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# Easter through to Sunday 7th April '24

## A Note From **Your Vicar**

In my garden are many trees. But two trees dominate. One is an enormous Holme Oak that tickles the neighbour's house and invites squirrels onto the roof. We tamed this tree last year and now it is cheekily growing once again. The other is an Ash Tree that is twice the height of my house. Three separate tree surgeons have given me three different views on the longevity and safety of the tree with 'mild ash-dieback' including one particularly memorable line – 'it's safe, just don't stand under it...'

The tree makes a large shadow and creates a no man's land style patch of ground in which only wild things grow and great chunks of ash fall. It has eaten every hydrangea I've tried to grow in it and spat out blackberries instead. This is spectacular in Spring when bulbs pop out but horrid the rest of the year. Last year I decided to try and tame the beastly ground with ground smother and start all over again.

I was very proud with my black ground smother all through the winter and was looking forward to a new start. But. I bought the cheap stuff.

The land rebelled and bursting up through the thin black membrane were tons of plants. Tons of the things and all of my efforts looked like it has

had a small comb through it. I tried my best to kill life, I tried to suppress it, I tried to control it but life won through and I only made a mess of the nicest time of the year.

At Easter, we tell the story of men who tried to control life; who tried to smother life in darkness, to choke out it's possibilities. But they only made a mess. At Easter we celebrate a real life story of life bursting out from the tomb of death into new life. Jesus Christ rose from the dead 2000 years ago. This history continues to burst out of the books into new lives day by day. That this one man rose up from the dead has changed my life and the lives of billions around the globe. It can change yours too.

So this Easter, I invite you in to a new way of life. Don't try and control life, but come to Jesus who gives life in it's full abundance. Whatever mess you've made – it can be made right – even if you can't see it yet – cause if Jesus can turn death into life – he can fix whatever you're facing.  
See you soon,

God bless,

*Nick*

*He Is Risen!  
Alleluia!*



St George's  
**News**

*Most may be winding down for Easter but not us....still so much to tell you all about...*

### **WOMEN IN THE PUB**

Women in The Pub will be back but this time on Monday 8th April as the first in the month was a bank holiday, so make sure ladies you can join us.

We'll meet at our usual time of 7.30pm and Judith will be bringing us a fun game of Balderdash. Even if you don't want to join in the game, come along and just spend some time with us getting to know one another better!

*Kate and Jenny*



### **MONTHLY LUNCH IN THE VIVARY**

So, we're trying lots of different days to see which day of the week works best for all to come and join us for time to share lunch together in The Vivary Arms.

And with SOUP taking a break for the Spring, Summer, we hope you can join us on a Thursday!

It's helpful to pre-order but not essential. Pop the date in your diary and we do hope to see you there!

**THURSDAY 18th APRIL 12.15PM**

*Judith Pickles*

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Friday 29th March - GOOD FRIDAY**

**10.30am Service** A quiet reflective service as we think about the cross

**12.00pm Pursuit of Gospel** Come down to the Market House (or Orchard Centre if its raining) to hear churches together Gospel Choir

**6.20pm Day of Prayer** Come at any time, but Nick and the St George's slot is at 6.20pm - we'd love to have you there

### **Saturday 30th March**

**10.00am Easter Family Adventure** An easter event for families with crafts and hot cross buns!

### **TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD!!!**

### **Sunday 31st March - EASTER SUNDAY**

**6.30pm Easter Sunrise Service** - welcoming in the Easter Sunrise

**9.30am Easter Worship Service** with Communion and liturgy

**11.00am Easter Contemporary Worship Service** with Communion

**Monday 1st April - Monday 8th April Parish Office is closed and clergy have gone into their apes Easter hibernation**

### **Tuesday 2nd April**

**7.30pm Bellinging Practice** Join the Bellinging Team! Talk to Brenda to find out more or email the Parish Office

**7.30pm Mens Shed** Come and join us in the Shed...well...the Prayer Shed!)

### **Sunday 7th April**

**9.30am Worship with Holy Communion**

**11.00am Contemporary Worship Service**

**7.00pm PRAY**

### **Monday 8th April**

**Rev'd Nick and the Parish Office will be back but the Curate continues to hibernate for one more week...**

**7.30pm Women In The Pub** with a bit of Balderdash!

## PRAY

We really enjoyed having a special time together at PRAY last month and we are looking forward to as many of you who can make it to come along and join us. Regular prayer helps build a strong foundation of faith and helps us to build a deeper relationship, so let's meet together, pray together and worship together.

**SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 7.00PM**



## FRIDGE OPENING HOURS

With the clocks going forward our Community Fridge is springing forward and **opening until 5pm after Easter** - WooHoo! An additional hour!

Thanks to all our BRILLIANT Fridge volunteers who help us to collect, open, clean and close our Fridge - superstars!!

Did you know that after 6 months of being open **we've saved 2,107 kgs of otherwise wasted food, the weight of an average electric car or 2 Great White sharks.**

Also after 6 months of opening we have to submit some responses to HUBBUB who financed part of the setting up of the St George's Wilton Community Fridge. There are printouts of the response form in the Shed for those who don't / can't 'do' technology but here's the link if you are able to do this please if you've used the fridge. It is confidential.

Fridge Users and Visitors survey: 6 months after opening/ongoing – Link here:

<https://form.jotform.com/212083267422046>

Many Thanks.

*Mervyn*  
Fridge Coordinator

# Reminders!

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR MENS

Please make a note for all you Men Shed gents or those wishing to come along and try it out that as the next Mens Shed would fall on the 1st April, with it being Easter Monday we thought that we should move it to the following day so our next meet up will be on **Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm**

*Terry*  
Mens Shed

## THE APCM IS COMING...

It's that time again! St. George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is fast approaching! Please join us on **Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall.

The APCM is a great opportunity for the church family to learn more about the amazing activities in the parish, look at changes in the electoral roll, elect new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and deanery synod and to provide a financial update.

In preparation for this, we kindly ask anyone who is not on the electoral roll to complete a form, so that we can update the register in advance of the APCM.

Electoral roll forms will be available in St. George's Church and the Parish Office. Please hand in your completed form to Laurie Jeffery (Electoral Roll Officer) or a member of the St. George's team by Friday 12th April 2024.

Thank you!

*Lucy*  
PCC Secretary

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday through to Tuesday 9th April so the next edition of NewsBoard will be for the 14th April



# charity collections

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

## CHARITY COLLECTIONS

For any of you who like to plan ahead or donate online to our charities, we now have a postcard that lists all the charities that we will be donating to in 2024. We try to provide information on the monthly charity here in NewsBoard each month but if you want any further information so you can donate, do get in touch with the Parish Office.

Please do collect a charity collections postcard (on the welcome area by the porch door in church) and take it home to pop on your fridge!

*Bethan x*

## *Easter Flowers*

The beautiful flower displays in our Church this Easter have very kindly been donated by

**Lin Wood, Helen Buckingham and Nigel Ball and their families**  
in loving memory of their loved ones

*Nina Brooks  
Simon David Love  
and Peter Ball*

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ  
we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and  
thanksgivings for all whom  
we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose  
of your love;  
and bring us all, with them,  
to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## VOLUNTEERS AREA

*Come and give in a different way!*

### KIDS@11 TEAM

We believe children and young people are a fundamental part of Church and a blessing from God. The Kids@11 team want to encourage, nurture and support the children to shine their lights and make a difference in the world in their own wonderful way! By getting involved in the team, you can play a vital role in helping to make families feel welcome as we grow and learn about God together.

From September we will be needing more in the team and we'd love it if you would think and pray about it and see if you think this is a ministry where you could help us.

If you would like to find out more about Kids@11 then do get in touch. We hope the more in the team, the fewer times we'd all be needed but even if you could only help once a month or bi-monthly it would really help and we'd love to welcome you to the fun of Kids@11 Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

### PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer is such an important part of our church life here at St George's and we want more of it!! We'd love to be able to offer more during both the 9.30am and the 11am services so if you think that being part of our Prayer Ministry Team is something that you would like to be a part of and help us to grow our prayer life here, do get in touch with Nick, Rob or the Parish Office.

### 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](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) if you would like to find out more!

## BIBLE READING BOOKLET

New to our book shelves in church, and now available to people at both Sunday services..... samples of booklets to help us in our daily Bible reading and prayer, published by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

The notes about the daily Bible passages, which are printed, are written by people working in a range of settings, and often offer fresh interpretations and insights, with suggestions for further thought and prayer. Topics and writers change fortnightly. Please have a look at the booklets, and if you are interested you are welcome to take one home to use for a week or so to see how you like it.

If you would like to order one you can do that individually or I can order one for you as part of our group subscription post-free "New Daylight" is our most popular series, and comes in large print as well as the standard size, or an App for Android, iPhone and iPad, or daily email.

I am always happy to discuss the choices with you, and I can usually be found between Sunday services in the church or church hall, and I am contactable via the church office after Easter.

*Marion Nunn*



**New Daylight**  
BY BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Let us know if we can order your copy of New Daylight. Check out the samples in church and let us know if you'd like to join our group subscription

Email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)



**THANK YOU!**

Just to say thank you to the amazing team we had helping us whether setting up, making a soup or joining us for a bowl. Special thanks must go to Rob, Kate and Richard - we really appreciate all your hard work! It was SOUPER!



## LOTS OF GREAT THINGS COMING UP

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We'll get into more detail after Easter with an "Events Calendar" so that you can keep track of all that is going on here but the next main event for your diaries is one that may sell out rather quickly....so we thought we'd give you a cheeky heads up now before your own diaries get too full!



**£15**

**CHEESE & WINE**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON ...POP THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 3RD MAY

ST GEORGES WILTON

# St George's Children & Young People

ST GEORGE'S  
**Tots@11**  
For 0-3's and their grownups

**song  
circle time  
craft  
play**

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 Church Hall's Winston Room!

**KIDS @11**

**KIDS@11 FOR 3-10**

We have great fun in our Kids@11 Club. We have songs, short creative prayer activities, Bible stories, crafts, games and activities. Starting off in the Church, we then head to the Hall for our session and come back to church to end with worship together!

**YOUTH @11**

**YOUTH@11 SCHOOL YEARS 6-10**

We start off in the Church for the worship at the 11 service and then head over to our own space to hang out for drinks, games, snacks, chat, videos. We look at a different topic each week and when we've finished we head back over to the Church for worship together.

**Family  
Easter  
Adventure**

For ages 0-15

We've got...

- EASTER CRAFTS
- FAMILY ESCAPE ROOM
- OUTDOOR EASTER TRAIL
- CAMPERE HOT
- CROSS BUNS
- TUK TUK CAFE

Where?  
ST GEORGE'S  
WILTON,  
TAUNTON

When is it?  
SATURDAY  
30TH MARCH  
10AM -12PM

For more details email: [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

We love our children and young people so we do our best to make sure they have things they can engage, explore and create here with us at St George's. Do get in touch to find out more!

*Date for your  
Diary!*

**BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR THIS FABULOUS MINI MOSSY CHURCH EVENT CELEBRATING EARTH DAY!!!**

ST G'S MINI MOSSY CHURCH  
**EARTH DAY**

FOR LITTLE ONES 0-5'S

**MONDAY 22ND APRIL**  
10-11.30AM @ ST GEORGE'S WILTON & IN THE CHURCHYARD

LEARN WAYS TO CARE FOR THE EARTH  
NATURE CRAFTS • THEMED ACTIVITIES  
SENSORY PLAY • STORIES • SONGS  
FREE, BUT LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW AT [HTTPS://MINIMOSSYEARTHDAY.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://minimossyeearthday.eventbrite.co.uk)

Book your **FREE** place now!

Mossy Church

# 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](mailto: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!*

## **CHARITY COLLECTION** EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST



### **TACKLING POVERTY & INJUSTICE WE WORK TO TRANSFORM LIVES**

We work with Christians in the Middle East to tackle poverty and injustice in the region. Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond. We currently work with Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, supporting health, education and community projects, which bring vital services to those at risk of marginalisation and exclusion.

### **WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP**

Partnership is at the centre of Embrace's vision of transformation. We support, enable and partner with the Middle East's Christians as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. As the Arab saying goes, 'there is bread and salt between us'. It means we sit at the table as equals, in an alliance of fellowship.

We currently have 50 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region. All are working to transform lives; all are inspired by the Gospel. If you are a Church At Home worshipper, you can donate via their website - <https://embraceme.org/give-general>

## *In Loving Memory*

*We remember*

**Mark Hall, Pam Thorne, Eileen Northam, Adrian Hoad, John Bowden, Margaret Ross, Nina Brooks, Annie Rourke and Peter Ball**

*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.*

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

# easter at st georges

## Good Friday

10.30am - Reflective Service in Church

## Easter Saturday

10.00am - FREE Easter Family Adventure in Churchyard

## Easter Sunday

6.30am - Easter Sunrise Service in Churchyard

9.30am - Worship Holy Communion Service

11.00am - Contemporary Worship Service



*The West Somerset Singers*  
with tenor soloist Gregory Steward

## Road to Calvary

**Music for Holy Week**

*Olivet to Calvary* - J.H. Maunder  
*God So Loved The World* - Stainer  
*Il fervido desiderio* - Bellini  
*Agnus Dei* - Bizet



**Saturday 23 March 2024 - 7.00pm**

St George's RC Church, Taunton TA1 3NN

Tickets £10 from Chris Knapman on (01823) 335303 or on the door

[westsomersetsingers.org](http://westsomersetsingers.org)

COME AND CELEBRATE EASTER WITH

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# Gospel Worship Night

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH † 7.30PM

**NORTH STREET CHURCH**  
33 NORTH ST, TAUNTON TA1 1LW  
FREE ENTRY WITH LIMITED CAPACITY  
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

St James Players present



## Bodysnatchers

**Fri 5th &  
Sat 6th April  
2024**

A Whodunnit Mystery for Easter written by Jenny Wakefield

**at St James Church, Taunton**  
Doors Open 7pm Performance 7.30pm

Tickets are £10 (Students £8) available from:



**Ticket Source:**  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-james-church-taunton>  
Phone 07796 248369

All proceeds go to

**Ticket Price Includes:**  
Nibbles, 'Banger in a Bun' at the interval  
Followed by Cake & Coffee after the show  
Bring your own drink to enjoy the evening!



*There is limited capacity so if you would like to come along, doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.*

*Pursuit of Gospel Choir is a choir led by Chris Sampson from a variety of singers from churches across the town including some from St George's.*

*Come and join the celebration!*

# Who's **WHO**

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