.uk

Friday 1st December

10.15am Christmas Stroll For The Soul

See NewsBoard item

Saturday 2nd December

ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

2pm - 5pm- COME AND SUPPORT THE FAYRE - BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY!!

FUTURE DATES TO POP IN YOUR DIARIES....

TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER

Christmas Angels Workshop

WEDNESDAY 6th & 13th DECEMBER

TUKTUK Community Carols

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER

Christmas Wreath Workshop

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Buggy Crib Service

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Valley Cafe

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

Christmas Carol Services

MONDAY 18th DECEMBER

Gingerbread Houses - a daytime Christmas family event

Saturday 2nd December 2022

Stalls from 2pm - 4.30pm

Prize Raffle and Carols by Candlelight 4.30pm-5.00pm

Admission:

Adults £2 Children FREE

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Christmas Fayre

Lots of
Magical
Stalls

Live
Music
Stage
with Zach and
Halle

carols
by
candlelight

Food Stalls
with
Hot Dogs and
Burgers

Marion-
Music
as Elsa from
Frozen!

Church
Tower
Tours

AMAZING
Prize Raffle
with Theatre
and Train
Tickets!

*Book to see Santa in
his fabulous Grotto!!*

STROLL FOR THE SOUL Friday 1st DECEMBER - An early Christmas stroll.

We will stroll in Maidenbrook Country Park at Monkton Heathfield. Some of you will know it - but for those who don't, it is a fairly recently created park. It has some interesting features - and some surprising ones!

We will meet there at 10.15 am. If driving directly, take the A3259 through Priorswood. Then left into Yallands Hill towards the village. Immediately turn sharp left into lay-by, for parking. We have a small map if needed.
Contact: Rachel - 07818 003297 or Janet: 01823 337183 if you need a lift.

Jesus You Walk With Me - Help Me To Walk With You.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
Stro!!
FOR THE
Soul

NEXT STROLL

FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

Conversation Fellowship Contemplation

A monthly walk with friends.

For more information email: office@stgchurch.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS AREA

Everyone wants to belong.

By serving on team, you don't just perform a task, you build life together and fulfilling the call of Jesus to love one another. Here are some teams you can join or may be looking for some additional hands on deck!

KIDS@11 TEAM

I am wondering if any of you out there are wondering what it would be like to help at Kids@11. You don't have to prepare anything it is just occasional pairs of helping hands that we need. It can be anything from once a month to once a term, every little helps. You are welcome to come and look before committing to anything. Please chat to me and I can tell you all about our lovely Kids@11.

If you do decide to help we do have to ask you to have a DBS check and to complete some online safeguarding training - it's not hard I promise you!

Please think and pray about it and speak to me, Hilary Hayes, or email **families@stgchurch.co.uk**

- Hilary Hayes.

COFFEE TEAM

Come and join our Coffee team to provide the wake up, the calm or the energy by helping on the coffee team serving the church family with refreshments in between our services. Get in touch via email to **rob@stgchurch.co.uk**

SET UP TEAM

Join the 11am Hall Set up team - a very easy way to help give to church! Putting out tables and chairs before the service and helping to put away once the service has finished. It only takes half an hour, so do get in touch to join the team **office@stgchurch.co.uk**

**All volunteers must complete St George's Safeguarding training and be DBS checked by our Safeguarding Officer prior to helping.*

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2024

Lee Abbey is a community-run Christian Centre where we can go as a church for a weekend of fun, relaxation and spiritual renewal.

Set on the beautiful North Devon coast, it is a lovely house and setting to share a weekend with others from St. George's. Comfortable rooms and wonderful food help to guarantee a special weekend together.

We have booked to go **from teatime on Friday 25th to after lunch on Sunday 27th October 2024.**

Initially we have been allocated 41 places so **early booking is needed.**

If you are interested please **pick up a form either from in church or in the Church Hall.**

Hilary McKegney and Hilary Hayes are the points of contact for any further information. There is a deadline to return your forms to them by **21st January 2024.**

Hilary Hayes and Hilary McKegney

(Thanks to Hilary Hayes' daughter for helping with the form!)

CHRISTMAS ANGEL WORKSHOP

Come and make a Christmas Angel - a great Christmas decoration made from a book! A great gift or lovely to keep for yourself. It's on Tuesday 5th December in the Dunning Room at 2.30pm so do make a note of the date and pop it in your diary!



WOMENS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

A group of ladies from St Georges met at The Vivary Arms for a drink together earlier this month. We agreed to meet again on **Monday 4th December for a meal at 7.30pm**

The Vivary Arms is not currently providing food on a Monday but are happy to cook for us if there are at least 7 people eating. We thought that it would be helpful to order in advance. This is open to **all** ladies from St Georges. It would be helpful if you could let Kate or I know if you plan to join us please. We will have a full menu available at church on Sunday for you to look at if you would like to but we will need numbers by no later than 29th Nov. We would love you to join us. Please invite anyone you think might like to join us.

Jenny Norman and Kate Taylor



ST GEORGE'S

LADIES EVENING

DEADLINE 29TH NOV

MON 4TH DEC 7.30PM
THE VIVARY ARMS

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK



THE BESOM in Taunton

Besom Christmas Hampers

Besom will be making up our Christmas Hampers again soon and delivering them to individuals and families we have assisted over the past year.

If you would like to contribute, we would be pleased to receive:

- Christmas cakes and puddings
- sweets
- chocolate logs
- tins of biscuits
- savoury treats
- chocolate tree novelties
- hot chocolate
- crackers
- selection boxes etc

The deadline for donations is Sunday 3 December. Please ask your own church about arrangements for collecting donated food.

Besom is a Christian charity working to show the love of Jesus to all



To contact The Besom in Taunton please telephone on 07432 629444 or use the contact form on our website

www.tauntonbesom.org.uk

The Besom in Taunton is a registered charity no 1152511

Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of Church or under the Welcome Table in the Hall

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our collections following Remembrance Sunday will be donated to 'Corrymeela', a Christian peace and reconciliation charity which was born out of the 'troubles' in Northern Ireland - but has now become a world-wide community of people who, in our increasingly divided world, are dedicated to encouraging and supporting communities to live together well, through their many training courses and periods of residential training. They support thousands of people from different backgrounds and cultures to understand and respect each other and live well together. Many courses are run for youth leaders, church leaders and those who desire to repair relationships and nurture cohesive leadership.



In this run-up to Christmas they are encouraging the world to "shine a light for peace" - and ask us "this Christmas, how will you shine a light for peace?"

If you are unable to attend our services and would like to donate, you can do so on their website <https://www.corrymeela.org/donate/recommitting-to-living-well-together>

Or post a cheque to:

Corrymeela Community,

5 Drumaroan Road

Ballycastle

Northern Ireland

BT54 6QU

Please do not send cash by post

AROUND TOWN in Taunton



A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

A wonderful Christmas celebration features a 50-voice choir from across Taunton's churches. This is an excellent opportunity to get into the festive Christmas season by inviting family, friends, and coworkers to hear some beautiful music as you hear about the story that changed everything!

Here's the link to purchase the ticket : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../a-gospel.../e-ravgjq>



TAUNTON CHAPLAINCY CAROL SERVICE

Taunton Team Chaplaincy invites everyone to the Chaplaincy Carol Service at St James Church, Taunton on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm, with special guests VOCE Choir. Refreshments will follow the carol service

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 I 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@stchurch.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, 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!

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me*

The
Valley Cafe

A Bereavement Support Group

St George's Church Hall
Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT

Thursday 9th November
Thursday 14th December
Thursday 11th January
Thursday 8th February
Thursday 14th March
at 2.30pm

An opportunity to share experiences of
bereavement and grief

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk for more information

In Loving Memory

We remember

**Gladys Lewis, Sally Ford,
Fay Moore, Betty Hawkins
and Pete McKegney**

*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.*



THURSDAYS
In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**ST GEORGE'S
CHURCH HALL**
www.stgchurch.co.uk