



Sunday 28th May 2023 *Pentecost*

A Note From **Your Vicar**

What event truly changed your world? Maybe an exam result. Maybe the birth of a child. Maybe a death. Maybe a comment someone said that you haven't been able to shake off.

Think about it, what really changed you? It's often a dream of children to 'change the world' but this is one of those times when such a dream is achievable; the world is changing all of the time. You'll be a slightly different person when you've read this than when you started. Oh and if it takes you one sweet minute that's 279 people that were born and 110 people that died. Our world is changing all of the time.

But some changes are bigger than others. Some minutes and hours more significant than others. I was talking with someone this week who shared a deeply spiritual experience of a presence when she was only 3. They've just turned 90 and spent 87 years wondering about that one moment.

This week we celebrate Pentecost. This day properly changed the world by changing 12 men. Fire! Strange languages! Mass Baptisms! Amazing experience as those 12 blokes went from hiding in a room in Jerusalem to fearless world changers. They had no fear, they had the Spirit! That was the beginning of the Church. This Sunday morning we're bringing our services together for a joint celebration of the beginning of the church. Truth be told this is a bit tricky because normally our 9.30

congregation represents a more traditional liturgical approach and a more contemporary form of worship at 11.00. We could smush it together and have a bit of both but in my experience, trying to make 'everyone happy' makes nobody happy. So we're taking inspiration from the Pentecostal time of year and bringing in a different approach altogether – gospel.

Gospel music originated from the enslaved peoples in North America as songs of hope written and sung against inconceivable odds and structural oppression. They sang and believed in the possibility of change even when they could not see how it would come to be. These are songs of unapologetic joy that celebrate the good news of Jesus. The world is changing all of the time, but when we look outside at our world, so many of the changes in war, famine and the economy are negative. But Pentecost and gospel music reminds us that if those 12 ragtag men can be changed from losers to changing world history, then anything is possible with God.
God Bless

Nick

Join us in Church this Pentecost

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

pentecost
with a Gospel flavour

Sunday 28th May 10.30am
St George's Wilton Taunton

#growinSpirit #growinNumber

St George's *News*

HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US...

And just like that it is May half term where the children all cheer and the parents have a break from the packed lunches and school run and the families can breathe again for a while....now for the grandparents it may well be another matter as the family descend upon them to stay "a few days"!

The Griffin family will be also having some precious family time so Nick will be off from the **Bank Holiday Monday (29th) until Monday 5th June.**

The Church Office will be relocating to a "Church Office At Home" for that week so you can still contact me should you need any help or assistance!



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION REMINDER

We're so pleased that we have a number of you who have come forward for this special service, with our Bishop Michael coming down from Wells especially for this service. So whether you are wanting to be baptised or confirmed, do get in touch with the Church Office and let us know.

There will be two "meetings" before the Service - Thursday 15th June and Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm in the Dunning Room with the Service itself on Wednesday 28th June.

If you would like to find out more about baptism and confirmation, do get in touch with Nick.

A poster for St George's Wilton Baptism and Confirmation Service. It features a large orange cross, a flame, and a starburst graphic. Text includes: "ST GEORGE'S WILTON", "Baptism and CONFIRMATION Service", "WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 7.00PM", "NEW DATES", "BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CLASSES: THURSDAY 15TH JUNE, WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 7.30PM IN DUNNING ROOM".

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Everyone who holds a DBS for St George's is required to complete the basic and foundation safeguarding courses on <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>. It would be very helpful if you could set your profile to allow safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk to see your training records please.

There is a face to face Foundation course coming up on **Saturday, 3rd June. This will be held in the Dunning Room, arriving at 9.30** to start training at 9.45. It will be finished by 12 noon. You must have completed the basic training course online prior to attending.

If you would like to attend the face to face course, please let Jenny know beforehand by e-mailing safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk so we know who will be attending.

Refreshments will be provided!



8th January 1932 - 27th April 2023
Aged 91 Years



SAYING GOODBYE TO MIKE

Thank you all for your prayers for Mike Rourke and his family. The Memorial Service was really lovely and so many attended to pay their respects.

As a previous member of the Choir,

our Choir did him proud and sang for him giving him a great send off. Thank you all so much. And thanks to Kate Taylor for officiating. May he rest and rise in glory. God Bless Mike.

COMMUNITY FRIDGE at St G's



GOOD FOOD FOR ALL

What is a Community Fridge?

A community fridge is a space where anyone can exchange food that would otherwise go to waste. Run by local volunteers, many fridges also provide a positive social space for local visitors to learn more about food, sustainable eating, growing your own and eating on a budget.

The UK's first community fridge was trialled in 2016.

Since then, 100s of community fridges have taken root across the UK helping thousands connect to their neighbours, access nutritious food, save money and reduce waste.

Community Fridges are:

- ✓ Focus on environmental impact of reducing food waste
- ✓ Open to all
- ✓ Accessible
- ✓ Community-led
- ✓ Friendly
- ✓ Spaces to access new skills and friends

Community Fridges are not:

- ✓ A Food Bank
- ✓ A solution to food insecurity



CONTACT

Mervyn Roberts
Community Fridge Coordinator
St George's Wilton
Email: fridge@stgchurch.co.uk

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

THE BASE FOR THE NEW SHED TO HOUSE THE FRIDGE AND PANTRY WILL BE PREPARED ON THURSDAY 1ST JUNE.
THE SHED WILL BE DELIVERED AROUND 16TH JUNE....WE WILL KEEP YOU ALL UPDATED ON THE PROGRESS...WATCH THIS SPACE

DO HELP US TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY FRIDGE AND EVEN BETTER...VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN!

Mervyn x
EMAIL: [FRIDGE@STGCHURCH.CO.UK](mailto:fridge@stgchurch.co.uk)

FAMILIES at St G's



**song
circle time
craft
play**
at St George's Wilton

**Creche
@11**

A space for babies, toddlers and their grown up to use during the 11am service.
Stay with your little one as they play.
The service is livestreamed for you to join in with.
Find us upstairs in the Winston Room!



**YOUTH
@11**

**THIS SUNDAY
AT DIFFERENT TIME OF 10.30AM**

We've been having some great fun starting this new Youth group and can't wait to meet up again.
We meet in the Scout Hut twice a month.
Drinks, snacks, games, chats, videos...

COME AND JOIN US!
ST GEORGE'S WILTON

For School
Years
6-10



Come and join the fun!

**stories
snacks
songs
crafts
toys**

£2 PER FAMILY

BACK ON WED 7th JUNE!!
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**



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, FONS GEORGE, TAUNTON, TA1 3JT

No Buggy Buddies this Monday but we'll be back out in the fresh air again together on **Monday 5th June**.
Do come with your bump, baby and toddler, we'd love you join us for some time together.



**KIDS
@11**

**ON THIS SUNDAY
AT 10.30AM**
STARTING IN CHURCH

SUNDAY GROUP FOR KIDS AGED 3-12
AT ST GEORGE'S WILTON

If you would like any information on any of the groups and activities from Sunday Clubs to Stay & Play, Mossy Church and Buggy Buddies, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by emailing **families@stgchurch.co.uk**

Our Charity Collection for the remainder of the month is therefore for **CHRISTIAN AID**



Our collections until the end of May will support **'CHRISTIAN AID WEEK'** and will help farmers plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build happier futures for their children.

Families in developing countries are paying, proportionately, a greater price in this global crisis. Food, fuel, fertilizer and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months in Malawi - for example - and hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate change crisis brings increasingly erratic weather, droughts and floods.

The impact of the recent 'Cyclone Freddy' in Malawi has been devastating. Floods have washed away crops, over 500,000 people have been displaced and hundreds have lost their lives. Christian Aid is working NOW to help families build back, and will continue to support the 'pigeon pea project' - which uses a specially-developed, hardy, drought-resistant crop which can be used to bake delicious bread for families and with which women, in particular, can begin small enterprises and make money to pay for medicines when needed, send their children to school and create a happier future for their children and grandchildren. £10 can secure a 2kg bag of 'pigeon pea' seeds.

Everything we can give this Christian Aid Week will help many to build a better and more secure future for their families.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST WEEK FOR CHRISTIAN AID SO DO GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.

If you are unable to attend in person or would prefer to donate online, you can donate via their website www.christianaid.org.uk and if it asks for a reference number then use the St George's one (**OR337869**) so they know to include it in the amount we send onto them. To post a cheque, please send it saying that it comes from St. George's, Wilton, Taunton and giving our church Christian Aid number **OR337869** to:
Christian Aid, 5-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL

Vacancy for a Charity Manager – Homeless Day Centre

The Open Door Day Centre provides a safe space where our homeless community feel valued and supported. We aim to understand individuals' needs and reduce barriers to homelessness. We are now seeking to appoint an experienced Charity Manager.

The Charity Manager manages the business elements of the charity and supervises the two part-time Centre Support Staff. Responsibilities include: premises and facilities management, health and safety, external communications with donors and



partners, strategic overview of volunteer management and client support.

Part time: 30 hours per week
Application Deadline: Sunday 18 June 2023

To find out more, please download the Recruitment Pack on their website <https://www.tauntonopendoor.org.uk/vacancies/>. You could also contact Andrew Davis on andrewd@tauntonopendoor.org.uk or via our contact form.

We remember this coming week

Margaret McPherson,
Norma Clark and
Norman Dunford

*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*



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 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**

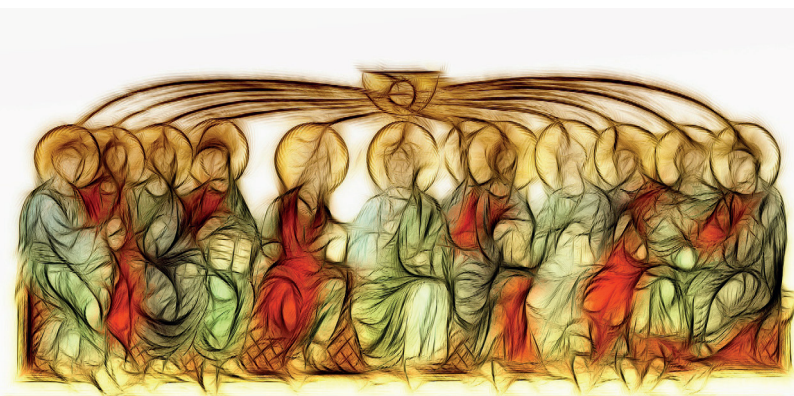
Thank you so much!

The Collect

PENTECOST

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your
Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our
Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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



Who's **WHO**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH ANY OF OUR TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR GET IN TOUCH VIA EMAIL

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Safeguarding Officer

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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

Prayer Circle

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

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Pastoral Care Coordinator

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If you or you know of someone who you are concerned about who is ill or lonely

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Hilary Hayes

Hilary McKegney

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 28th May

10.30am Holy Communion in Church

Monday 29th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 30th May

1.30pm Cosy Cafe

Saturday 3rd June

9.30am Safeguarding Training

Sunday 4th June

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

11.00am Worship at 11

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

The Valley Cafe
A Bereavement Support Group

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

Thursday 13th April Thursday 11th May
Thursday 8th June Thursday 13th July
at 2.30pm

An opportunity to share experiences of bereavement and grief

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk for more information