



A Note From
**YOUR
VICAR**



Picture the scene. The car is packed, the other vehicles are all in a row, ready to exit the ferry. You get in. The key turns; the engine does not turn and the car won't start to get you off the ferry. Sleep-addled crazy thoughts rush through your mind – will we live on the ferry now? Do the AA come onto ferries? Those people behind us are looking very cross and I hope they don't punch me. But, none of those things happen because this is normal life and not a film. Instead, I waved for help and a friendly French ferry worker came across to get us started. He used one of these clever battery packs. We tried connecting all of the wires. Three times. Nothing worked. More staff gathered around and I was, dear reader, increasingly nervous. A transit van roared up towards us; hooked up and then revved her engine aggressively. One, two three.....the car started!

The shout of joy! What a relief that my children don't have to finish their education on Brittany Ferries or watch those cross journey 'entertainments' again. We were free and homeward bound.

I'm your Vicar. Did I pray? Yes I did. In fact I learnt about myself that I do actually practice what I preach; if I'm nervous or concerned, prayer is my first resort. But prayer is not magic and frankly the battery was clearly broken and needed fixing. So, we tried to nurse it all the way

home from New Haven to Taunton to get the attention we needed. But at a pit stop, I tiredly turned the engine off and it would not start again.

This time there were no friendly French ferry men who were particularly keen to get me off their boat and I had to ask for help from strangers. Initially, the young couple I asked said no; then when I was polite and thanked them anyway, they consented. It didn't work (that's a story for another time) but they helped. It feels very vulnerable to need help and this is not a pleasant feeling. But sometimes we are vulnerable and there is nothing else you can do. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a man is robbed and left for dead. He is helped and restored to health. Normally the preacher says, 'now when you see those who need help, offer it'. But what if you're not the good Samaritan? What if you're the person on the road? How does that feel? How do you feel when you need support? In the good news of Christianity is that we are sinners and that help – freely given – is available. God sees that we need help and in Jesus really does something about it. But our side is that we do need to actually receive the support that is given and that – strangely – can be one of the hardest parts.

The Alpha course has just started but there's always room for one more if you want to explore these things further.

God Bless
Nick

St George's **News**

THIS COMING SUNDAY

The Eleven service is back on this week. This is an unexpected change and I'm sorry for the short notice of it. We had cancelled our service in order to make space for people to attend the joint B1 service at Wellsprings. However, the last week I have had a number of voices raising concerns about the speaker for the event, Dr Joseph Boot. Dr Boot brings a more combative form of Christian dialogue than is common in the UK context. This is his preference and style. Yet his public comments in the last few days have given me pause to the extent that I could no longer commend our church to go and listen to his teaching. We live in febrile and sensitive times when the whirling temptations to be drawn into negative rhetoric about those who are different from ourselves can be difficult to resist and I do not want to assent to this practice by attending and sending our church en masse. To love thy neighbour; to love thy enemy is not weakness or woke, it is Christian. It is the pattern of Christ himself.

I need to be very clear that St Georges remains committed to ongoing fellowship with other churches across the town from B1 and beyond. I believe in the freedom of speech and conscience; you are very welcome to attend the service at Wellsprings with the other churches and I would like to hear your opinions but I will not attend.

Pray for all the churches across the town, for their unity, integrity and fidelity to the good news of Jesus Christ.



Nick

This week B1 will be holding Prayer and Fasting across the town.

There will be Morning Zoom for you early birds, afternoon prayer in the new Somerset House of Prayer Room (old Chamberlains) and then evening sessions in the following churches looking at different topics.

MONDAY - OAKWOOD CHURCH

TUESDAY - NEW CREATION CHURCH

WEDNESDAY - ALL SAINTS TRULL

THURSDAY NORTH STREET

FRIDAY - LIVING LIGHT

Do take a look at where and when and do join in if you'd like to!

IN THE DAYS/WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 5th October

9.30am COMMON WORSHIP COMMUNION

11.00am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

7.00pm PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE

Monday 6th October

7.30am Monday Morning Prayer Ministry Zoom

9.15am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Men Shed

7.30pm Women In The Pub

Tuesday 7th October

6.30pm Alpha Course

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 8th October

9.30am Stay & Play

Thursday 9th October

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.15am Stroll for the Soul

12pm SOUP

7.30pm Baby Loss Memorial Service

Saturday 11th October

9.30am Mossy Church Event

Sunday 12th October

9.30am COMMON WORSHIP COMMUNION

11am CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

7.00pm PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE

Monday 13th October

7.30am Monday Morning Prayer Ministry Zoom

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 14th October

ROB STARTS WORK PLACEMENT UNTIL MON

17TH NOVEMBER

6.30pm Alpha Course

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 15th October

9.30am Stay & Play

Thursday 16th October

9.15am Morning Prayer

12pm SOUP

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE...

Remembrance Sunday - Joint 9.45am Service

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 6th

January Jumble - Saturday 10th January

UNITED IN REVIVAL

MORNING ZOOM PRAYER

EACH MORNING 6.30 - 7.00AM

MEETING ID: 833 8778 8909 PASSCODE: 131992

AFTERNOON PRAYER

2.00-3.00PM @ CHAMBERLAINS

DAILY EVENING PRAYER GATHERINGS @ 7.30PM

MONDAY MORNING MINISTRY - PRAYER ON ZOOM STARTS

Keith Powell will be heading up a **WEEKLY PRAYER SESSION ON ZOOM** for us to be able to gather together online and pray for the ministry work and people of St George's.

The first one will start **this Monday at 7.30am** and here's the link to join us.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83342200303?pwd=i61eyAO78SUnmXnSFm5bQqbON1ebqQ.1>

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER MINISTRY

Praying for the Ministry of St George's



Mondays at 7.30am on Zoom

meeting id
833 4220 0303
passcode
734288

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

We look forward to our next Stroll - on **THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER**. Paul Cole will be leading this walk. Following on from one of our previous walks with Paul, we will meet outside the Brewhouse Theatre at 10.15 to walk at 10.30 - alongside the River Tone taking in the Obridge Link - and returning along the canal footpath passing Firepool Lock. We will enjoy refreshments together at the end of the walk.

We look forward to seeing you!.

*Jesus You Walk With Me. -
Help Me to Walk with You*

Janet and Rachel



PRAYER MINISTRY Course

SUNDAY 5TH & 12TH OCTOBER 2025

ST GEORGE'S WILTON



PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE

Don't forget to come and join us for this two week Prayer Ministry Course led by Keith which starts **THIS SUNDAY AT 7PM**. It looks like a really interesting and helpful course to help us in our Prayer life.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Baby Loss Memorial Service

Thurs 9th Oct 2025
7.30pm

Together we remember, holding space for miscarriage, stillbirth, and little ones lost too soon.

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"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." JOHN 16:33

Honouring Every Little Life - A Baby Loss Awareness Week Service

As part of Baby Loss Awareness Week, we warmly invite anyone affected by the loss of a baby — through pregnancy, stillbirth, or infant loss — to a gentle service of remembrance.

This will be a safe and supportive space for families, friends, and all who grieve. Together we will:

- Light candles in honour of the little ones we carry in our hearts.
- Place ribbons on a memory tree, symbolising love that never fades.
- Take time for reflection and prayer, with the chance to pray privately or with others.

Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are not alone. This service is an opportunity to come together, remember, and find comfort alongside others who understand.

If you know someone who may appreciate this service, please feel free to invite them to come along — all are welcome.

Explore life, *faith* & meaning

Try Alpha.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON CHURCH HALL
FONS GEORGE TAUNTON
SOMERSET TA1 3JT

STARTS TUE 30TH SEPT 6.30PM



Scan Here
To Join Us



Alpha

ALPHA

We've just had our first Introductory session for Alpha but if you are still considering it or thinking of someone who may want to know more, then fear not - it's not too late to come along - **Tuesday 7th October - 6.30pm to start with a meal together.**

Just get in touch and let us know any dietary requirements - we'd love to have more come along - it's such a great course.



THURSDAYS

In Term Time

12.00PM-2.00PM

**ST GEORGE'S WILTON
CHURCH HALL**

www.stgchurch.co.uk

It does what it says...we serve SOUP...and teas/coffees and maybe cake.
Come for a bowl and a chat. It would be great to see you!

SOUP RETURNS

Hoorah! Soup is back starting **THIS THURSDAY at 12.00pm** in the Church Hall.

We know many of you have missed this and so we are delighted to bring it back.

Rob has brilliantly led this for the last two years of SOUP but.....Rob is off on a month's work placement from October 14th to November 17th - what will we do???

Well, we will need some of you to step in and give us a helping hand!

Can you help with putting up tables and chairs, help with serving the soup and clearing up, can you help with making a soup?

We'd be so grateful to be able to run SOUP without it falling apart without our hospitable Curate, so please do get in touch with either Rob or the Parish office (office@stgchurch.co.uk) to let us know!

HARVEST THANKS

Many, many thanks to all who came together for some delicious harvest stew - the sun certainly shone on us and it was lovely just to have some time for both the 9.30 and 11 to come together.

So many thanks to all who played a part in putting it together and a special mention to our Rob who had made the stew (thanks Ati for the wonderful veggie one!) as well as lots of other parts - get used to it - it's the multi-tasking role of a Vicar!

Sue, Sheena and the flower team - thank you for yet again some super displays. Keith and Jill for your apple presser - we had so much messy fun with that! Pete and Karen who never seemed to leave the kitchen. Ian and Rachel - an asset to any team. Karen for your set up and bar help - bet you never thought your placement would involve this! Richard and Charlotte stepping in for a poorly Vicar. Richard M for his conker collection. All those who stayed behind to help tidy away (Jane H - I bet you never want to see Henry the Hoover again) And to lovely Bryony who "put in a shift" sorting toys, games, spaces for our little ones. Henry G - you also get a nod for getting up early to help with the straw bales.

It was a great team, church community effort.
Thanks all - we hope you had fun!



ST GEORGE'S WILTON home groups

TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding, Prayer & Video Studies	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch FULL
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell FULL
Bible & Prayer	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andrews FULL
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 3.00pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure FULL
Womens Group	St Georges Square	1st and 3rd Thursdays 7.30pm	Kate Taylor
Video Study & Prayer	Cheddon Road	Fortnightly Thursdays 7.30pm	James & Kitty Pownier

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk or check out My Groups on Churchsuite Also check our our website: www.stgchurch.co.uk/small-groups



INTRODUCING KITTY & JAMES

"Hi everyone. we're Kitty and James and we are starting a new home group. We'll be meeting every other Tuesday, 7.30pm - 9pm at our house, which is just north of the station.

We hope our group will be a place to connect, to build friendship, grow in faith together. We'll dive into God's word, and we'll pray for each other, and whether or not you've been at St George's for years, or if you're new, everybody is welcome, and we hope it will be a place where you'll be encouraged and can belong. We're hoping to start in the next few weeks, and we'd really love for you to join us."

Kitty & James

If you would be interested in joining them, either go and have a chat with them or speak/ email Carmen - carmen@stgchurch.co.uk

NOW OPEN SATURDAYS



St George's Wilton Community Fridge

St George's Wilton Church Hall Car Park
Taunton TA1 3JT

OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays

From 9.30am to 4pm Autumn / Winter
From 9.30am to 5pm Spring / Summer

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE

- Bring your own bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there up to a **MAXIMUM OF FIVE ITEMS**
- Please take only what you'll use and leave enough for others
- Please sign out: **CLICK THE COUNTER** to the left of the door once

PLEASE NOTE: that food will vary in quantity and quality from day to day.



If you wish to donate to the Community Fridge, please put them in the crate to the right of the door. If you donate something that requires refrigeration, please pop in the basket on the top shelf of the fridge. If you wish to help with the running of the Community Fridge, please email fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



PRAYER MINISTRY Course

SUNDAY 5TH & 12TH OCTOBER 2025

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"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all -
In my name you will place your hands on sick people and they will get well"

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Women IN THE PUB

**MEETS EVERY
1st MONDAY at 7.30pm**

THE VIVARY ARMS, TAUNTON

Come and join us on the 1st Monday of the month.
We'll often bring something "to do" - a quiz, a craft or
even share a meal but it's more about
having time together to catch up!

OPEN TO ALL

you don't have to attend St George's to come along!
For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk

*The Lord heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds* Psalm 147.3



ST G's

Healing Service

**Sunday 19th October 2025
5.30pm**

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Baby Loss Memorial Service

**Thurs 9th Oct 2025
7.30pm**

A Space To Remember Together;
A Moment To Reflect –
Honouring Every Little Life,
– Through Pregnancy,
Baby And Child Loss

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In Loving Memory

Lord Jesus we think of those we've loved who we want to remember in the days ahead, especially the family of

**Alexander Wyatt
Ray Arscott**

We 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*





MORNING PRAYER

**Mondays & Thursdays
9.15-9.45am**

Each morning let me learn more about your love because I trust you. I come to you in prayer, asking for your guidance
- Psalm 143:8

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Christian Giving Scheme



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 we 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@stgchurch.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 or click here <https://givealittle.co/c/87f1f0f9-d531-42a3-bb0d-14691d850cf6> 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!

ST GEORGE'S **CHARITY COLLECTION**



TAUNTON STREET PASTORS

"We are part of a national team first pioneered in 2003, and Street Pastors continues to grow throughout the UK and across the world.

Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches and we care about our community.

We are usually on patrol from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

We are led by our local coordinator and we also have support from local churches and community groups in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies.

If you are interested in finding out more about our work, or are interested in becoming a Street Pastor, please contact us on our website"

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/taunton/>



TAUNTON SCHOOL PASTORS

"We are capable guardians who are able to perform the kind and simple act of listening to a young person. This encourages students to know that they are valued and the opinions and thoughts matter. This has been shown to improve educational attainment and the social and emotional well being of a young person. By being a non-judgemental listening presence, we are an active and encouraging support mechanism that can be an extra pair of eyes and ears in promoting safety and peace throughout the school day. On a national scale, our initiatives provide a variety of different activities. Some of which are aimed at reducing levels of malnutrition and improving concentration and confidence in lessons, as well as providing classroom support and also lunchtime and extra curricular activities. Our teams are also able to speak into the spiritual and holistic life of a school's curriculum and vision."

<https://www.schoolpastors.org.uk>

Mens SHED

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

- **MEETS EVERY 1st & 3rd MONDAYS at 7.30pm**
- MENS SHED BEHIND THE CHURCH HALL

Come and join us every 1st & 3rd Mondays
You don't have to attend St George's to come along
- we'd love to see you there!
For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk

Men's Shed: More Than A Workshop

- Some come to build.
- Some come to talk.
- All come for good company.

Recent outing:
SS Great Britain
Next? Why not join us and see!

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