



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**



Our Big Weekend is coming up soon and final preparations, shopping lists and plans are being made. Conversations in the office are:

Do we have enough buckets? What about bins? Has anyone got another trailer to avoid making too many trips?

It's one of those times when you become acutely aware of different skill sets. I am so blessed with such a wonderful team.

This whole weekend away business was Rob's idea and he has wrestled and pushed and called and planned it into existence. He has a particular gift for getting things to work. Then we have Bethan who is so good at making things look beautiful but also wakes up in the middle of the night and asks 'Who is bringing the HDMI cable?!'. Our Matt who has more scout badges than I have hot dinners is not remotely phased by the prospect and loves getting people together. Lisa manages to combine sharp managerial organisation with joyful explosions of giggles in meetings or Mrs Griffin with her thoughtfulness about the movement and logistics of the site. Quite honestly they could do it all without me and there is plenty to do. It is rather a lot of work and I'm humbled by the gifts and skills around me on a daily basis. So why do this project?

Our Church vision is to grow in number – but also to grow in Spirit. That means growing deeper in our own relationships with God but also growing deeper in

community relationships. By going away together, eating, playing and praying together, we want to make the whole community richer in life. There will be plenty going on whether that's the onsite café, sports day, beach walks or ...more... the bits I'm looking forward to are mostly the quiet sections when you find yourself in a deep conversation by accident over pizza or go for that walk on the beach and something just clicks. Last week, it was so joyful to have that barbecue in the car park, to eat and talk together. The kids played hide and seek so hard and fast that they were all drenched in sweat by the end! Someone said to me 'it's easier to look after 10 kids than just one – because they all just play'. This camp will be fun when we've so many hands on deck.

The challenge is that going away anywhere is really expensive these days and so we've tried our best (poor Rob!) on making this as financially accessible as we possibly can. By paying for a ticket or day ticket, it really is just paying for the Loos/Shower/Generator – everything else is begged borrowed and I promise not stolen! With just a couple of weeks to go, we've already got over 70 people attending – but come on! I'm hoping for more! Sign up and we'll see you at the farm.

God Bless
Nick

**Less than
2 weeks
to go!**



St George's **News**

Big Weekend Sunday Gathering & BBQ – All Are Welcome!

We are thrilled to invite everyone to join us for the Big Weekend Sunday gathering, followed by a BBQ! Whether you've already booked and paid or are just hearing about this now, we want you to know that all are welcome to come and enjoy this special time together.

For those who have already signed up, we deeply appreciate your support and can't wait to celebrate with you. For those who are new to the event or want to join in, feel free to come along, and we look forward to seeing you there!

There will also be a Vintage Fair just around the corner at The Bakehouse from 10-1pm which you may be interested to pop along to where you can shop vintage, pre loved, antique stalls for beautiful one off pieces and treasures..... all set in the stunning surroundings at The Bakehouse Wick Farm. Delicious homemade cakes available in the Bakehouse too.

So come and join us for our Sunday worship together at 10.30am on Sunday 27th July.

There will be a Sunday 9.30am service here at St George's for those not able to join us but if you can make it to up to Wick, we'd love to see you there for our final day!

**Over at The
Bakehouse
on Sunday**



Vintage Fair at The Bakehouse

IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 13th July

9.30am Common Worship Communion

11.00am Worship Service

Monday 14th July

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 15th July

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 16th July

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 17th July

9.15am Morning Prayer

Friday 18th July

10.15am Stroll For The Soul

Sunday 20th July

9.30am Common Worship Communion

11.00am Worship Service

12.30pm Welcome Lunch

Monday 21st July

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 22nd July

7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 23rd July

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 24th July - Sunday 27th July

!!! THE BIG WEEKEND !!!

Sunday 20th July

9.30am Common Worship Communion

**10.30am Big Weekend Celebration Service
followed by BBQ**



COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR WELCOME LUNCH!!

Are you new to our church or looking to connect? Come along to our Welcome Lunch on **Sunday 20th July**, right after the morning services!

It's a great chance to meet people, enjoy good food, and find out more about church life in a relaxed setting.

Everyone's welcome, and there's no need to bring anything—just yourself! Please do let us know if you're coming so we can plan for plenty of food and cater for you if you have any dietary requirements.

If you were unable to make the last one back in March, do get in touch and let us know if you can make this one - we'd love to see you there!

Please let us know no later than **Wednesday 16th July** so we know how many to cater for!

Nick & Rob

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Our next walk will be on **Friday 18 July, meeting at Creech St Michael canalside car park at 10.15 for a 10.30 start.**

This will be a very short but pleasant circular walk which follows the tow path for about 200m then branches away before looping back to the car park.



As usual please let us know if you can come, and also if you will need, or can offer, a lift.

We always love to welcome newcomers!

Rachel & Janet



SUNDAY CLUBS THROUGH THE SUMMER STARTING NEXT SUNDAY

The School Summer Holidays are nearly upon us and as well as the schools having a much needed rest, our wonderful Sunday Club teams need a rest too!

However, we do know how tricky it can be coming to church with little ones when the team takes a break so with HUGE thanks to Mrs G and team for organising this Summer space to be available for families to use during the services.

Like Tots@11, we will have the livestreamed service on in the Hall and have things available for you to use to entertain the little ones! **Starting Sunday 20th July!**

CRUISING DOWN THE EXE

Not only are Mens Shed having a great time in their shed, but some of them took a little boat trip together from Exmouth to Topsham and back with a pit stop for lunch on the drive home.

"Six salty shedders sing sea shanties sitting on a ship by the sea shore in sweltering sunshine before setting sail for the seven seas. Try saying that with the wrong teeth in."
(Just tried it Terry...think I may need some new ones as that was definitely a tongue twister!! - Bethan)

If you would like to find out more about Mens Shed, find out what they do and where, then do get in touch and we can put you in touch with Terry and the Men!



WORSHIP DIRECTOR VACANCY

For those of you at the APCM or if you watched it online, you will have clocked that we will be sending out Chris as he goes back to Living Light Church and has time to work more on initiatives with B1, Worship School and Pursuit.

So, from September we will be in need of a new Worship Director.

We have advertised on a couple of different

Christian sites, but thought we would share this with you should any of you be interested or know of anyone who would fit the bill.

Applications are open until the end of the month but do direct people to our website for all the information needed.

www.stgchurch.co.uk/vacancies

**CLOSING
DATE**
31st July
2025

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Join Our Team

PART TIME WORSHIP DIRECTOR

AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON TAUNTON

One day a week +Sunday am

Music is a central part of the life of the worship at St Georges.
The Worship Director will work across both of our main services
(currently 9.30 and 11.00) to lead and facilitate the music.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.stgchurch.co.uk/vacancies

COMMUNITY FRIDGE - OPENING FOR ANOTHER DAY!! WOOHOO!!

....BUT WE NEED YOU!!

The St. George's Community Fridge will now be open for **5 days a week starting this Saturday**. At the moment it is being manned / womanned by existing Volunteers who are doing extras. Thanks! It would greatly help if you were able to volunteer

It would involve opening & cleaning or closing every other Saturday but it would mean that Volunteers weren't stretched.

If we don't get enough volunteers then the Community Fridge would have to be closed some Saturdays, which would be a shame. The long-term aim is to open the C. Fridge EVERY day of the week!





BIG WEEKEND WITH ST G'S

Get ready for a vibrant, faith-filled weekend packed with worship, community, and fun for all ages!

Join us for The Big Weekend – a celebration of God's goodness with uplifting music, inspiring messages, and activities for the whole family.

Whether you're new or a regular, there's something for everyone.

Come and be part of something special!



GUEST SPEAKERS



KIDS PROVISION, ACTIVITIES
& BAKEHOUSE...



MORNING DEVOTIONALS
WORSHIP & CAMPFIRE WORSHIP



LUXURY TOILETS & SHOWERS

...AND MORE!!

















**BOOK YOUR
TICKETS NOW!**

SCAN ME



St George's Big Weekend

PROGRAMME

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.30am		Morning Devotional for The Keen Beans	Morning Devotional for The Keen Beans	Morning Devotional for The Keen Beans
8am		Breakfast BYO	Breakfast BYO	Breakfast BYO
9.30am		Morning Walk /Outdoor Games available	 Morning Celebration 	Activity Family Friendly Fun
10.30am		 Morning Celebration 	Activity Family Friendly Fun  Lions vs Australia	 Morning Celebration 
12pm		Lunch BYO	Lunch 	Lunch  Final BBQ
2pm		Activities	Wilton Olympics Sports Day	Pack Up Time and leave site
4pm		Film Time Chill Time For All	Activities	
5pm	Welcome BBQ 	Dinner  BBQ	Dinner Haverslice Pizza Van Available or BYO	
7pm	 Evening Celebration Campfire Worship	 Evening Celebration With Keith Powell Kids Provision 	 Evening Celebration With Nathan Kiyaga Kids Provision 	
8pm	Bar Open With Fire Pits	Bar Open With Fire Pits	Party Night Bar Open	



Morning & Evening Celebration includes worship, teaching and ministry



Means that there is Kids Provision during this session. To be signed in 15 minutes before session



Church will provide this meal - for any without the cutlery symbol it means that you need to provide your own - note on Sat evening there is a pizza van available for you to buy pizzas from Haveaslice

The Big Weekend will open on Thursday 24th July at 2.30pm so come along to set up your tent and get comfy then we'll join together at 5pm for our Welcome BBQ For Friday/Saturday Day Trippers, the site will be open from 9am for you to park up and join in the fun! If you think you may be travelling late, then do let us know - it's not a problem!

Sunday Worship is open for everyone - so if you cant come before or only make the Friday, then do still join us for worship on the Sunday! Come along in the morning and we'll start at 10.30am

Do let us know if you have any further questions.

Let's make this a Big Weekend to remember!!

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION

This July we are supporting our local charities who help and support Refugees - CHARIS and Taunton Welcomes Refugees...

CHARIS

CHARIS settles refugee families in the Southwest of England through the UK Home Office Community Resettlement programme. Their mission is to see individual refugees and families happily settled in the UK and contributing to the wellbeing of their communities. And their vision to be friends to refugees, and to provide the practical, emotional and spiritual support they need to settle and live happy and healthy lives.



As a Christian charity they believe wholeheartedly in loving our neighbour, whether they live next door, across the street or across the other side of the world. There are many examples in the bible of individuals, whole people groups who were displaced from their homes including Jesus himself. He fled to Egypt with his mother and father to escape the persecution of Herod. There are also many examples of people who welcomed the stranger or the foreigner into their home, their town or their country.

Today we face a major refugee crisis in our world and we believe that the church has a voice in such times. We have an opportunity to display our love for our world and its people in the action we take today. Our faith in Christ underpins everything we do.

<https://charisrefugees.org>

TAUNTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

Taunton Welcomes Refugees (TWR) is a charity that is run by volunteers. They have come together to welcome the refugees that are living in Taunton, Wellington, Bridgwater and the surrounding area.



TWR works through its enthusiastic and resourceful volunteers to engage with refugees, both families and individuals, and finds ways to work with them to ease the transition from new arrivals to integrated members of our society. Their needs are, of course, as varied as the people themselves. But all need help with finding their way around the local area; sorting out minor problems with their allocated houses and learning English.

TWR also coordinates events where refugee families can meet each other and discuss common problems and their solutions. There are also opportunities for refugees to learn new skills that will be useful in our society such as cycling, gardening and catering regulations.

<https://www.tauntonwelcomesrefugees.co.uk>

Please do give what you can to these two charities at our Sunday Services either via cash or using our card device.

If you are unable to attend the services and would like to give, do try and do so online on their website where you will be able to find out more about these charities.

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

**Margaret Ross
Keith McPherson
Roland Clark
and Rita Dyer**

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*

Would You Consider A Gift In Your Will To St George's?

In the scriptures, financial giving is part of our worship and as many people have supported this church throughout their lives and giving a gift in your will enables you to make one last significant gift to the whole community.

Your legacy will help us to continue to give glory to God and serve our community for many years to come.

Pick up a leaflet or speak to one of the team to find out more



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:
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Account No: 59935227
Sort Code: 60-80-06

Thank you so much!

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