



Sunday 2nd July 2023

A Note From

Your Vicar

I missed you lot last Sunday. But I had a really great excuse...the Bishop told me I wasn't to go to our church but to the cathedral where our new Curate Rob was ordained.

Anglican robes are not really designed for the heat and last Sunday was the hottest day of the year so far with around 1000 people in attendance. I do not imagine many other than clergy were wear scarves in 33C heat but it was my role to place his new stole around his neck as a sign of his new office. Rob has just been ordained 'Deacon' and next year expects to be ordained as a 'Priest'. The term 'Deacon' is used variously around the different denominations but in Anglican land, it means someone who is ordained by the Bishop to serve the whole community with a particular focus on outreach to the community. As a sign of this work, the white scarf is around the neck more like a sash than a scarf and for this first year, Rob won't be able to lead communion but other than that he has been thrown in the deep end! The words for deacons are rather beautiful:

'They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and

weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.

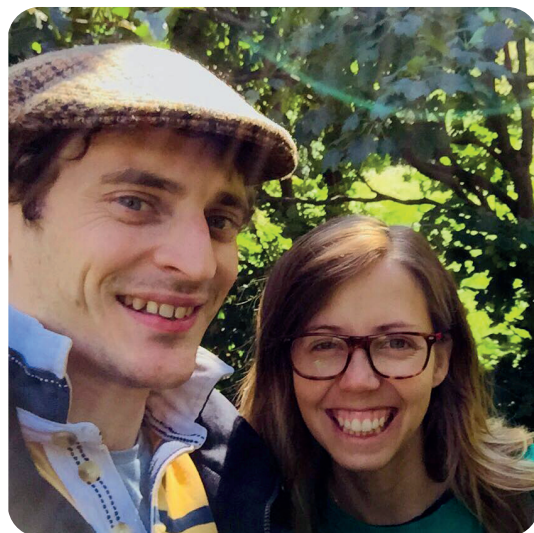
Rob has a particular passion for hospitality and bringing people together and will be taking a lead on the Tuk-Tuk mobile café project amongst other things. Even after a single day, he has been a blessing to us and I am really excited to see what God will do amongst us.

Married to Carmen with two younger children, we're delighted to welcome the whole family to be part of the St Georges family. Carmen has extensive ministerial giftings herself and more will unfold over time.

You can meet Rob, Carmen and the kids this Sunday at our joint gospel service at 10.30 in the Church and afterwards as we share a lunch together (bring something to share!!!).

Who knows what God will do amongst us? Have faith friends.

God bless,
Nick



St George's *News*

A SPECIAL SERVICE

well wasn't that a wonderful, uplifting service on Wednesday evening as we gathered together with Bishop Ruth and welcomed Tim, Katie, Olly, Nick and Sophie after they had a full immersion baptism in some rather cold water! Bishop Ruth confirmed Jerry, Alex, Di, Emily, Sophie, Tim, Katie and Jay, laying her hands on their heads and she also licensed Rev'd Richard Kelley to St George's - a busy busy service which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Many thanks go to all those who made the service possible with special shout outs to Matt Norman and the Tech team, Jane Hamilton, Michael and Hilary Hayes and our worship team which we were delighted to have Rob, our new Curate, be a part of so soon!

It's been many years since we last had Confirmations here in our church and we are looking forward to having many more in the future.

God is good. All the time. All the time, God is good!

COMMUNITY FRIDGE PROGRESS

Just a quick update to thank our Mens Shed team who have very kindly painted the inside and outside of our new Community Fridge Shed over the last few days.

Thank you so much chaps - it's looking great and we really do appreciate all you've done!



Don't forget Mens Shed is on every 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month which means it is back on **THIS MONDAY at 7.30pm** - what will they get up to next?

And as for the Fridge? Well, we'll put in some more info next week but we'd LOVE for more volunteers to step forward to help us with this project so do speak our Mervyn Roberts if you would like to find out more about it and what kind of help is needed or email him at **fridge@stg-church.co.uk**



BRING AND SHARE THIS SUNDAY!!

Now this could be an absolute bun fight but we hope it will be a brilliant way to give The Cromwell Family a wonderfully warm St George's welcome. Pop it down in the Hall on Sunday and let's see what we can do with 2 fishes and 5 loaves!!



Welcoming the Cromwells with a

BRING & SHARE

SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023
After the 10.30am Joint Service in Church

Please bring the food to the Church Hall before the Church Service on the day.
Thank you so much!

BYOM - BRING YOUR OWN MUG

We've mentioned it before but someone was talking to us again this week. Why not bring your own travel mug/eco cup to church this week? It helps us with the clear up at the end of the services (did you know some of us are here until at least 1pm before we can escape!) and also helps as our Coffee Team is in desperate need of more help as we are really short of volunteers.

So if you own one and remember, go ahead and bring it to church. It'll be better for the planet and save all the washing up!



Womens Social
BAKE & SWAP
Sat 15th July 3pm - 5pm
St George's Church Hall
BRING A BAKE, HAVE A TASTE
AND SWAP YOUR RECIPE
(or £3 donation if not bringing a bake!)

MORE DETAILS IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSBOARD!

WOMENS SOCIAL ALERT!!!

We'll give you more information next week but please pop the date in your diary ladies as we're trying to book in some 'Women's Socials' to spend time together and our first social...bake a cake, bring it along, let's have a taste and then find out how to make it.

And if, like me, you cannot bake, then still come and join us for a small donation....

more info next week...**SAVE THE DATE - SAT 15TH JULY 3PM - 5PM**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR SORTING

Sorry
WE'RE CLOSED

The electricians are coming!!! And I desperately need to make some space for new sockets, plugs and wiring so I'm closing the office on Tuesday to roll up the sleeves and do some more furniture moving (you would not believe the amount of furniture moving that comes with this job!!)

So I hope it won't inconvenience you too much if I close the office to make sure it is ready for the electrician to come - thank you so much!

DAY OF PRAYER

Why are we having a Day of Prayer?

The vision for the Day of Prayer is to build deeper roots as a church community and nurture the foundations already laid - to 'become rooted and established in love' (Ephesians 3:17). The day will explore creative ways to pray and encounter God's presence. There will be prayer stations in the room to facilitate personal prayer.

When and where?

The day will run from 8am - 8pm and will be held in the prayer shed, which can be found near the church vestry overlooking the allotment.

Do I have to stay all day?

You can stay for as much or as little as you like. The day will be broken down into hourly sessions, which will be led by members of St George's on a specific theme and will incorporate space for personal prayer and reflection. There are some 'quiet space' sessions which are not led, allowing time to explore the prayer stations.

How do I sign up?

You can sign up online using this link - <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/c2a563/>

There will also be a sign up sheet in the church hall before and after the 11am service.

Can I just turn up on the day?

If you don't sign up, or if you decide to come at the last minute, it is fine to just turn up on the day.

Can I bring my children?

There are two sessions for young people - a kiddies hour from 10-11am and an hour for the youth from 3-4pm.

Are there refreshments?

Tea and coffee will be available on the day and we'll end the day with a BBQ

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Karen Williams or contact the Parish Office to get in touch with her on your behalf.





KIDS @11

**ON THIS SUNDAY
AT 10.30AM**
STARTING IN CHURCH

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



**song circle time
craft play**

Creche @11

at St George's Wilton

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
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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

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

RUN BY A
FRIENDLY TEAM FOR
PARENTS/CARERS
OF BUMPS, BABIES
AND TODDLERS

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

To find out more email
FAMILIES@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

Term Time
Mondays
at 10am
MEET IN
ST GEORGE'S
CHURCHYARD

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am Joint Service IN Church followed by a Bring & Share lunch

Monday 3rd July

10.00am Buggy Buddies
12.00pm Don Crewe Funeral
7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 4th July

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 5th July

9.30am Stay and Play

Saturday 8th July

8.00am -8.00pm Day of Prayer
11.00am Baptism of Jack Abbot

Sunday 9th July

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
11.00am Worship Service

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection for this Sunday is

ZAMBIA - DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS LINK

St George's will be joining with other churches across Bath and Wells and in Zambia to celebrate the links between the dioceses on Sunday 2 July on the re-named "Zambia - Bath and Wells Sunday". Launched in 2021 as Zambia Sunday, the day has been re-named to reflect the desire for the link to be celebrated not just in Bath and Wells, but also in churches in Zambia.

The Chair of the diocesan World Mission Group has written "Zambia - Bath and Wells Sunday is an opportunity for every parish across our six partner dioceses to pray and learn more about each other, and to consider our place as part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

"It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the nearly 45 years we have celebrated life and faith together through our companionship link. As well as celebrating the link, with all the joys that it brings, people are also asked to reflect on the challenges we are all facing, including climate change which affects some areas of the world more than others."

Zambia - Bath and Wells Sunday gives us another opportunity to remember and pray for our brothers and sisters at St Paul's, Zawama, in Zambia, (our partner church as part of the Zambia - Bath and Wells Link) as they will be praying for us, and for the children now beginning their education at the school that they have built next to their Church. Do take the opportunity to see the delightful card of thanks from them and their school that the children have sent us, together with photographs of some of the books they were able to purchase with our Christmas gift - which are on display in the Church.

Do take a look at the Boards near the door to see the card and if you can give, there will be yellow gift aid envelopes available for you to use and fill your details in.

Carole Smith

Zambia Sunday - Sunday 2nd July 2023

"The most important thing about the link is that we are learning from one another. People from different people in different cultures, but whose thoughts and actions are centred on the Gospel as expounded in the scriptures. That gaining of learning from one another has enabled us to understand how the Gospel is understood in your context and how it is understood in ours. It has allowed us to say, this is how we live our lives in these different cultures, but but we have a common centre and this is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Archbishop Albert Chama has been speaking with Bishop Michael ahead of Zambia - Bath and Wells Sunday when we celebrate the link we have with Zambia. A link which was established in 1978, more than 40 years ago. Zambia - Bath and Wells Sunday is an opportunity for every parish across our six partner dioceses to pray and learn more about each other, and to consider our place as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Albert asked that on that day we pray for our national churches and for the leaders of the Church. Those who lead now and those who will lead us in the future. He asked that we also pray for the different groupings within the church and especially our young people.

You can watch Bishop Michael's full conversation with Archbishop Albert by visiting the Diocese of Bath and Wells website.

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 2nd June 2023

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing
is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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*

Peter Haggett, Ron Gibbs, Andrew
Libby, Win Bowden and
Fred Turner

*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*



Don Crewe

We pray for Peggy, Philip and
Peter as they mourn the loss of
dear Don whose funeral service
will take place at **St George's on
Monday 3rd July at 12pm.**

Dear God,
We thank You for the life of Don.
As he embarks on his journey
to Your kingdom, we pray for
his soul to find eternal rest and
peace in Your presence.
May Don, Your faithful servant,
enjoy Your glory for eternity.
We lift up this prayer to You and
ask you to comfort Peggy, Philip,
Peter and all the family at this
difficult time Lord.
Amen.

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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Deanery Synod Reps

Hilary Hayes

Hilary McKegney



News From the Diocese of Bath and Wells

‘What A Joy’

‘In response to God’s immense love for us we seek to be God’s people living and telling the story of Jesus.’ In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based - how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools where day in, day out teachers and their support staff reflect God’s love and teachings with the pupils in their care. As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that ‘break’. They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities. For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer, others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities,

especially for foundation governors and trustees who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools. That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn’t held alone as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord who said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4.

+Bishop Michael

From 2–8 July 2023, we are holding a diocesan-wide week of prayer for children and young people, their families and their schools, and are encouraging churches across Bath and Wells to join in.

The Go Team have created a Prayer Guide for the week with a theme for each day plus some creative ideas you could use to inspire your prayers, whether praying at home, as a small group or leading prayers in a service.

Schools, colleges and universities in our diocese will also be encouraged to join the Week of Prayer, especially through chaplains and local church links. During the week itself the daily themes and prayer points will be released through our social media channels and young people will be taking over the Diocesan Prayer Calendar.