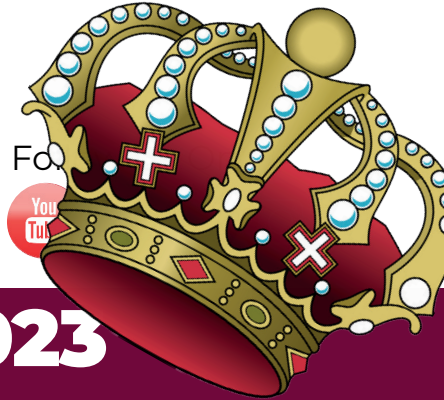




St George's **NewsBoard**



Sunday 7th May 2023

A Note From **Your Vicar**

This weekend marks the Coronation of King Charles III and for all of the ceremony, long speeches and the grandeur of the occasion, I am struck by what it must be like for him, the King.

For he is just a man. He eats and drinks and sleeps. He probably stubs his toe sometimes and if he steps on Lego it hurts – though he can probably blame some courtier rather than a child. Sometimes the simplest things strike me as so strange. When you look through your own eyes, you can see yourself in the mirror only; you can see others without concentrating. And others when they look at you, have it reversed. And so for all of the walls of sound, the gold, the Bishops with improbable hats, one man sees all this through his own eyes and sits upon the throne. How must that feel? I have no idea but as he phrases it, 'it is a strange thing to get used to when you are an object of interest'. How does it feel to see your own face on actual money?

In the bible, only three groups of people are anointed; prophets, priests and kings. Our King Charles will be anointed by a Christian Archbishop in a Christian Abbey in a tradition that stretches back all the way to the Kings of Saul, David and Solomon. Oil poured onto the head to set one apart for a different task and role. Pray that he will hold this mantle well. The anointing with oil is one sign on top of a

lot of others signs including sceptres, crowns and orbs. None of these signs make him King – they symbolise his present identity and tell him and us who he is.

On a day-to-day basis we don't tend to think about signs and symbology but if you pause even for a moment, you'll find your life is filled with them. On a birthday, people sing that song and give you a cake with candles on it to remind you're that bit older, if you're married you'll probably wear a ring and if you're middle aged then you can signify your identity crisis with a red sports car. Signs tell us who we are and who the people around us are too. The coronation tells us that something has shifted in the national character and mood and we're looking at a new beginning. That's not optional, the coronation is a sign of a new dawn that is breaking upon us. Pray that it might be a good one.

God bless,
Nick



St George's **News**



The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to our future.

At its centre is a Christian service in which His Majesty will be anointed as King. It will be rooted in longstanding tradition and Christian symbolism. We offer our prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family for this important occasion.

The Church of England has said that they hope this might be a moment for the nation and many around the world to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, the servant King, and hear His call to each of us to serve others.

The Liturgy for the Coronation will be a Christian act of worship that honours the ancient tradition of anointing and crowning Monarchs. It will also reflect the Monarch's role, while celebrating the character of Britain as it is today and looking forward to the future with hope.

By longstanding tradition, the Archbishop of Canterbury authorises a new Liturgy for every Coronation. Commissioned by the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, the new Liturgy is based on ancient texts and ceremonial elements that draw on many centuries of tradition. The Liturgy is focussed on the theme of loving service to others, which is central to Christian teaching, and to the character of contemporary Monarchy.

The Liturgy is accompanied by a Commentary commissioned by the Archbishop, which explains the Christian meaning and symbolism of the key elements of the service.

If you would like to follow the liturgy for the service, then please do head over to the Church Of England website and download it or click this link if you are reading this online https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/23-24132%20Coronation%20Liturgy_02%20May.pdf

**Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Bring a picnic, bring a blanket or a chair and come and join us for a picnic in Wilton Lands after the Church Services so we can have some fellowship together!



ST GEORGE'S

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

APCM

**MONDAY
15TH
MAY**
7.30pm

**Growing in
Spirit and
Number**
with coffee
and cake!

APCM IS COMING IN MAY...

The event of the year you have all been waiting for is nearly with us...our APCM. What is an APCM? Well it's an Annual meetings (APCM) which takes place in every parish before 31 May each year. The annual meeting receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. It also elects new members to the PCC and to deanery synod every three years.

Now we know that may not sound too exciting, but we want this year for as many as possible to come along, hear about the vision and the plans we want to help us to grow in Spirit, grow in number. For us all to take ownership of this church and to get behind and support those that make decisions to enable us to reach our vision....there may even be cake...**so please put the date in the diary and come to join us** and vote in your PCC, Deanery Synod and Churchwardens.



ST GEORGE'S

Target
£30k
by end
of April

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

BUILDING PROJECTS

**PHASE
ONE**

Thank You!!

LET THE BUILDING COMMENCE!!

HUGE thanks to all of you who very kindly and very generously donated to our Phase One of our Building Projects...we have enough to get the builders in and to create a more accessible, workable office space and reception for the Parish.

It really will make a real difference to making sure people can safely come and visit the office, be welcomed and allow us efficient space to grow as a team. It's exciting stuff!

We'll keep you updated on the progress of the build but we do hope to have the builders in during August - hurrah!

So dust sheets and ear defenders at the ready... Bob the builder will fix it...although I think he may be called Graham....

THANK YOU SO MUCH ST GEORGE'S!!

*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!

OUR CHILDRENS TEAMS NEED MORE HANDS TO HELP...

With increasing numbers and reduced help due to illness, we would be so grateful for people to come forward to help our groups out either on a Sunday at our Kids@11 or at our Stay&Play Wednesday toddler group. Please, if you can even help once a month we would be so grateful - do get in touch if you would like to find out more!

our playgroup needs YOU

stories
snacks
songs
friends
crafts
toys

**HELP
WITH
PREPPING &
SERVING
REFRESHMENTS**

**HELP WITH
WELCOMING
FAMILIES
& CHATTING
TO THE PARENTS
& CARERS**

**WED
9.30 -
11.00**

**HELP NEEDED ONCE A
MONTH TERM TIME ONLY**



DAY OF PRAYER – CAN YOU HELP?

We are **planning to hold a 'day of prayer'** in the prayer room in St George's churchyard, taking place on **Saturday 8th July**.

The vision for this special day of prayer is to build deeper roots as a church community and nurture the foundation already laid – to become 'rooted and established in love' (Ephesians 3:17).

The day will be broken into hourly sessions, following the '24-7 prayer' model. There will be opportunities to lead prayers / oversee a session and help prepare the prayer room.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch by emailing Karen at **karenjoanwilliams@gmail.com**



ST GEORGE'S WILTON Day of Prayer

Saturday 8th July

ST GEORGE'S
PRAYER ROOM

Become "rooted and established in love"

THIS IS PLANET EARTH

Well done to Taunton Minster for this great exhibition of #Gaia. It was very impressive indeed.

Can we say a huge thanks to our Carole who put together a stand for St George's throughout this exhibit showing our commitment to becoming more eco aware and working towards being an EcoChurch once more.

We all need to play our part in looking after and loving Gods Creation so if you're interested in helping us to achieve our EcoChurch Award again, do get in touch as we need lots of helping hands to help us become more eco friendly in all we do here!

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

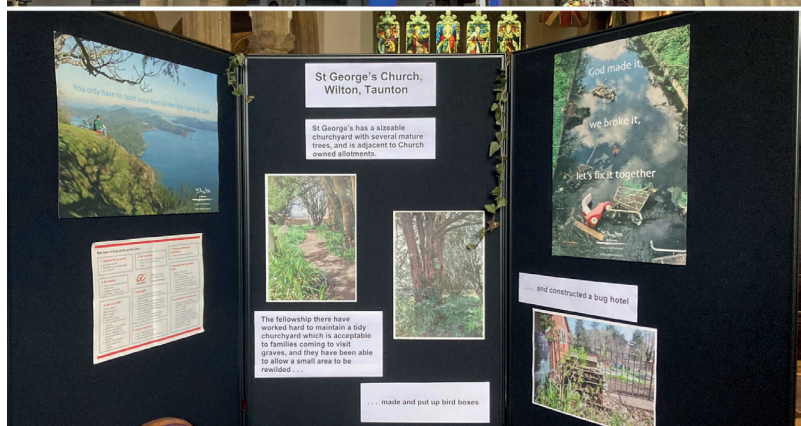
STROLLS FOR THE SOUL

Not one, but two "Strolls for the Soul" are imminent!

On **Thursday 11 May**, Marlene will take us on a walk which was previously cancelled due to snowy weather. We gather at Bishop's Hull Church at 10.15, to begin our walk at 10.30. As usual we will share car transport where possible.

On **Thursday 18 May**, Michael Yardley plans to arrange a stroll at the National Trust Nature Reserve at Fyne Court. We will certainly liaise to ensure that everyone has a lift to get there - arriving at around 10.15 am.

Contact Janet or Rachel if you would like a lift, or can offer one. if you do not have their contact information, please do get in touch with the Church Office.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14th MAY

PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL

Next Sunday 14th May Judith Pickles will be running a Plant and Produce Stall in order to make some money in aid of Christian Aid.

if you have anything that you can donate for the stall - homemade chutneys, bread or plants, then please do get in touch with either Judith or the Church Office
Please do support the stall if you can!

Thank you!



christian aid

plants and produce

IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
SUNDAY 14TH MAY

If anyone would like to donate homemade cakes, bread, chutneys please get in touch with us
Email office@stgchurch.co.uk

*As you are well aware, the people Christian Aid serves are in a much worse state than we are in spite of our rising prices, but they cannot help these people without the money provided by ourselves. As our team has become very small we are looking for more volunteers to join us and to run events and/or help run events during Christian Aid Week which is when everybody makes an extra effort to raise funds, helped by national advertising. Events could be a table games afternoon in the Dunning Room (games provided) or something in your home, all ideas are welcome. We hope to have the Plant and Vegetable Stall up and running that week. If someone would like to take that on through the summer as well it would be even better. Please "Look Wide" and speak to Judith Pickles or Carole Smith as soon as possible. Thank you in anticipation,
Helen Price and The Christian Aid Team*



**TAUNTON
WELCOMES
REFUGEES**

TAUNTON WELCOMES REFUGEES NEEDS SOME HELP...

Taunton Welcomes Refugees has asked for suitcases and wool.
The suitcases are for storage not travelling so could be a way of disposing of those old suitcases in the loft!!

If you have any suitcases that you can donate or have any wool, please can you get in touch with Lin Wood to let her know and to arrange collection - 07989832996.

IF YOU HAVE AN
ARTICLE FOR NEWSBOARD
PLEASE EMAIL BY WED@12PM
AT THE LATEST TO GET INTO THE
SAME WEEK'S EDITION!
EMAIL:
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's



Our Charity Collection is for

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

Children's Hospice South West provides palliative, respite, end of life and bereavement care for life-limited and terminally ill children and their families from the south west region. They work to help every child and family living with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition to get the very best care and support they can so they can make the most of every moment together.

Instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to.

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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 this charity please do bring cash 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 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!



Thanks to the wonderful Terry Ware for being so clever and making a handrail to go by our Vestry door.

The steps outside the Vestry can prove to be rather dangerous especially in the winter months and after rain making them slippery so having this handrail is so helpful and will give all who use it more confidence that they won't do themselves damage!

Thank you Terry!

We remember this week
James Stutt and Dora Allen
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
Amen.



The Funeral of Mike Rourke

The Funeral of Mike Rourke will take place
on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.30am.

As soon as we know more details we shall
pass this on to you but please take note of
the diary date.

Thank you x

The Collect

Sunday 7th May 2023

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen



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 13th April
Thursday 11th May
Thursday 8th June
Thursday 13th July
at 2.30pm

An opportunity to share experiences of
bereavement and grief

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk for more information

St George's Church Office Opening Times

The Church Office is open on
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays**
between 10am - 1pm
Outside those hours please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Thank You!

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

Who's **WHO**

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Reader

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Families

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

families@stgchurch.co.uk

Prayer Circle

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

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about who is ill or lonely

email pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk

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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 7th May

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

12.15pm Church Picnic in the Park

Monday 8th May

BANK HOLIDAY - VICAR AND OFFICE UNAVAILABLE

Tuesday 9th May

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 10th May

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 11th May

10.15am Stroll for the Soul - meet at Bishops Hull Church

2.30pm The Valley Cafe

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11