



St George's

NewsBoard



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Sunday 29th May & Sunday 5th June 2022

A Note From

Your Vicar

At the APCM last week I shared an outline of our vision for the road ahead.

I wanted to share this vision more widely with our newsboard readers. This vision was developed through much prayer, consultation at an Away Day and dialogue in the leadership team. The main theme is encapsulated in two phrases:

- **To grow in Spirit**
- **To grow in number**

These flow from that time when Jesus was asked what are the most important commandments, he responds, '**Love God with everything that you are**' and '**Love your neighbour as yourself**'.

The primary role of the church is a God-focused community of worship; so that all we do points and leads back towards the Father, Son and Spirit. We want to grow to know God better through prayer, worship, scripture and sacrament. But parish churches are not cloistered communities only for those on the inside – we look outwards to serve the place we're set in. Growing in love for God and neighbour means more people will join us here at St Georges. This is not because the vicar wants, as my Dad would say, 'bums on seats', in fact, the way the Church of England works, the more we grow numerically, the bigger our bills become and the more work for the team!

We actually want to grow to give more away in worship and blessing to this wonderful community of Wilton and Sherford. We're focusing on 6 different areas to enable this to happen.

- Worship
- Prayer
- Families & Children
- Finance & Resources
- Mission
- Community

These are points of focus to facilitate our growth in Spirit and number. If you spend more than 5 minutes with me, you'll know I am an ideas guy but this isn't all me!

Instead, each area has people researching, meeting and praying into how we can grow in spirit and number and they're coming back to me soon with how we might progress. I'll give you a couple of examples, that we've already announced; under community, our lovely Terry Ware is working hard on getting the mobile Tuk Tuk Café ready for action. The goal of the project is enabling a gathering place for people around the parish for coffee, community and chat. But in the process of converting it, we offered out a 'men's shed', so that the process to build community, will build community along the way!

Similarly, our new prayer-shed will be launched out soon to facilitate the prayers of the people of St Georges and beyond.

These are just two outworkings of how we might grow in Spirit and number here to the glory of God and the blessing of his people.

More detail to be fleshed out in a longer document, but for now, pray for those leading, give time or money to help with the area that is especially on your heart!

God bless,

Nick

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Church Office Closed Next Week

The office door sign will be swinging over to say CLOSED for half term and the lovely long Bank Holiday (Thank you Her Majesty!)

The youngest Baigent is turning 18 and we're off for a Mother and Son rock n'roll tour up to Liverpool to do everything Beatles! Sam, although a young man, has an old heart and a real love for 60's music and is a massive Beatles fan so we'll be on the Magical Mystery Tour and supping a pint in The Cavern! I think I may be even more excited than him!

Fear not though as I'll be back in the hot seat again the following week...you can't get rid of me that easily...

Have a fabulous week everyone and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations you may be having.

God Bless,

Bethan x

THE ELEVEN SERVICE ON SUN 5TH JUNE

As it's half term and a few key people are away, for one week only we shall be holding the 11am service in the Church rather than the Hall.

Do still go down to the Hall beforehand for a coffee but then head over to the Church for the service. The Families Team will also be in the Church that Sunday.

As we will not be able to livestream the service on that Sunday, we have done a pre-recorded service (just like the old days!) which will be available on our YouTube channel and our website from 11am.

"Normal service" will resume on Sunday 12th June.

**ARMoured
AMBULANCE
CAMPAIGN**
with Somerset
Aid for
Ukraine

**Ukrainian Evening
Fundraiser**

An **authentic 5 course Ukrainian Meal** followed by
a **talk by Steve Brooks** on his recent
Ukraine experience training Volunteers and
traditional Ukrainian music

**FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2022
7PM**

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

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
Small Corkage Charge For Wine

TICKETS: £25
Tickets can be purchased by contacting
St George's Wilton on 01823 284253
or email office@stgchurch.co.uk

ST GEORGE'S

UKRAINE FUNDRAISING EVENING

Tickets will go on sale for our Ukraine Fundraising Evening for Amoured Ambulances on the Frontline in Ukraine on behalf of Somerset Aid for Ukraine on **Monday 6th June.**

Ticket prices are £25 per head which will include a 5 course Ukrainian meal cooked and served by Ukrainian women. They would also be able to provide entertainment by way of some traditional Ukrainian music.

Steve Brooks, who is an ex military medic who has been training civilian soldiers on the frontline in Ukraine recently in using tourniquets would also give a talk to guests about his time on the front line.

If you would like tickets, do email office@stgchurch.co.uk and if you would like to offer help in any way that would be wonderful. Finer details are still being sorted so we'll keep you updated as we go along! It would be great to sell this event out for them as 100% of the profits will go direct to help them hit their target of £20,000.

Encounter Worship

Encountering the presence of Jesus through worship

Monthly online worship meeting Sat 28th May 2022 7pm on Zoom

Started in 2020 during the pandemic, Simon & Julie Sparkes, from Wellington, alongside Tim & Barbie Finch, run a monthly online worship gathering on Zoom. All are welcome.

Its one Saturday evening each month, and usually runs from 7.30pm until 8.45/9pm - but on 28th May 2022 the meeting starts at 7pm.

Despite the lockdowns being over, and church worship services have resumed, people across the UK, and some overseas, still gather each month, in their own homes via Zoom, to join in with live worship led over Zoom.

Simon & Tim have invested a huge amount of effort in the technical side of Encounter Worship to bring to those who gather as high a quality an encounter as possible. Invite some friends over! Plug your laptop into your TV or external speakers and come and worship the Lord for an uninterrupted 1h 15m - 1h 30m in your lounge.



On **28th May** we have an extra special guest, Pastor Paul David, from Bangalore, who has been in the UK this month. We are interviewing him at 7pm about what he is doing and how the Lord is working in his home city in India. We then go into our elongated time of praise and worship together, as usual, 7.30pm through around 8.45pm. We then conclude, for those who wish to, to have a chat over zoom together before we close at 9pm.

Future meeting dates are **Sat 2nd July**, 7.30pm and **Sat 30th July**, 7.30pm (We then take August off and restart in September).

You can join the mailing list to be kept up to date by visiting the website **www.encounterworship.uk** (please note, there is NO .co in that web address). Click on Contact Us and fill in the form and we will email you regularly with what's happening and when.

We also run a WhatsApp group for news and updates. To join this, in the first instance please send a regular text message to 07514 059313 stating your name and you would like to "join the Encounter Worship WhatsApp group please."

To join in with Encounter Worship at 7pm 28th May or 7.30pm 2 July or 7.30pm 30th July, either click this following link or type in the following meeting details.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676292326?pwd=NkFicUE2MFZvaTVyTk9QZnBnTHFCQT09>
Meeting ID: 886 7629 2326
Password: 030712

If you would like to watch the previous Encounter Worship event from 30th April to see what it is like, then click on this link to YouTube.
(Please note: Each EW gathering is only uploaded to YouTube some days later after the live event. The live event is only on Zoom.)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIUuUf839vw>



Encounter Worship
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Knit & Natter

Meets on Zoom
Every 1st
Wednesday of the
month
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Not much Knitting but lots of nattering! Come join us!

Check out the St George's
Weekly email for the Knit
and Natter Zoom Link
To be added to our
weekly email distribution list
please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk



Buggy Buddies
ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Every Monday
@10am
Term Time
Starting from
St G's's Wilton

Fresh Air
Friendship
and
FREE!

FREE COFFEE
Just bring your
own travel mug!

A relaxed walking group
run by a team of friendly Mums for
Parents/Carers of Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Email: families@stgchurch.co.uk for info!

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Prayer and Art

Wednesday 1st June
1pm-2pm
St George's Wilton
24/7 Prayer Room

On Wednesday 1st June
there will be a Prayer and
Art session in our Prayer
Room instead of the
worship in church, which
will be back on Wednesday
8th June!

Do you like chatting with people and like walking?
Could you spare an hour or so every few weeks or once
a month on a Monday morning? The Buggy Buddies
team is looking for friendly helpers who love families
to join the team to lead walks for parents/carers and
their little ones. This would be with one other leader
each session. We aim to encourage, support and walk
along side families for this special season of life. For
more information please email families@stgchurch.co.uk
as soon as possible. Thanks!



We want to begin a Men's Shed here at St Georges

The idea is simple: men will gather regularly-ish to work together on a project or activity and get to know some new people.

Open to all who want to come along - you don't have to be 'religious-y' or connected to St Georges.

To start with, the initial project will be working with Terry Ware on converting the new Tuk Tuk but projects and activities will evolve over time depending on the talents and interests of the group.

Contact office@stgchurch.co.uk if you would like to sign up or find out more information!



Ever thought of becoming a

STREET PASTOR

Come and find out what is involved
Tuesday 7 June 2022 : 7.00-9.30 pm

Taunton Salvation Army Hall
South Street, TA1 3AF
Tel: 07773 038 622

Taunton Street Pastors are recruiting...maybe you could be one to join their team?

They are holding a "Taster" evening on Tuesday 7th June at the Salvation Army Hall for you to pop along and find out about what is involved in becoming a Street Pastor.

Take a look at their new video and see for yourself the great work they do in our town on a Saturday night as well as some other areas in town in the daytime. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEQOB87ZRxQ>

Visit their Youtube page and take a look for yourself and then go along to the Taster Session. If you would like to find out more about Street Pastors, then why not chat to some of our St G's Street Pastors? Greg Garner and Babs Winterson would be more than happy to chat with you!

ST GEORGE'S
Charity Information

COLLECTION : Sunday 29th May



CHARIS (Christian Help and Action for Refugees In Somerset) is a Taunton based charity helping to settle refugees in Somerset and will be our Charity Collection this fortnight.

As a Christian charity, CHARIS believe wholeheartedly in loving our neighbour, whether they live next door, across the street or across the other side of the world. CHARIS' mission is to see individual refugees and families happily settled in the UK and contributing to the wellbeing of their communities.

They seek to be friends to refugees and to provide the practical, emotional and spiritual support they need to settle and live happy and healthy lives.

Ukraine Sanctuary Appeal

CHARIS has launched the Ukraine Sanctuary Appeal for those who would like help us respond to the needs of those who arrive and their hosts.

Many Ukrainians will arrive traumatised by the war and their journey to safety. Their needs will be many and varied; language training, accessing health care, employment and benefits, to name a few. These needs will be very similar to those faced by the refugees from the Middle East we have settled in the Southwest. CHARIS will make the services we already provide to refugees from the Middle East

available to Ukrainians. They are also coordinating with other local organisations to ensure an effective and timely response that is most beneficial.

Please give generously to enable them to provide these services when Ukrainians arrive and in the longer term.

If you attend either our 9.30am service or our 11am service, please do bring along a donation which will be sent off to Charis at the end of the month.

The collection pot is by the font at the door in the church or on the Welcome table in the Church Hall for the 11am.

If you are new to St G's:
Instead of our weekly collection going to Church funds, we give away our collections to various charities at home and abroad, so do read up on the Charities we choose and give if you can.

If you would like to donate to them but are unable to get to church, please either follow the link below to their donations page which is specifically for the Ukraine Sanctuary Appeal

<https://account.stewardship.org.uk/donation/oneoff/charisukraine>

They have so far managed 1% of their £20,000 target.

St George's are looking at ways to work together with them to help provide support where we can.

If you would like to find out more about Charis and the work that they are doing in our town, do take a look at their website www.charisrefugees.org



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Charity Information

COLLECTION : Sunday 5th June



A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment

Responding to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and demonstrating the Christian hope for God's world, they are working with:

Churches through their Eco Church programme

Christian leaders through their interdenominational convening work

Families and individuals through their Wild Christian scheme and community, supporting people to enjoy, nurture and defend nature in their own homes and communities, and by campaigning

Christian land managers through their Partners in Action network. This network includes our two nature reserves, Foxearth Meadows and Wolf Fields, which are also demonstration sites to inspire and enable others to manage small or larger areas of land for the benefit of people and nature

A Rocha UK is part of the worldwide family of A Rocha organisations committed to nature conservation as an expression of Christian mission. They work collaboratively with others who share their

passion for nature, a healthy environment and a just transition to a low carbon world, ever more critical in a time of climate and biodiversity crises.

They rely on the generosity of people like us to fund our projects around the UK. There are many ways you can donate to A Rocha UK. Your gift will help them realise our vision to make our environment a place where nature and people can flourish.

There will be the collection baskets in our Sunday Services- for the 9.30am the basket is by the font near the Church door.

At the 11am service, the collection basket will be on the welcome table.

If you would like to donate online the website is <https://arocha.org.uk/get-involved/donation/>

If you would like to donate by post, please make cheques available to:

**A Rocha UK
80 Windmill Road,
Brentford,
TW8 0QH, UK**

A Rocha UK's work comes from a fundamental belief. Looking after the world, in all the different forms that takes, is a core part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

*God made the world and he loves it
God is the creator of the world and he thinks it is 'very good' (Genesis 1:31).*

God is involved with his creation, sustaining it and caring for it (Psalm 65:9-13; Matthew 10:29; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17).

If God loves the world, then we want to love what he loves and take care of it for his sake.

*God created us to look after it
We are created beings, part of the whole community of creation, joining together to praise God (Psalm 148).*

GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

If you would like to donate to the work of St George's, we now have more ways to donate. We now have a Give A Little page which you can access either on our website or simply by hovering your phone camera on the QR code below which will take you directly to our giving page.



We remember

Margaret McPherson, Norman Dunford, Norma Clarke, and Joan Hartland

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.

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Prayer Circle

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle, please email: prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about or think would benefit from some TLC, get in touch with our Pastoral Team on pastoralcare@stgchurch.co.uk

Families

If you would like to find out more about what we have on for families here at St G's email families@stgchurch.co.uk

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OUR FORTNIGHT Ahead

Sunday 29th May

9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Coffee Zoom
11.00am the eleven Service LIVE

Monday 30th May CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR WEEK

9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 31st May

7.30pm Bible In One Year young people's group

Wednesday 1st June

1.00pm Prayer and Art in Prayer Room
7.30pm Knit and Natter

Thursday 2nd June

Friday 3rd June
VICAR UNAVAILABLE

Sunday 5th June

9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Coffee Zoom
11.00am the eleven Service
11.00am Recorded Online Service

Monday 6th June

10.00am Buggy Buddies
9.00pm Compline on Zoom

Wednesday 8th June

9.30am Stay and Play
1.00pm Prayer and Worship in Church

St George's

Sunday Services

SUN 29TH MAY **ASCENSION**
9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service -

SUN 5TH JUNE **PENTECOST**
9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service -
IN CHURCH
11.00 Pre-recorded Online Service

SUN 12TH JUNE **TRINITY**
9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service -

SUN 19TH JUNE
9.30am Holy Communion Service
11.00am Worship Service with Communion

SUN 26TH JUNE
9.30am Holy Communion Service
with Choir and sung liturgy
11.00am Worship Service -

The Collect Sunday 29th May 2022

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday 5th June 2022

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



THE COLLECT FOR THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our
Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful
service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one
another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
we give you thanks for your servant Elizabeth
our Queen.
May she ever be provided with all she may need
for her ministry among us,
strengthened to meet every demand
which her office may make,
and in all things nourished by your word and
example,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live
and reign,
world without end.
Amen.

CORONATION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (ADAPTED)

Lord of our lives and Father of all,
let our thanksgiving prove itself in service
to you and to our Queen, our country and one
another,
for your Name's sake.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, FROM THE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

*"I declare before you all that my whole
life whether it be long or short shall be
devoted to your service... But I shall not
have strength to carry out this resolution
alone unless you join in it with me, as I
now invite you to do: I know that your
support will be unfailingly given. God help
me to make good my vow, and God bless all
of you who are willing to share in it."*

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

*"When I spoke to you last... I asked
you all, whatever your religion, to pray
for me on the day of my Coronation - to
pray that God would give me wisdom and
strength to carry out the promises that I
should then be making... I have been up-
lifted and sustained by the knowledge that
your thoughts and prayers were with me."*

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953