



## A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

I have three kids at different ages. My youngest is much younger and one of the joys of being the tiniest ones is inheriting the toys of the older generation. It means it's a bit like Christmas every few months as another developmental stage is reached and then different toys become fun.

Recently, a toy helicopter found its way out of some storage corner of the house. It was one of those marvellous toys which was reasonably priced from a really big Tesco which packed far more into its price tag than you would think. The rotary blades used to turn (the three that remain) with a whirring electronic sound, there were lights on the front and side, the cockpit opens and the side doors also open. It even has a winch action which can be operated by a lever. This is a lot of toy to pack into £10. But ten-ish years later it is showing its age. The battery compartment had broken and has been thrown away somewhere and the age of the toy made it look a bit like a toy destined for the tip.

Playing with the youngest one, I was struck by a brain wave....what if? I found some batteries, then covered up the broken compartment with gaffer tape so that she can't consume any rogue AAs. Suddenly, the toy was restored. Whirring blades, winch and lights. We even got the winch to pick up a ukelele...then I was on a roll. I found an old rubbish truck which was similarly endowed, a screw

driver, some batteries and more gaffer tape. A cacophony of sounds from 10 years ago filled the room and toys which were broken became useful and fun once again.

Those toys were never really broken, they just needed a bit of care and attention. A tiny, tiny amount. I'm hardly Mr Fixit, but even that little bit of care now means that trash has become treasure. A little gaffer tape and a Philips screwdriver can transform a world.

There is a promise in the Old Testament; 'To all who mourn...he will give: beauty for ashes; joy instead of mourning; praise instead of heaviness.' I think about all of those people that think they're finished, broken and beyond repair, all that stuff we chuck away regularly. A little love and a little care can transform human lives; you're never too far gone for God.

God bless, *Hick*



*'To all who mourn...  
he will give: beauty for ashes;  
joy instead of mourning;  
praise instead of heaviness.'*

Isaiah 61:3

# St George's News

## STROLLS FOR THE SOUL

We have two sunny summer strolls coming up:

### Thursday 16th May

A walk around the woodland and country parkland at Netherclay with Marlene. Meeting at the church car park in Bishop's Hull at 10.15 - maybe calling for a refreshment break at Avery's Garden Centre. Do let us know if you require a lift to the start of the walk.

### Friday 21 June

A canalside walk with Carole - starting at the Beech Car park, just beyond Wellington. Full details will be circulated later on. Just be sure to put these dates in your diary.

If you would like any more information on our Stroll for the Soul group, do email the Parish Office. You do not have to sign up to anything, it's simply a gentle walking group where we can spend time together and be in His creation!

We'd love for you to join us!

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



**A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS**

*Conversation Fellowship Contemplation*

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 5th May

**9.30am Worship With Holy Communion**

**11.00am Contemporary Worship Service**

### Monday 6th May

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - CLERGY AND TEAM ENJOY A DAY OF REST**

### Tuesday 7th May

**7.30pm APCM** The APCM is a great opportunity for the church family to learn more about the amazing activities in the parish, look at changes in the electoral roll, elect new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and deanery synod and to provide a financial update.

### Wednesday 8th May

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

### Thursday 9th May

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

### Saturday 11th May

**10.30am Welcome Tea**

## WELCOME TEA

If you are new to St Georges or have been coming to us for a while now and haven't been to one of our Welcome Teas, we are having one on **Saturday 11th May from 10.30am - 12.30pm.**

It's just a great way for us to welcome you and hopefully if we can, get a chance to catch up with you. It's been wonderful to welcome you at the St G's services but we're aware that it can get a bit busy sometimes! If you would like to come along then please do email the office ([office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)) to make sure we have enough cake to go around and if you have any dietary requirements or accessibility needs we can help to accommodate.

*Nick and Bryony*



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](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

## WOMEN IN THE PUB

As the next Women In the Pub looks to fall on Bank Holiday Monday, we have shifted our May date to **Monday 13th May**. This time, the lovely Rosa will show us how to make greetings cards so for this once, there will be a small charge of **£2** to cover materials.

*New to St George's?  
We'd love to welcome you with  
Tea and Cake!*

ST GEORGES WILTON

# Welcome Tea

**SATURDAY 11th MAY**  
10.30am - 12.30pm

## LET'S PARTY FOR PENTECOST DIARY DATE!!!

Well all of a sudden we seem to be rushing towards Pentecost and we wanted to let you know that we are very aware that especially since we have moved the 11am service across to the church that it has meant it's been a bit trickier for the church families at both services to meet and have time to be ONE big church family together. So, over these Spring/Summer months, we are going to be trying to do as much as we can to offer these social times together.

We will be starting it off by having a **JOINT service for Pentecost Sunday at 10.30am** and afterwards, we have a local farm coming to provide us with a Hog Roast (never fear all you Vegans and Vegetarians amongst us - they will have some veggie burgers for you!). So we thought, let's get together in the Churchyard (or Hall if that weather lets us down) and enjoy some time together. So make a note - **SUNDAY 19TH MAY** - Stay behind and have some food, fun and fellowship with us!!

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# Hog Roast

Celebrate Pentecost With Us  
with a Hog Roast from Wedmore Farm

**Sunday 19th May**

In The Churchyard after the Joint 10.30am Service

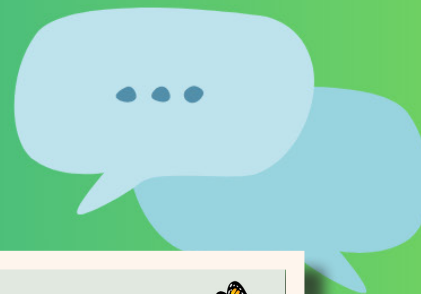
Bring a Chair > Hog Roast (and veggie alternative) > Tuk Tuk Cafe

## BESOM

Jesus calls us to care for those who are struggling or feeling marginalised. If you have felt that call and want an opportunity to respond, then the Christian charity Besom does occasional gardening and decorating projects in Taunton for those referred to them by key workers. If helping in this way is something you would like to do once or twice a year then get more information from Jane Hamilton, Hilary Hayes or Helen Clegg.



# ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



ST G'S MOSSY CHURCH

## Marvellous Mini Beasts

For Ages 0-12 years old

**Saturday 18th May 2.30pm -4.00pm**  
**St George's Wilton Churchyard**

NATURE CRAFTS THEMED ACTIVITIES SENSORY PLAY  
MINIBEAST HUNT BUG TRAIL SONGS & STORIES

Don't Forget...  
**FREE**  
Limited Spaces  
BOOK NOW

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE NOW AT:  
[HTTPS://MOSSYCHURCHMINIBEASTS.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](https://mossychurchminibeasts.eventbrite.co.uk)

## EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ CONNECT

Join the Mossy Church team and other local families for this **FREE** session as we learn all about the wonderful world of marvellous minibeasts!

In this session there'll be nature crafts and activities for ages 0-12, a bug hunt trail, habitat exploration, games, stories, songs and sensory play for the youngest ones, as well as other nature activities including making seed paper, learning about bee and butterfly cafes and planting flowers. So join us as we connect with creation and the Creator together.

Session will be fully accessible. Toilets / baby changing on site. Please note that this is a family event and children are to be supervised by their parents / carers at all times.

*(Indoor wet weather provision in place so session will take place whatever the weather.)*

## SPREE with SWYM WEEKEND CAMP

Our young people are invited to join our lovely team of leaders from St G's for this jam packed, fun filled camp especially for them which takes place at Westpoint, Exeter. It runs for ages 8-17, but we're looking to send our Youth@11 age range of 10-16 years. There's live music, games, activities, worship, bible teaching for different age groups and even a fairground!

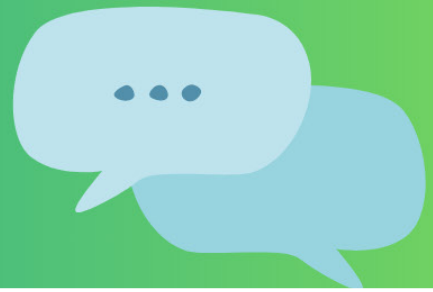
We are joining up with Trull's and Creech Baptist Church's youth groups so we'll be camping and eating with them and their leaders together. There are small tents available to borrow if your young person doesn't have access to one.

The cost is £100 including all food and tickets. We are really keen that cost not be an issue which stops a young person from going on this camp, so please get in touch if you'd like to access the **St G's bursary fund** to help, which has been set up for this purpose.

We need to get an idea of numbers ASAP so we can register before they run out of tickets!



# ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



Please email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) by **Saturday 4th May** to book **your place** (you can still book after this time, but we need numbers so our leaders know who's coming) or if you have any further questions. It's important that you book through St George's, and not directly online as you'll need our group code. You can find out more about Spree at <https://swym.org.uk/spree-sw/>



games and craft and hot chocolate and teaching and worship and prayer

£1 contribution for refreshments

**Saturday 18 May**  
7pm - 9pm

**taunton youth gathering**



Join us at...  
**SPREE 2024**



**Friday 21 June - Sunday 23 June 2024**  
**Westpoint Arena, Exeter**

An exciting weekend of activities, Bible teaching, camping, music and fun!

**£100** inc food

We're joining up with two other churches from Taunton for this fun youth camp weekend. If your child/ren would like to come then please email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk) to express an interest or for more information.

**YOUTH @11**

## TAUNTON YOUTH GATHERING

This is a **NEW** youth group set up for Christian young people 11+ in Taunton from different churches to come together to make friends, encourage each other in their faith with food, fun, worship, games and bible teaching.

It costs £1 per child to cover refreshments. It's a very relaxed group, currently with youth from Trull Church, Taunton Baptist Church, Vineyard and Creech Baptist Church, now to be joined by St Georges! It will run roughly each month and we'll let you know the dates as they're released – the next one will be on **18th May** and another on **13th July**.

The one on Saturday 18th May will be at Taunton Baptist Church from 7pm - 9pm, we really do hope that some of you will go along and have a great time!

## THERE'S A RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

Well actually, it's our Church Hall...We are really looking forward to this Holiday Club which we will be running in the Summer Holidays with Pulse Ministries.

It's for those of you with young people still at primary school, we are running a three day Jungle themed holiday club **at St George's from 24-26th July for ages 4-11.**

It's £5 per day from 9.30am-3.30pm. It's going to be lots of fun with crafts, games, music and bible teaching.

Do get in touch if you have any questions. Book your child's space now at <https://form.jotform.com/241073081263044>

Pick up a leaflet from Church! We're going to have so much fun!!!!



**ONLY £15 FOR 3 DAYS**

# IN THE JUNGLE

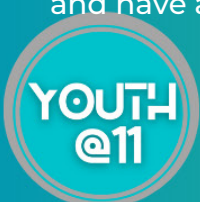
Holiday Club For 4-11's

**Wed 24th - Fri 26th July 2024**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm**

St George's Church Hall  
Fons George Taunton TA1 3JT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
**pulse ministries**

Email: [events@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:events@stgchurch.co.uk)





## A MESSAGE FROM TAUNTON FOODBANK

Hello all.

I wanted to write and Thank You and your congregations for the support you continue to give Taunton Foodbank over the years. .

At present our stock is the lowest it has been in 7 years, and over the last few months we have given out over a tonne and a half more food than has been donated.

I am therefore asking if you are able to help.

Some churches have a donation box within their building. This does not need to be a long term commitment but every little helps, as a certain Supermarket would say.

We have a long list of needs at present which you will see on our media or if you prefer you can contact the office which is open Mon-Friday 9am until mid day for advice .

Thank you again for your support .Please continue to pray for us at this time.

Bless you as you serve God in your communities.

Kind Regards

*Sue*

Foodbank Manager

*We do indeed have a box at the back of church behind the chairs so if you do have anything that you would like to give then please do take a look at the list and see how you can help.....*

Please Help Us With...			
1) Long Life Fruit Juice	6) Flavoured Rice		
2) Tinned Cold Meats	7) Tinned Tomatoes		
3) Tinned Sweetcorn	8) Tinned Fruit		
4) Flavoured Noodles	9) Complete Meals		
5) Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard	10) Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toilet roll.		

## VOLUNTEERS AREA

### COMMUNITY FRIDGE

**We'd love to enlarge our group of volunteers who open / clean / close the St. George's Community Fridge. Why not volunteer by contacting me (Mervyn) at [fridge@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:fridge@stgchurch.co.uk) to find out more? We'd also like to be able to offer to have the Fridge open much more as the word is spreading across the town so if we can serve our community in this way it would be great to have more of you onboard!!**

### KIDS@11 TEAM

We believe children and young people are a fundamental part of Church and a blessing from God. The Kids@11 team want to encourage, nurture and support the children to shine their lights and make a difference in the world in their own wonderful way! By getting involved in the team, you can play a vital role in helping to make families feel welcome as we grow and learn about God together.

From September we will be needing more in the team and we'd love it if you would think and pray about it and see if you think this is a ministry where you could help us.

If you would like to find out more about Kids@11 then do get in touch. We hope the more in the team, the fewer times we'd all be needed but even if you could only help once a month or bi-monthly it would really help and we'd love to welcome you to the fun of Kids@11 Email [families@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:families@stgchurch.co.uk)

### COMMUNION SET UP TEAM

We are in need of some more people to come onto the team to help us to set up Communion for the 9.30am service (and the occasional 11am). There are guidelines to follow so you'll have a step by step walk guide to show you where to find everything and where it goes and the Yardleys would be more than happy to show you the ropes! Although it is an easy way to help serve the Lord, it feels such a privilege to be able to serve in this way. Do email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk) if you think you could be of help and serve.

# 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!*

## **CHARITY COLLECTION** CHRISTIAN AID



**Christian Aid works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to.**

They aim to end poverty and injustice worldwide by focusing on four key areas – see below. This involves working in partnership with local organisations, as well as with governments and the private sector.

Their work includes helping people to:

- claim their rights and access services such as healthcare and education
- ensure they are not discriminated against for any reason
  - become more resilient to shocks and disasters such as drought, climate change and hurricanes
- make the most of opportunities, such as being able to sell their produce for a fair price.

If you are a Church At Home worshipper, you can donate via their website -  
<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/A002958>  
If you can, do quote our unique reference number **A034309**

*In Loving Memory*  
*We remember*

**Judy Bellamy, Brian Heard  
and James Stutt**

*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.*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.  
John 14:27

# Who's **WHO**

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