



Sunday 17th - 24th April 2022

Happy Easter!

A Note From

Your Vicar

You might notice our churchyard looks a bit different at the moment. The team and whole community have been working hard on transforming bits of paper into sunflowers to decorate the churchyard. It started with a conversation.

'We did butterflies last year. Are we going to do anything this year?'

'What about Sunflowers?'

'Really?'

'Yeah, the whole Ukraine symbol thing' In war, symbols matter. Soldiers will die to protect a flag, which is, if you think about it, is rather strange. Why would people die for a bolt of fabric that is dyed in a particular pattern? That's the weird thing, it's not just fabric, the flag represents something – a nation, a people, home and values. A flower by contrast has long been a symbol of peace. The hippies were said to put them into guns in the 1960's, a sign of growth and life rather than death and destruction. In Ukraine, sunflower oil is one of the principle exports. This is a boring fact but means that the Ukrainian countryside would normally be adorned by fields upon fields of these bizarrely tall, happy and yet sad looking flowers. A small part of the inflation we're seeing now is that the harvest for these flowers is ruined, where the hell of war makes farming rather difficult.

This Easter at St Georges, we're installing our own sunflower field in our graveyard. We're doing this as a sign of solidarity with a people that have been pursued and

attacked, to say, in a small way, we care and pray for you. The project started with a conversation, developed as my old friend, Emily Ludgate drew a picture for us and grew as the whole community printed, coloured, laminated and glued sticks on. Bishop Henderson School, the Harmony Group and St Georges Church have contributed over 250 flowers to this little garden of solidarity.

Part of the rich good news of Easter is that God did not just watch from afar but stepped in himself, in solidarity with human suffering; that at the cross, Jesus experienced enormous suffering with us. This is our sign that we care. More work, love and care will come latterly, but this is our flag, our symbol to say, violence will not win, life will come.

I can't get one story from my mind. An elderly woman gave Russian soldiers sunflower seeds to put in their pocket. 'When you die', she said, 'at least you might grow something'.

The Easter message is that even from the worst excesses of human violence, God can bring life in abundance.

He is risen!

Nick



Easter at St George's



Join us for Easter Sunrise

Gather near the campfire in the churchyard
Easter Sunday 6.15am
as we welcome in the break
of the Easter Sunday dawn.
#EasteratStGeorgesWilton



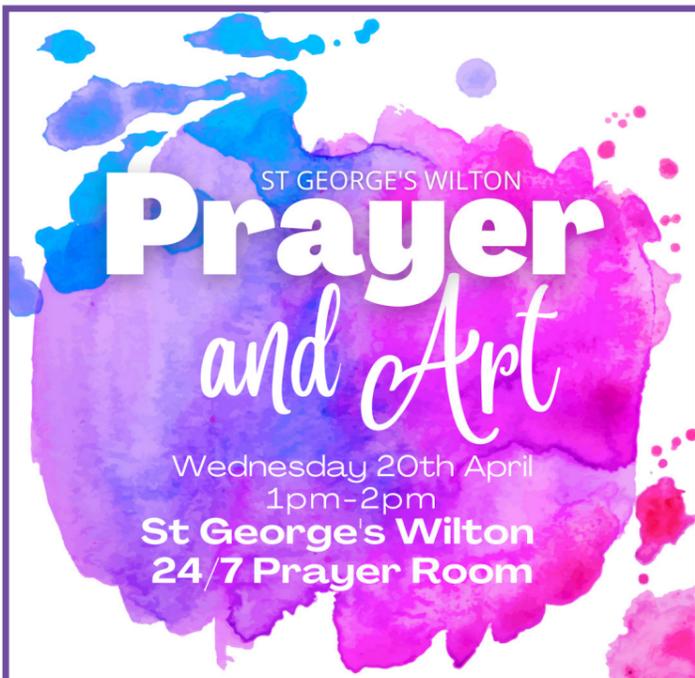
Easter Sunday

Join us as we celebrate Easter Sunday together
9.30am Holy Communion Service in Church
11.00am Contemporary Service in Church Hall
#EasteratStGeorgesWilton

He Is Risen!

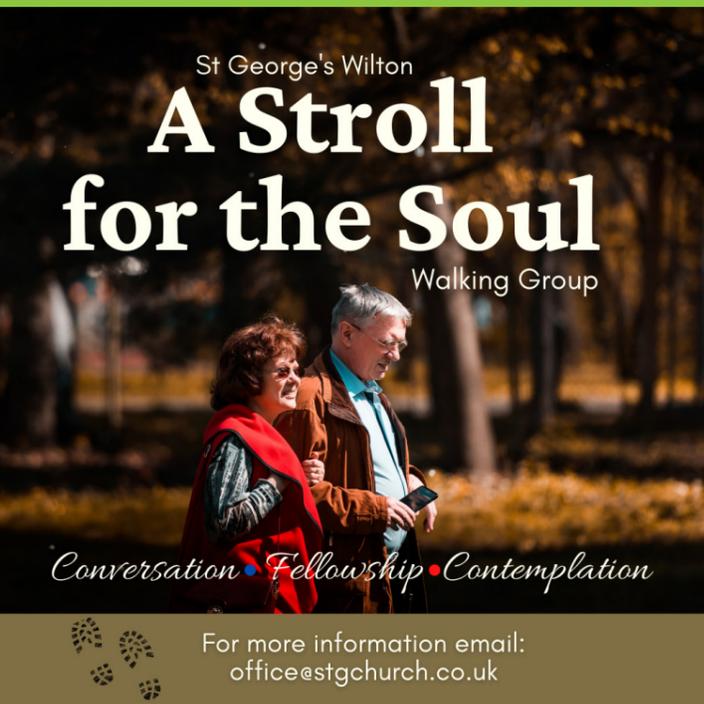
DECORATING THE CHURCH THIS EASTER

We would love for people to come along and help us to decorate the church on **Saturday 16th from 10-00 am** to make it ready for Easter Sunday. Please do come along and join us if you can - we'd be most grateful!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
**Prayer
and Art**
Wednesday 20th April
1pm-2pm
St George's Wilton
24/7 Prayer Room

Small Groups at St G's



St George's Wilton
**A Stroll
for the Soul**
Walking Group
Conversation • Fellowship • Contemplation
For more information email:
office@stgchurch.co.uk

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Reminder: our next STROLL for the SOUL is on Thursday 28 April. Gather at the Church for a Spring stroll in the Park. Arrive 10.15 to walk at 10.30. All welcome.
Janet x

ST GEORGE'S Charity Information



Last year, Children's Hospice South West celebrated its 30th Anniversary in a continued difficult time during this pandemic. Some of the planned events to celebrate this milestone were able to be held - but many were not. However, throughout this difficult time Children's Hospice South West continued to reach even more children living with life limiting conditions and their families with care and support. They have spent last year providing resilience stays to families in 'bubbles'; as well as caring for children at home, where sibling support, Music Therapy and end of life care has continued.

They hope and pray that 2022 will see the clouds of the pandemic lift, giving reason for much optimism, and dare to dream of another 30 years of enabling children and families to have more times that matter; as they help them to make the most of short and precious lives.

If you cannot get into church to give to the collection at our 9.30am or the 11.00am then you can always donate online by visiting <https://www.chsw.org.uk/get-involved/ways-donate/make-donation>
If you would like to make a donation via cheque, please make it payable to CHSW and send it to: Children's Hospice South West, Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 2PZ.

Diary Dates

With so much going on here at St G's it's not surprising that sometimes it can't all happen at the same time, so please can you note down these changes in dates!
Knit and Natter is going change to become the 1st Wednesday of every month. This way we can use the same Zoom link each month so pop that in your diary!

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR - the date has moved from Thursday 28th April now to **Wednesday 11th May 7.30pm**

APCM - new date is now **Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm in Church**

ST GEORGE'S JOINT SERVICE - **Tuesday 26th April at 6.45pm** - NOT 6.45am as I had written last week...hence my need for a holiday!!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON Knit & Natter

MEETING ON ZOOM
7.30-9PM
ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH

A RELAXED & INFORMAL SOCIAL GROUP
FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES
IN THE PARISH & SURROUNDING AREAS.
DO ANY CRAFT OR NONE AT ALL!
ALL WELCOME JUST COME FOR A CHAT.

EMAIL OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK
TO BE SENT THE ZOOM DETAILS

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.



The Collect Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

We remember

Fred Mills, Adrian McKinnon, John
Culverwell, Joy Bukcle, Nigel Libby,
Betty Garbutt, Muriel Wilce, Adrian
Gordon, Valdi Valuks, Margaret
Tope and Don Rimmer

*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.*

We also remember **John Voysey** who
has sadly passed away recently and whose
funeral will be on Thursday 21st April.

The Collect Sunday 24th April 2022

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance
barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

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Prayer Circle

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

Pastoral Care

If you or you know of someone who you
are concerned about or think would
benefit from some TLC, get in touch
with our Pastoral Team on
pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk

OUR FORTNIGHT Ahead

Good Friday 15th

12.00pm Good Friday Service

Easter Saturday 16th

10.00am Mossy Church Event

Easter Sunday 10th

6.15am Easter Sunrise Service

9.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service LIVE

**THE VICAR AND THE CHURCH
OFFICE ARE UNAVAILABLE
UNTIL MONDAY 25TH APRIL**

Easter Monday 11th

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 19th

10.00am Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 20th

1.00pm Prayer and Art in 24/7
Prayer Room

Sunday 24th

9.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Coffee Zoom

11.00am the eleven Service LIVE

Monday 25th

10.00am Buggy Buddies

7.30pm BIOY Young People

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 26th

6.45pm St George's Joint Service-

Wednesday 27th

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Prayer and Worship

St George's

Sunday Services

SUN

**17TH
APR**

6.15am Easter Sunrise
9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service with
Communion

SUN

**24TH
APR**

9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service

SUN

**1ST
MAY**

9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service

SUN

**8TH
MAY**

9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service -

EXPLORE
ENGAGE
CONNECT

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Mossy Church

1ST ANNIVERSARY



This Easter we are celebrating the message of hope and love shown to us by our Creator through creation.

We are looking forward to welcoming families together this Easter Saturday to explore, engage and connect with creation and the Creator through nature based crafts, activities, stories & songs. We are also celebrating our very first anniversary of Mossy Church! One year ago Mossy Church was started to reach out to families in the area to encourage an appreciation and engagement with creation during the strange and challenging times of a national lockdown.

One year on, Mossy Church has expanded to include an additional 'Mini' version for 0-5's with our mascot 'George' and has held a variety of events and sessions for well over 300 people (that's just those that we've ticketed!).

We have hunted bugs, gazed at stars, got muddy and harvested veg, greeted farm animals, made LOTS of crafts, pieces of artwork and recipes. We have toasted over a campfire, picnicked in meadows,

sung songs, planted seeds and got thoroughly stuck into nature!

The Mossy Church team has expanded (although we always welcome more helpers!) and we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for joining with us on this journey through creation. We are delighted to share the hope and love of our Christian faith through nature and have been so encouraged to have been able to get to know SO many local families, most for the first time ever here at St G's.

We are excited about all of the things we have planned for future Mossy sessions over the coming year.

If you haven't found us on Facebook yet, do search @mossychurchstgswilton and give us a 'like', 'share' and 'follow' and help spread the Mossy love!

Happy Mossy Easter!!

Buggy Buddies

Relaxed walking group run by a team of friendly Mums, for parents & carers of bumps, babies & toddlers

Summer Term - starting on April 25th

Join us this Summer Term as in addition to our usual walks we offer variety sessions - to be advertised ahead of each:

- * Buggy Buddies 'Creative' - Time within some of the walks for baby singing & crafts
- * Buggy Buddies 'Off Road' - walks using carriers & welly boots through local fields and farmland
- * Buggy Buddies 'Picnic' - bring an early lunch to enjoy out & about with your little one(s)

STARTING FROM OUTSIDE ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON FOR FREE DRINK & THEN A GENTLE WALK (next to Vivary Park)

FIND ON FACEBOOK SEARCH: @STGEORGESBUGGYBUDDIES



COULD YOU BE A BUDDY??

Buggy Buddies is a lovely group which is essentially a walking group that can give Parents and Carers a time to meet with others and make friends whilst walking together - sometimes off road, sometimes with a picnic and sometimes just a lovely stroll around Vivary.

We really would really love some more help by being a Buddy which involves simply joining in and chatting to those that come along and making them feel welcome! You dont have to be a Mum or

a Grandparent, just someone who enjoys good company and fresh air.

Our aim is for them to feel welcomed, comfortable and to have an opportunity to talk to others!

If you think this could be something you could help us with once or twice a month on a Monday in term time, then please do get in touch with **families@stgchurch.co.uk** we would love to hear from you!

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary!

On behalf of all of us at St George's may we wish Michael and Hilary Hayes a VERY happy anniversary as they celebrate their special Golden anniversary!

Some of you will know Michael as he has often led us on a Sunday (which he will be doing for us again on Sunday 24th!) and some of you will know Hilary as the busy helper in our Family Room over at the 11.00am.

Both have been such a great help and support since joining the St George's Church family and we would like to wish you all a wonderful time and many congratulations!!



CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED



Just to let you all know that the Church Office is closed from Good Friday through to **Monday**

25th April to go into hibernation. The Vicar will be unavailable from **Easter Monday until the 25th** so if you have any queries in the meantime, please do contact our wonderful Churchwardens whose details can be found in this NewsBoard. Bless you, thank you so much!!

HELP US TO BUILD A ROOM OF PRAYER

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Prayer Room

Pray without ceasing

St George's are unlocking a new prayer space to release prayer and worship across this town.

We want to transform an old out building in our Churchyard and into a 24/7 Prayer Room
BUT it needs some work. Can you help us:

Practically: sanding, cleaning, hoovering - a proper spruce up!

Creatively: painting, decorating, (some scripture on walls would be great!)

Financially: funds to go towards purchasing items needed such as lighting, materials

Prayer Aids: map of the town, map of world, holding crosses, prayer box, whiteboard

Worship: Instruments, big and small for people to use in the space for worship

Your Ideas: what would YOU like to have available in a prayer space?

We're hungry to get moving and start seeing God's spirit move amongst the people
so if you're willing & able to get involved please contact:

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Or go direct and email St George's Church Office on office@stgchurch.co.uk