



Sunday 18th February 2024

A Note From **Your Vicar Curate**

On Tuesday I spent over an hour making and cooking pancakes for our two children, who still insisted that they were 'still hungry' after eating their weight in batter, lemon, sugar, chocolate as well as some - totally wrong in my opinion - savoury options. That means that we are now embarking on the season of Lent – a 40-day period of reflection, penance, and preparation leading up to Easter, holds a unique significance for Christians, but its teachings can resonate with believers and seekers alike.

Rooted in the Christian tradition, Lent symbolizes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. It is a time for self-examination, repentance, and drawing closer to God. Regardless of your church attendance, embracing the spirit of Lent can be an enriching experience for anyone seeking a deeper connection with their Christian faith.

The practice of giving up something during Lent is a familiar tradition for many Christians. Whether it's sacrificing a favourite indulgence or taking on a spiritual discipline, this season provides an opportunity for believers and those exploring Christianity to reflect on their lives and draw nearer to God.

Incorporating moments of prayer, scripture reading, and meditation during Lent can deepen your understanding of Christian teachings. Why not take a few minutes each day to contemplate your faith and strengthen your prayer-life, if you'd like

some inspiration then do please let me or the Parish Office know!

Acts of kindness, guided by Christian principles, can serve as a shared expression of love and compassion during Lent. Reaching those in need, extending forgiveness, and demonstrating the love of Christ through your actions. This collective effort can create a ripple effect of positive change in the community. Here at St George's we love to reach out to our local community, whether through our regular SOUP lunch (every Thursday in term-time at 12pm), or the other projects we have going on here (read on in Newsboard for more details).

Fasting, a hallmark of Lent, is a powerful practice that goes beyond simply abstaining from food. Why not try incorporating fasting into your routine? This year I'm going to try giving up Social Media – it's harder than it sounds, I've already found myself absent-mindedly wandering on Twitter without realising!

Practices like these can be beneficial, but however you choose to mark Lent this year, the truth is that you are loved by God no matter what. Giving things up, or taking on new good habits doesn't make God love you anymore than he does already – it just isn't possible. Likewise we love to welcome new people to St George's, so do come and say hello, whether on a Sunday, or at any of our activities in the week, we would love to see you there.

God Bless **Rob**

St George's

News

GETTING STEAMY IN THE SHED...

Our Mens Shed meets up every first and third Monday of the month. They work on different projects, have day trips out and this last session, they were getting a little bit steamy. Now I'm not talking about the Welsh Love Spoons Dave and Arthur were whittling..... our Peter was working on his model steam engine!

If you would like to join our Men in the Shed (well, Scout Hut) then do get in touch or speak to Terry Ware to find out more about it. Meeting next on **MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY at 7.30pm**



TootToot!!



Whittling A Love Spoon

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

We have another Stroll for the Soul on **Friday 23 February**, when we shall be returning to the **Staple Hill Easy Access Trail** in the Blackdowns (take the Staple Fitzpaine/Chard road at the crossroads at the top of Corfe Hill, and the car park is about a mile on the left)

We shall meet at **10.15am** for prayer and reflection and we will start our walk at 10.30. We always arrange to 'car share' - so please get in touch with Rachel (07818003297) or Janet (337183) if you would like a lift, or can offer one!

We do hope you will be able to join us

*Jesus You Walk With Me,
Help Me To Walk With You.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 18th February

9.30am Holy Communion in Church
11.00am Worship Service IN OUR NEW HOME - THE CHURCH!!!

Monday 19th February

10.00am Buggy Buddies For more information contact:
families@stgchurch.co.uk
7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 20th February

7.30pm Bellingring Practice- for more info on joining the Bellingring Team, contact Brenda Arcott via Parish Office.

Wednesday 21st February

9.30am Stay and Play - our Baby and Toddler group in Church Hall. £2 per family

Thursday 22nd February

12.00pm SOUP- Come and bring a friend for a bowl of soup. Do get in touch with Rob at **rob@stgchurch.co.uk**

Friday 23rd February

10.15am Stroll for the Soul - see the NewsBoard article and check out the video!

NEXT WALK FRI 23RD FEB

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FOR THE
Soul
HELP ME TO WALK WITH YOU

A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS

Conversation Fellowship Contemplation

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
OFFICE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

BESOM OPEN MORNING

Besom held an Open Morning for St George's on Thursday so that members could find out more about the work of Besom. We welcomed Nick as well as Judith and Nigel Pickles and Carole Smith. (Thanks so much for coming along!)

Roger Habgood, Chair of The Besom in Taunton trustees and Chair of the Besom Network trustees, hosted Mr Robert Drewett, High Sheriff of Somerset.

The High Sheriff was very interested in our aims and activities and chatted to several of the time-givers about the different aspects of our work. He also gave us an explanation of the history and position of the High Sheriff and what he does now then coffee and cake was enjoyed by all! **The warehouse is open 10-12 every Tuesday and Thursday, and anyone is welcome to drop in to see what we do.** For donations of furniture or other items please see our website at <https://www.tauntonbesom.org.uk/giving>.



Mr Drewett (left) with Roger Habgood. The rest of us are time-givers and core team members.

We want to make our kitchen as good as possible for people who use our Church Hall. To do this, we need to have a look at the equipment and replace anything that is beyond it's use-by date.

I am planning on a kitchen clearout in early March, so if you have anything that you have (inadvertently or deliberately) lent to the church, could we ask that you collect it by the end of February please?

Just email me on rob@stgchurch.co.uk so we can arrange access to the kitchen! Thanks everyone! Rob

VOLUNTEERS AREA

DON'T MISS OUT - JOIN A TEAM TODAY!

Serving on team, you don't just perform a task, you build life together and fulfilling the call of Jesus to love one another. Here are some teams you can join or may be looking for some additional hands on deck!

COMMUNITY FRIDGE TEAM

We would like to open for another day, but that requires more folk to help with both collecting / delivering from supermarkets and also more openers/ cleaners / closers. Just once a fortnight's help for an hour or so would be brilliant! Get in touch with Mervyn via email to fridge@stgchurch.co.uk

MOSSY CHURCH TEAM

Mossy Church is a nature themed community outreach group that meets every term to get together to provide sessions as outreach to the community. The sessions are either 'Mini Mossy' sessions for families with children aged 0-5 which take place during the weekdays, or 'Mossy' sessions for families with children aged 0-14 which take place on weekends and during school holidays. Each session is based on a nature theme (such as 'minibeasts', autumn, the seaside, stargazing and many more) and involve lots of nature crafts, activities, songs, stories and sensory play.

We need a team to help us with this great outreach - whether it's just helping prepare crafts, or being a helper on the day. Its such fun to see the enjoyment the families have, so come and join us to help us show God's amazing creation. And the best thing? It is just helping out twice a term max - not a weekly rota - woohoo! So please get in touch - email families@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to find out more!

BUGGY BUDDIES TEAM

Another wonderful group for bumps to babies to toddlers and we'd love you to join our team where we walk and talk with the Mums/Carers and just be there to chat and provide coffee and a listening ear. If you can help once a month on a Monday morning that would be wonderful. Email families@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to find out

LEE ABBEY WEEKEND AWAY

We have a lovely group already signed up for Lee Abbey. That means that some categories of accommodation that we have been allocated are now full. However we can always try and negotiate more if you would like to come.

Don't forget you can ask Hilary or Hilary about help with the cost and that information will be kept confidential.

February is decision time so please book in, sit back and anticipate a wonderful time in October.

Hilary and Hilary

Further information from:

Hilary Hayes hilhayes7@gmail.com. or

Hilary McKegey hilarymckegey@gmail.com

We do hope that all of you who have booked on will have a wonderful time at Lee Abbey. It is a special place and a really peaceful escape where we hope you will feel closer to God and to one another.

Their Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends are great and we hope that you will feel all of those things by being there together.

Our Sunday Services here will continue as normal with Nick and Rob though we hope there may be an opportunity for one of them to join you for some part of the weekend.

An Escape To The Country

**FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER
TO SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER
LEE ABBEY, DEVON**

FOR INFO EMAIL
HILHAYES7@GMAIL.COM OR
HILARYMCKEGS@GMAIL.COM

For the month of February we have set up a Fund so that we can support any of our Church Family who needs a helping hand.


This will be with a financial donation to help people to be able to join in with any of our church led events/activities that they may wish to join in but feel that it would maybe be difficult financially.

The St George's Bursary may be used to help with payment for things like a Church Weekend Away, attending a Christian Festival or even for smaller events that we will run through the year.

We don't want funds to be the barrier for our church family to be able to join in or access these things so we felt that if we had a fund that people could access to help make things feel a little easier on the pocket it could really make a difference and give people opportunities that may have otherwise missed out on.

Do give what you can, if you can! Our Sum Up card machines now accept card donations and there will be the usual cash boxes available in church for those bringing cash.

CHARITY COLLECTION ST GEORGE'S BURSARY FUND



February
**charity
collection**

ST GEORGE'S
**BURSARY
FUND**

GIVING A HELPING HAND TO OUR
CHURCH FAMILY

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 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!



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We remember

**Leslie Bowerman, Reg Colman,
William Whatmore,
Barbara Baker, Desmond Wilce
and Pat Baker**

*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

pastoral care

Pastoral visitors are good listeners who care for others based on an understanding that God's love is for all people.

If you think that either you or anyone you know would benefit from having regular visits as they can't get out much, please do get in touch!

Hilary McKegney

Pastoral Care Coordinator



Email

pastoral-care@stgchurch.co.uk

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

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