



Sunday 12th March 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A Note From

Your Vicar

Growing in Spirit and Growing in number.

This is the vision of St Georges Church.

And it's actually happening.

On a virtually weekly basis, new people are asking me how they can go deeper in their walk of faith and more people are joining this community.

It is a fantastic time and I'm loving it. You know it's alright when people say to me on a weekly basis – what are you going to do? You're outgrowing your spaces – people can't get a seat. Short term...

I don't know. Long term....well there are some plans afoot.

Our wonderful PCC member and retired architect, Paul Cole has helped us to think carefully about all of our spaces at St Georges, the office/vicarage, church and hall and this Sunday, he'll bring some of those ideas to the wider congregation. The PCC and staff team have already been thinking about them for a while and now it's time to make a start.

The first phase is to try and get the office space sorted out. At the moment, the entrance to the office is shared with the vicarage accessed via steps. The stairs are too shallow with a nasty catch at the top. For users of anything with wheels they are totally inaccessible; for users who are a little less steady on their feet I anxiously watch ankles wobble on a daily basis on those stairs. We've had one accident in my time, where a trip led to a gash so severe that it took two weeks to heal. I do not want to mop blood out of shoes again in the office.

The current arrangement is also awkward for office users accessing the vicarage front door and there are many stories of volunteers trying to creep in the front door to avoid disturbing the family and more loudly, the dogs!

The proposal is to make a new separate entrance to the church office using the window adjacent to

the road with improved steps into the office and vicarage. The current space is already divided into two; this will make a type of reception area and an office for our staff to work in. Alongside Bethan and Chris, we'll have our curate, Rob starting in July and separating these spaces will make a professional and usable space for a growing staff team to work in.

Ever since the profile was written for my role as vicar, the vision for St Georges was to become the community hub, the 'beating heart of Sherford and Wilton'. To make this a reality, we need some financial help. The projected quotations for phase 1 are around £25,000 and that's not money most of us find down the back of the sofa, so we need help. This first phase is really to help our ministry flow out and keep the increasing lines of communication going. Plans are being worked up to improve the hall and church to accommodate our growing numbers and vision for the future. But that's tomorrow's problem and today has enough worries of its own. Now is the first step towards helping us grow in spirit and number.

We'd be hugely grateful if you could prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute financially towards this challenging target which will enable us to deliver phase 1 of our ambitious plans. St George's congregation has a history of generosity and we're confident that God will provide through His people again.

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, you can donate via the Office with cash or cheque made payable to St George's Wilton or pay direct online with a reference of **Building Project** using the following information : A/C Name: **St George's Wilton**
A/C No: **29750970** Sort Code **60-80-06**

God Bless
Nick

St George's News

ROSA'S CARDS

Are you running out of cards? Come to the POP UP SHOP at 15 Kilmore Close.

Suggested dates for the pop up are:

**14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd March
between 11-4pm.**

All cards sold will be sold to support the work of St Margarets Hospice and for St George's.

The cards will also be available at the **Lent Lunch on Thursday 30th March 12.30pm - 2pm** but if you would like to go along to Rosa's Pop Up, please do call her beforehand on 01823 338817.

Thank you so much everyone!

CHRISTIAN AID LENT BOXES

A little later this year, but it's never too late to collect for Christian Aid's Lent Appeal. There are some boxes in the church by the door for you to collect to take home to pop your coins in throughout Lent or you may still have one at home to reuse. Here's a message from Helen Price:

"I must be asleep to forget to put out Christian Aid Lent Boxes. I am so sorry. If you have one from previous years I hope you are using it or using some other container. The needs of the people Christian Aid supports are so great. We are so lucky in this country and cannot easily envisage what it is like to live as the people Christian Aid serves. Thank you for your help."

Helen and the Christian Aid Team

CHURCHYARD GARDENING

Just a reminder following on from last week's article that Churchyard Gardening is starting up again **THIS SATURDAY**.

We come together on the 3rd Saturday of the month from **9.30am to 12.30pm**, bringing any of our garden tools and snacks as together we put some tender loving care into our churchyard.

It's such a great peaceful place to work and a great way to help the church so do pop along, even if it's only for a short time.

If you would like more information on it, get in touch with the Church Office and Bethan will pass on your details to the Churchyard Team.



A poster for a Lent Soup Lunch. At the top is a bowl of orange soup with green herbs. Below it, the text "Lent SOUP LUNCH" is written in large, white, stylized letters on a red background. To the right of the soup bowl is a red circular logo with "christian aid" in white. Below the main text, it says "ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHRISTIAN AID" and "THURS 30TH MARCH 12.30PM-2PM DUNNING ROOM ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL". In the bottom left corner, there is a red circular logo with the text "GIVE WHAT YOU CAN THIS LENT" and "A delicious bowl of soup for you and a lifeline for those in need". In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo featuring a stylized white dove on a globe.



A poster for Churchyard Gardening. The background is a lush green garden with purple and yellow flowers. At the top, it says "ST GEORGE'S WILTON CHURCHYARD" in white, bold letters, followed by "gardening" in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, a white circular area contains the text "Help us to care for our Churchyard" and "3rd Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm March - November". Below the circle, it says "For more information, please email office@stgchurch.co.uk". At the bottom, a quote reads: "Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Mens SHED

**MEETS FORTNIGHTLY
ON A MONDAY
SCOUT HUT
ST GEORGE'S WILTON**

**For more information email
office@stgchurch.co.uk**

Mens Shed - Come along on Monday and join us in the Shed....well, the Scout Hut behind the Church Hall actually.

There should be some flyers in the Church and Hall so please take one home on Sunday and hand to someone who may want to come along on Monday!

Easter Lillies

The notice will be up in the church porch should you wish to have an Easter Lily in loving memory of a loved one this Easter time in church for a donation of £4.00

If you are unable to get to church to add your name and the name of those whose name you would like the lilly dedicated to

email office@stgchurch.co.uk

Payment should be made to us via BACS using the following information and putting 'Easter Lillies' as the reference to:

Account Name: St George's Wilton

Account No: 29750970

Sort Code 60-80-06

In Loving Memory this Easter

MUMS SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY WITH THE BABIES!

Being a busy Mum with little ones can make it quite challenging finding time and space to be part of a Home Group and have some bible study time together with others, so we thought, well why not provide a place for a Mums Small Group that can meet up in the daytime and bring the little one along without any fuss.

So we really want to encourage and support Mums with bumps, babies & pre-school aged children to come along and join us.

We meet @ 12pm on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays of the month in the St G's Hall. So we are meeting THIS MONDAY if you can make it.

Bring your little one and some lunch and join us as we get to know each other and learn more about God.

Baby changing facilities are available.

Email families@stgchurch.co.uk if you'd like to know more.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON Mums Small Group

Every 1st & 3rd Mondays @12pm

St G's Church Hall

Email families@stgchurch.co.uk for more details

FAMILIES at St G's

OUR FAMILY TEAMS NEED HELP

- Buggy Buddies • Kids@11/Youth@11
- Mossy Church • Stay and Play

Being on our teams is fun and fulfilling and is not forever just for now

There are so many wonderful groups for families from bump and now right the way up to bringing you our Youth@11 for our teens starting soon.

Our Families Teams are joining together to put together an Easter Buggy Service...and that's Buggy not bunny!. It will be a super relaxed, short service designed especially with 0-5's in mind making lots of different toddler friendly crafts, sensory play, songs, storytime and an egg hunt too! Free refreshments & toy time in the church hall afterwards. No need to book, just turn up at 10!

Join The Team!

KIDS @11

YOUTH @11

We'd love you to come and join our children and young people's teams to help us with the St G families. If you can help, do get in touch families@stgchurch.co.uk

Stay & Play
Buggy Buddies
Mossy Church
together bring you...

EASTER BUGGY SERVICE

Wed 29th March at 10am
St George's Wilton

St G's Families invites all Parents / Carers and their little ones age 0-5 to a short informal service in St George's Church. Exploring the Easter story through crafts, sensory activities, storytelling and songs followed by refreshments in the church hall afterwards!

For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

buggy buddies

A relaxed walking group

fresh air
fitness
friendship
...and free!

RUN BY A FRIENDLY TEAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF BUMPS, BABIES AND TODDLERS

walk
natter
songs
stories
coffee

To find out more email families@stgchurch.co.uk

Term Time Mondays at 10am
MEET IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCHYARD

St George's Wilton

Mossy Church

Explore
Engage
Connect

Mossy Church is a relaxed, nature themed Christian group exploring creation, connecting with others & getting to know the Creator.

Check out our Facebook page for regular ideas and to find out about our activities, trails and fun family events!

Come and join the fun!

stories snacks songs friends crafts toys

£2 PER FAMILY

WEDS 9.30-11.00
TERM TIME

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

COME AND JOIN OUR POPULAR, FRIENDLY PLAYGROUP FOR BABIES & TODDLERS. FRESH SNACKS FOR THEM AND AN EXCELLENT COFFEE AND CAKE FOR YOU!

Stay and Play
BABY AND TODDLER

CHARITY COLLECTION at St G's

Our Charity Collection is for **TAUNTON TEAM CHAPLAINCY**

The purpose of the Taunton Team Chaplaincy is to advance the Christian faith in the town by providing care, witness and prayer in a wide range of community and workplace locations.

Chaplains are drawn from local churches and linked with a workplace or area to visit (usually weekly) with the purpose of offering friendly and supportive care to all. A chaplain's main aim is to listen and take an interest in the people they meet and give comfort and compassion where needed. Time spent with each person varies which may be enough to catch up but, if a longer conversation is needed, arrangements can be made for a chat at a convenient time.

While the Chaplaincy is unashamedly Christian, there is no intention to 'preach' and support is offered to all, those of faith or none. This is an opportunity for us to join with and support the work of the Taunton Team Chaplaincy and help to enable them to continue to show and share the love of God in our town.



Taunton Team Chaplaincy have a great video which explains what the Chaplaincy does, with an introduction from Bishop Ruth. Do head over to their website and check it out for yourself! Or go to Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEVTyCDij10>

Instead of having a collection plate for the Church, we chose charities each week that we collect for and donate to. We try to donate to local charities, Christian charities at home and abroad and any Emergency Appeal that is brought to our attention. If you would like to donate to these charities, do bring your money to the Sunday Service and pop into the donations basket. Thank you!

GIVE-A-LITTLE HELP-A-LOT

- 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 office@stchurch.co.uk for Bethan to send you the form to complete.
- If you pay income tax, and have not already done so, please consider **Gift Aiding your giving**.
- If after praying about it, you would like to change the amount you are already giving to St George's, you will need to fill out a **new pledgeform** and, if appropriate a new standing order form.

- 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**
Account No: **29750970**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

If you have any questions about your Giving or would like some help, please do not hesitate to either contact the Church office or to our Christian Giving Officer, Michael Small on hortoncross@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

Prayer Ministry

AT THE ELEVEN

Prayer Ministry is available after the eleven service if you would like prayer for yourself or another with one of our Prayer Ministry Team

We remember
John Kinahan, Phyllis Lloyd and
Inger Russell

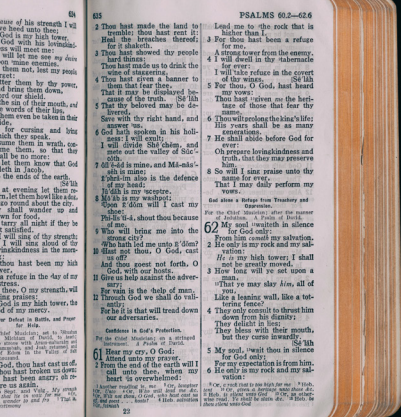
and pray that you would bless
those who mourn with the comfort
of your love that they may face
each new day with hope and
the certainty that nothing can
destroy
the good that has been given.
Through Jesus Christ,
our lord.
Amen.



LECTIONARY READINGS

As we are going
through our Sermon
Series on Ephesians,
here are the
Lectionary Readings
for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42



The **Collect** Sun 12th March Third Sunday of **Lent**

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

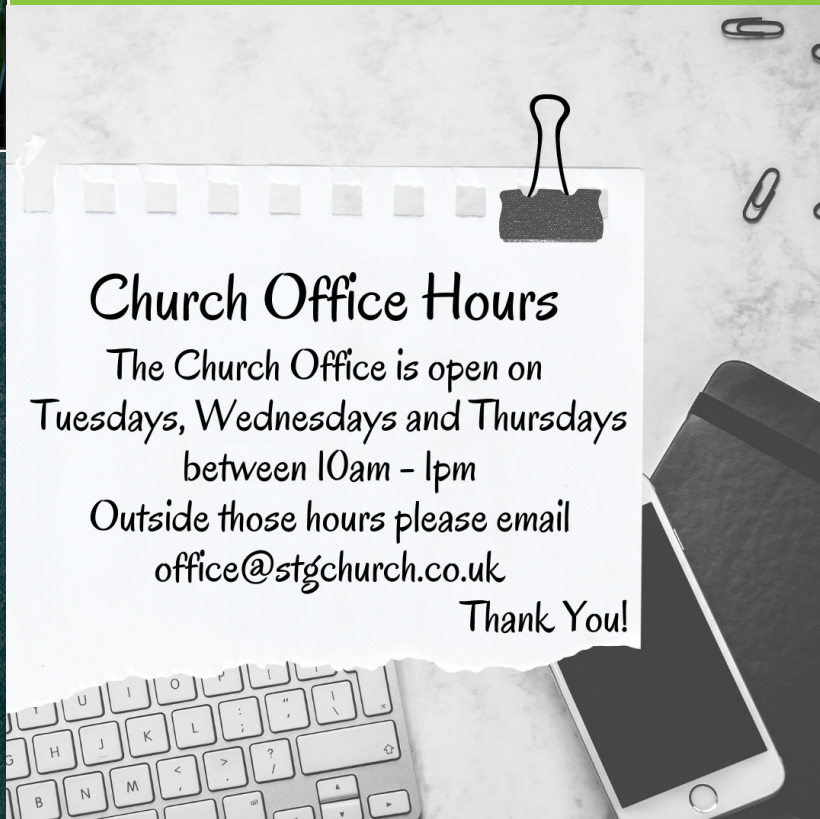
Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
between 10am - 1pm

Outside those hours please email
office@stgchurch.co.uk

Thank You!



AWAKEN Saturday Nights

DOUBT

MAR | 7 PM
25 | 10 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: NICK GRIFFIN

CANON ST CHURCH, TAUNTON

Awaken is a group from 15+ churches, passionate about gathering & encouraging young adults (18-30s) through worship & community. On AWAKEN worship nights they provide opportunities to meet God through worshipping Jesus and praying for each other along with drinking coffee, eating cookies and much more.

Taunton Chaplaincy Opportunities

Please publicise and respond to the following

chaplaincy opportunities which need to be filled in the coming months:

- Taunton's Tesco and two Sainsbury's Supermarkets
- East Reach and Bridge Street/Station Road shopping area's
- Rail Responders patrolling at Taunton Railway Station and the surrounding area.
- Chaplains to the homeless and marginalised

We would also like to hear from anyone interested in chaplaincy within Primary Schools and chaplaincy to the construction industry.

No previous experience required as we can offer support – you just need a love for Jesus and a passion to get alongside people.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

PRAYER & Worship

WEDNESDAYS @1PM

Join us at St George's Wilton on a Wednesday for a short time of prayer, reflection and worship.

'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.' Matthew 18:20



There is an increasing need for sponsors for Ukrainian guests in Taunton.

Many have been here for 6 months and are unable to continue with their sponsors.

Ukrainians are in a desperate situation.

If anyone would like to find out more about being a sponsor, please contact:

Dave Mann Communications and External Affairs Director

DaveMann@charisrefugees.org

// Worship School 2023 //

MISSION: TO GATHER THE CHURCH TOGETHER TO DEVELOP WORSHIP IN THE TAUNTON AREA THROUGH TEACHING, PRACTICAL TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY

Worship School - 2nd Monday / month 7.30pm @Living Light Church, Gipsy Lane, TA1 5LQ

13th Feb
13th Mar
3rd April (due to Easter)
8th May
12th Jun
10th July
(no August meeting)
11th Sep
9th Oct
13th Nov
11th Dec

- Worship
- Teaching
- Practical training
- Band skills
- Communication
- Learning songs

Who is it aimed at?

- Those who are already involved in worship in some capacity or who are keen to be involved and with a bit of training would be ready to join
- Acoustic Guitar, Keys, Bass, Vocals, Cajon (Drums), Worship Leaders & PA & tech team members

A town-wide Prayer & Worship gathering every Tuesday & Sunday nights in Taunton

SUNDAY NIGHTS 7.30pm

PURSUIT

One thing I ask... Ps27:4

@ North Street Church, Taunton

Who's **WHO**

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Bethan Baigent

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Prayer Circle

Prayer Circle Coordinator - Lesley Ware

To be in contact for confidential prayer amongst our Prayer Circle, please email:

prayer@stgchurch.co.uk

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Coordinator - Hilary McKegney

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

pastoral-care@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

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OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 12th March

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

Monday 13th March

10.00am Buggy Buddies

12.15pm Mums Bible Study Group

7.30pm Mens Shed

Tuesday 14th March

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Wednesday 15th March

9.30am Stay and Play

1.00pm Wednesday Prayer and Worship

Saturday 18th March

9.30am-12.30pm Churchyard Gardening

FUTURE DATES FOR DIARIES

Wed 29th March -

Easter Buggy Service

Thurs 30th March -

Lent Lunch for Christian Aid

Mon 3rd April -

Mossy Church Easter Event