



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

Spring is definitely spring-ing. Everywhere there is a profusion of life breaking out from the ground. I have the luxury of a little one who wants to pick daisies and dandelions to collect them in a basket; she is a reminder of the amount of life we see all around us. I may well be a slow learner but I find this all surprising every year. That long hedge that runs along the churchyard looks dead as a doornail for roughly 5 months and every year I think... oh well that's gone. Then when spring comes around it turns green once again and I look in disbelief. There is a strip of green grass on Middleway about 3 ft wide. After concrete, it's about as boring a piece of land as you can find but it's festooned with daisies. Its all happening, it's not particularly controlled, it's just life springing out in abundance.

Spring is a good time for Easter to take place. What Christians call 'Holy Week' happens at the same season as Passover, which is the middle of their Middle Eastern springtime. So back in that first intense, confusing and heady Holy Week, all around would've been little flowers popping up, unexpectedly blooming where there was only death before. You know it's going to happen and yet it's always surprising. Just under half of British Adults believe Jesus rose from the dead. But around 5% of the population attend church on a regular basis...Easter is full of surprises but this should surprise you a lot. It means there is a disconnect between those who believe the core Christian message – he is risen – but don't see the impact this should make on their life.



HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Ask yourself - Do you think Jesus rose from the dead? If so, what are you doing about it? If not, why not?

In some of the earliest reflections on the question, St Paul writes:

'And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith'. Then...

' But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...so in Christ all will be made alive.'

It's a coin flip. If witnesses to the event were willing to turn their lives upside down, suffer and even die for this truth were all mistaken, confused or plain wrong then knock all the churches down, silence the bells and sack the priests.

But if it's true, and the evidence is so strong, then it can't be a 'little bit true' and it's not a small thing; it's everything. A man was dead and rose again. He didn't die again. It's all or nothing; life or death. Jesus went all in and so I'm all in. I believe. You reading this through your eyeballs, processed by your brain today – are alive. You. So what do you believe? This Jesus who died, rose again, promised something beautiful, so surprising that nobody saw coming, the death of death and the life everlasting. This Easter, engage with the one who gave it all.

I promise you won't be disappointed.

Happy Easter

Nick



St George's **News**

EASTER IS UPON US

What a wonderful Palm Sunday we had (even with a projector that gave up during the 9.30am). It was wonderful seeing all the children loving the worship at the 11 and watching the Vicar really going for it and copying all the actions - it was marvellous! Thank you to all those who provided cakes - what a treat - thank you!

Here's a reminder of Easter here at St Georges!

Good Friday will be a reflective service for an hour to remember the Cross followed by the Market House in town to hear the Pursuit of Gospel Choir at 12pm (led by our Chris)

Easter Saturday morning will be an eggciting one for families with an Easter trail, campfire hot cross buns, crafts and games. Lots of chocolate and fun, come along from 10.00-11.30am.

Easter Sunday will begin with our Sunrise Service at the lovely, early hour - 5.45am. It's really quite special so do roll out of bed and join us if you can. It will be followed by our usual Service times of 9.30 and 11am to celebrate the Resurrection - He Is Risen!

Thank you to all of you who have played such a big part in our Easter offerings this year - from the Flower team, to the Holiday Club team, the Kids team, Tech team, Worship teams, musicians, Hospitality teams, Welcome Teams, Sunday Set up teams, Mens Shed, Cleaning Team, Bellringers, Churchwardens and Staff team.

HE IS RISEN - ALLELUIA!!!

RINGING TO SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS to our Wilton Bellringers who triumphed to victory and claimed the trophy in the latest competition. They entered two ringing bands in the annual Taunton Branch Striking Competition being held at Staplegrove Church on Saturday and after "crashing out" last year, they came away with the trophy!!

We know it would have been a nerve wracking time for you all, so well done for all your hard work team and lifting the Bell trophy for Wilton!! WooHoo!!!!



IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Friday 18th April

BANK HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
10.30am Good Friday Reflective Service

Saturday 19th April

10.00am Easter Saturday Trail
10.00am Decorating the Church

Sunday 20th April

5.45am Easter Sunrise Service
9.30am Worship With Holy Communion
11.00am Worship Service with Communion

Monday 21st April

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - CLERGY AND STAFF
TEAM SLEEPING**

Tuesday 22nd April

7.30pm Bellringers
7.30pm Mens Shed

Wednesday 23rd April

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 24th April

Vicar is on Time Off

Sunday 27th April

9.30am Worship With Holy Communion
11.00am Worship Service - Remember pick up
time for Sunday Clubs at 12.20pm

Monday 28th April

9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Buggy Buddies

Tuesday 29th April

10.00am Mini Mossy Event - Earth Day
7.30pm Bellringers

Wednesday 30th April

9.30am Stay and Play

Thursday 1st May

9.15am Morning Prayer
7.00pm St George's joint Service



SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We mentioned in last week's NewsBoard about a couple of our families that are expecting a new addition very soon and asked for help with meals to make life easier for them.

When we talk about loving our neighbour, this is precisely how we can do this. So if you would be willing to help and provide a meal that they can heat up or freeze that would be amazing (not a hot meal!).

We know that **one is due this Easter weekend** which as you can imagine will be very busy for the family so if you'd be willing to make a meal, please can you let us know as soon as possible and we will send you the link to sign up for the day / meal you're making once we know when little one arrives.

Thank you for helping to support our families at such a precious time.

Email: **supportmeals@stgchurch.co.uk**



COME AND DECORATE THE CHURCH!

Just a quick reminder to come along and help our Flower team to decorate the church in preparation for Sunday.

They'll be there from 10am so do pop along to give a helping hand if you can.

And thank you Carole for putting up the cross by the Magnolia tree - we can't wait to see it on Easter Sunday!

MENS SHED

Our Mens Shed lot obviously felt they were missing our after having helped set up our Treasure Island Holiday Club so went in search of treasures themselves...to Oakham Treasures in Bristol.

Great to see them out of the Shed and on another adventure!

Mens Shed will be meeting up on **Tuesday 22nd** as Monday is a Bank Holiday - remember to make a note!!



STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Please note there will be no Stroll for the Soul on Thursday 25 April.



Our next Stroll will be on **Friday 23 May** - along a section of the Grand Western Canal at Westleigh. More details nearer the date.

ST GEORGES JOINT SERVICE

Each year we come together for a service with our fellow St George's from across the park to celebrate St George's Day.

This year we are due to host St George's RC here in Wilton so we will be hosting on **Thursday 1st May at 7pm.**

Our choirs will join together led by Chris and Anne Marie. Nick will lead the service and Father Trev will be bringing us the word.

We will have refreshments after the service and so we really hope that we can have a good turn out from our St George's to welcome them here with us.

Please come along to join us.

ACROSS THE TOWN THIS EASTER

PURSUIT DAY OF PRAYER

Somerset House of Prayer is running a day of prayer in Taunton on **Good Friday 18th April at North Street Church from 1pm-midnight.** 10+ churches from the local area will be helping lead worship and prayer throughout the day. Our Rev'd Nick will be speaking at one of the sessions, so do come along and join in with the prayer.

Everyone is welcome to join at any time as people from across Somerset join together in prayer for revival in the church, our towns, and in the UK. For more information see somersethouseofprayer.org It really is lovely to gather to pray together on this special day.

Somerset House of Prayer is run a small team of Christians from across the town including our Chris Sampson and Kathryn Andrews.



PURSUIT OF GOSPEL EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

Join Pursuit of Gospel for a loud and lively night in the centre of Taunton.

There'll be the full gospel choir and band, this is an event not to be missed!

With songs like Waymaker, Psalm 34 Taste & See, Aint No Grave...and if you applaud enough we may even bring out Oh Happy Day!

We'll also be hearing a testimony from a former Hells Angel!

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

No booking needed, arrive early to find a good seat!

It's a great thing to bring a friend along to so do finish your Easter celebrations with the best worship night!!



ST GEORGE'S Children & Young People News



**WE'RE SO EXCITED
AND WE JUST CANT
HIDE IT...**

After Easter, beginning
on Sunday 27th April,
we will be launching our
new Sunday Club - MINIS@11

**Minis will be for children aged between 3-5
years of age** and Kids@11 will be for those aged
6-10.

This means that the activities and learning can be
more targeted towards their ages as 3-10 is such
a wide range of ages and a 9 year old learns very
differently to a 3 year old.

So we're delighted that we are able to launch this
new group for our younger church family!

If you'd like to be a helper or Leader at any of our
groups we'd love to hear from you!

Email Bryony on **families@stgchurch.co.uk**



Dont miss our Easter Trail this Easter

Come along on Easter Saturday and have
some fun with our trail, toasting hot cross buns
together, crafts, games and a nice hot beverage
from our Tuk Tuk Cafe.

It's **free** and it's a lovely family thing to come
along to! Pop it in your diary!



ST G'S MINI MOSSY CHURCH

EARTH DAY

FOR 0-5'S & THEIR GROWN UPS

Tuesday 29th April

10-11am@St George's Wilton

Church & Churchyard

EXPLORE HOW TO CARE FOR THE EARTH
NATURE CRAFTS • THEMED ACTIVITIES
SENSORY PLAY • STORIES • SONGS
FREE, BUT LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Mossy
Church
ST GEORGE'S WILTON



BOOK NOW AT
[HTTPS://STGCHURCH.CHURCHSUITE.COM/EVENTS/CU6Z4XRO](https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/cu6z4xro)

ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION



TACKLING POVERTY & INJUSTICE WE WORK TO TRANSFORM LIVES

As a Christian development charity, we partner with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities.

Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – we, with our partners, respond. Our goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region.

Ours is a vision of love in action. It is rooted in, and inspired by, Christ's invitation to care for those most in need.

WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

We currently have 40 courageous, inspired, creative and skilled partners in the region, providing education, healthcare and community support. All are working to transform the lives of those most forgotten and on the margins; all are inspired by the Gospel. We feel deeply privileged to work in partnership with Christians in the Middle East and honoured to be able to bring their witness closer to people in this country.

If you are a Church At Home worshipper, you can donate via their website - <https://embraceme.org/give-general>



St George's Wilton Community Fridge

St George's Wilton Church Hall Car Park
Taunton TA1 3JT

OPENING TIMES

Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

From 9.30am to 4pm Autumn / Winter

From 9.30am to 5pm Spring / Summer

HELPING TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE

- Bring your own bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there up to a **MAXIMUM OF FIVE ITEMS**
- Please take only what you'll use and leave enough for others
- Please sign out: **CLICK THE COUNTER** to the left of the door once

PLEASE NOTE: that food will vary in quantity and quality from day to day.



If you wish to donate to the Community Fridge, please put them in the crate to the right of the door.

If you donate something that requires refrigeration, please pop in the basket on the top shelf of the fridge. If you wish to help with the running of the Community Fridge,

please email fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



ST GEORGE'S WILTON
home groups

TYPE OF GROUP	WHERE THEY MEET	WHEN THEY MEET	WHO TO CONTACT
Classic Bible Study	Sherford Road	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Michael & Hilary Hayes
Classic Bible Study	Comeytrove	2nd & 4th Mondays 7.30pm	Ian & Mary Carson
Pudding, Prayer & Video Studies	Galmington	3 Tuesdays a month 7.30pm	Tim & Barbara Finch
Dinner, Video Study & Prayer	Greenway Crescent	Every Wednesday 7.30pm	Carmen Cromwell
Bible & Prayer	Varied Locations	Fortnightly Wednesday 7.30pm	Kathryn Andrews
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Fortnightly Wednesday 3.00pm	Simon & Barbara Howell
Classic Bible Study	Fons George Road	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Geoff Treasure
Classic Bible Study	Bishops Hull	Every Thursday 7.30pm	Elaine & Geoff Bowyer

We would love for you to find a group to call home. Joining a group is a good way to be more included in the church community and get to know a smaller group of people and grow in faith together

Join one today for friendship and faith
Email carmen@stgchurch.co.uk or check out **My Groups on Churchsuite**

Diary Dates 2025



Saturday 19th April 10.00am
EASTER TRAIL For 0-12's

Tuesday 29th April 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s
EARTH DAY

Saturday 17th May 10.00am
MOSSY FAMILY For 0-12s
MINIBEAST FAMILY ADVENTURE

Monday 7th July 10.00am
MINI MOSSY For 0-5s
LIGHT & COLOURS

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!



Stroll!!
FOR THE
Soul

A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS

Conversation Fellowship Contemplation

Join our walking group, **Stroll for the Soul**, where we meet monthly for a gentle walk together. We go to a different location each time, talk as we walk and stop for reflection and prayer.

STROLL THE SOUL 2025 DATES

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

FRIDAY 18TH JULY

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

For more informations email office@stgchurch.co.uk, chat to Janet or Rachel or check Newsboard!

Jesus you walk with me, help me to walk with you.



SAFEGUARDING AT ST GEORGES
The Protection of Children,
Young People and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding in the church community to make our churches safe for children, young people and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility.

At St George's Wilton we take our safeguarding responsibility very seriously and we have our own safeguarding policy.

If you have a concern over ANY issue with regards to safeguarding, please feel free to contact our Safeguarding Team

Email our Safeguarding Officer,
Hilary McKegney on:
safeguarding@stgchurch.co.uk
or telephone
01823 284253 for the Parish Office



The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is
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**family
lives**



**Somerset
Council**



GROW TOGETHER

**THURS
24th -
SUN 27th
JULY '25**

adult £150
(Supporter)
adult £125
(Standard)
adult £100
(Supported)

youth £50
(11-17)
child £25
(4-10)
child FREE
(0-3)

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payment
available
with £20 deposit
AND ST G'S
BURSARY HELP
AVAILABLE**

visit our website:
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or scan this QR code
to take you to the booking page



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



Help us to grow in Spirit and Number



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:
Account Name: **St George's Wilton Stewardship**
Account No: **59935227**
Sort Code **60-80-06**

Thank you so much!

*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*

**Nigel Libby, Betty Garbutt,
Muriel Wilce**

*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*

**Our Easter Flowers are in loving
memory of dear Peter Ball kindly
donated by his son Nigel.**

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