



A Note From **YOUR VICAR**

I fully intend on driving my car into the ground. Not literally. That would be logistically difficult and suicidal. So don't call any helplines for me. It's a phrase. It means 'to drive it, until it breaks'. At the last MOT the guy said...yep surprised she passed. Little bits have been falling off my car for years. Some bits which literal Langleat monkeys have taken off – I hope that the parking sensor was hard to digest Mr Rhesus Macquae – others have just started literally falling off while driving. I don't get this very often, but a voice in my head very clearly said 'its time'.

So, we started looking and once again I am confronted by a host of things I don't really understand and need to learn. Do you want the 2L TDi 122ps or the 102ps or 1.5 116hp? Alloys or normal? Life or Maxi Life? I am very sure that my future self will regret not reading more about these things and that my wallet may regret my ignorance but it's so hard to care that I literally had to copy and paste these different options into this article. My brain decided they are so boring that it immediately puts them into the 'not interesting enough to be retain box'. But it also doesn't matter what you want. Because unless you're buying new (I'm not), then you buy what is roughly in the right ballpark rather than 'the exact specifications of things I don't understand'. But once you find the right one on the plethora of apps and websites...can I trust the seller? Second-hand car sellers do not have the greatest reputation for integrity; add to that the internet age anxiety where

cars are sold to people – even though they don't exist – it feels rather like an African savannah in which I am more Antelope than Lion. Or as Ecclesiastes puts it: *'God made human beings straightforward but they have devised many schemes'*.

This is true. But I still need a car. And at some point you actually have to trust someone. Hiding in ignorance and worry about being ripped off does not get you from A to B but keeps you firmly in the same place. Faith is basically what makes this entire human race thing work. You have to trust someone somewhere that they won't rip you off that there are things worth buying and doing. So read your reviews knowing they're biased but better than nothing; do your homework on the MOT online thing-eys knowing they are hard to fiddle but not impossible; try and see whether the garage exists on google maps...and try it out.

There is a lot of public suspicion towards one another in our times and even within the church. But whilst Christians are meant to be wise as serpents they're also to be gentle as doves (MT 10.16). Loving our neighbour means in some ways having some faith in them.

Try.

God Bless

Nick

ASH WEDNESDAY

*"From dust you came and
from dust you will return."*

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 6PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please make a note in your diaries to join us for our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday 5th March at 6.00pm.**

It will be a short service of worship, prayer and ashing. We hope that this time will suit our church family better so do come and join us as we mark the start of Lent together. It would be great to start Lent with you.

worship gathering

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 7.30PM

A CHANCE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO PLAY / SING AT THE 11AM
TO GATHER FOR SOME TIME OF COMMUNITY TOGETHER
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL CHRIS@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

IN THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Sunday 2nd March

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**
11.00am **Worship Service**
12.30pm **Welcome Lunch**
7.00pm **PRAY**

Monday 3rd March

9.15am **Morning Prayer**
6.30pm **Monday Night Ministry**
7.30pm **Worship Team Gathering**
7.30pm **Mens Shed**
7.30pm **Women In The Pub**

Tuesday 4th March

12.00pm **SOUP**
7.00pm **ALPHA**
7.30pm **Bellringers**

Wednesday 5th March

9.30am **Stay and Play**
6.00pm **Ash Wednesday Service**

Thursday 6th March

9.15am **Morning Prayer**
7.30pm **Mens Pub Club**

Sunday 9th March

9.30am **Worship With Holy Communion**
11.00am **Worship Service**

Monday 10th March

9.15am **Morning Prayer**
10.00am **Buggy Buddies**
6.30pm **Monday Night Ministry**

Tuesday 11th March

12.00pm **SOUP**
7.00pm **ALPHA**
7.30pm **Bellringers**

Wednesday 12th March

9.30am **Stay and Play**

Thursday 13th March

9.15am **Morning Prayer**
7.30pm **WORSHIP+**

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

WORSHIP 

An evening to worship the Lord together

13.03.24
7.30pm

St George's Wilton

WORSHIP TEAM GATHERING

Continuing the theme of worship, a heads up to the Worship Team at 11 that we will be gathering together again (first time in a long while) to meet, pray, play and train together. I

f you play an instrument to a good standard or are a singer and would like to join the team, we'd LOVE to welcome you. Bring your instrument and your heart for worship and we'll see you

Monday 3rd March in the Church at 7.30pm.

WOMEN IN THE PUB

Our next meeting is **Monday 3rd March at 730pm in the Vivary Arms** when we will be taking a trip around the world!

We look forward to welcoming all ladies at our monthly gathering.

Kate



ST GEORGE'S WILTON

Women IN THE PUB

MEETS EVERY
1st MONDAY at 7.30pm
(EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS!)

Next one
Mon 3rd
March
In The Vivary
Arms

Come and join us on the 1st Monday of the month.
We'll often bring something "to do" - a quiz, a craft
but it's more about having time together to catch up!

OPEN TO ALL

You don't have to attend St George's to come along!
For more information email office@stgchurch.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER' Services in Taunton are being hosted by ST JOHN'S CHURCH, Park Street, Taunton at 10.30am (for the full Service) and at 1.15pm (for the shortened lunchtime Service) - on FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025.

The Service has been written this year by the women of The Cook Islands, in the South Pacific, and the theme is "I MADE YOU WONDERFUL". You are warmly invited to join with this ecumenical celebration which is taking place all around the world on this day! ALL are welcome.

BACK IN THE SHED

Those marvellous men in the shed had a fish and chip film night when they met last, coming out of the Shed into the warmth of the Dunning Room (well, I hope it warmed up for you!). Feasting on fish and chips and watching (I think) the film Unstoppable, it was a great chance to down tools and have some social time together.

They'll be back in the shed this **Monday at the usual time of 7.30pm** to get together, so do go along if you're interested or speak to Terry Ware. You'd be very welcome!



Men's SHED

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD
MONDAYS AT 7.30PM
IN SCOUT HUT
...and the occasional outing or
activity somewhere!

Our Men's Shed is a wonderful space for bringing people together. We've found that working on projects side by side not only allows us to create things with our hands, but also provides a comfortable environment where we can openly share and talk with one another. It's been incredibly rewarding to connect both through our craft and through meaningful conversations.

LENT RESOURCES

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 is Living Hope. It offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

The readings and reflections explore how we can have hope in times of frustration or uncertainty; the hope found in joining with others; the invitation to notice signs of hope around us; the courage to face reality and pursue a hopeful future; and the ways God transforms death into life at Easter.

Visit their website for the resources <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/len-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-resources-lent-2025#na>

DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS BISHOP MICHAEL

Open yourself afresh

Did you ever wonder where the term 'Lent' comes from? The word is a gift from our Anglo-Saxon past. It means 'lengthen', a naming of the longed-for reality of this time of year when we become aware that, at last, the short days of winter are coming to an end, the nights are drawing out and the days are getting longer, they're lengthening.

As well as naming what we're seeing, Lent has its meaning within the life of the Church. Its season of 40 days is a time of preparation for the coming of Easter, our annual celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. It reflects the 40 days that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness after his baptism. So, for much of Christian history it's been a time of prayer and fasting - the origin of our 'giving something up for Lent'.

Lent developed from the practice of the early Church. Back then, as still happens today, converts entered into the faith through baptism. The main time that baptism took place was Easter Eve, the night before Easter Sunday. Lent marked the final, intensive 40 days of preparation experienced by those to be baptised (known as catechumens) in readiness for their embarking fully on their new life with Christ.

The time to get ready for Lent is now. This year its first day, Ash Wednesday, falls on the 5 March. There's so much we can do to bring this season home into our hearts. Why not join your church's Lent Group? Read one of the Lent books available at this time of year? Take something up? Commit to a regular time of prayer? Find out about getting confirmed?

Lent is a rich gift to us to go deeper into our Christian life. As the days lengthen and the light comes, I encourage you to use this time to open yourself afresh to the one who comes to us afresh with new life at Easter - the risen Lord, Jesus Christ himself.





ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
COMMUNITY FRIDGE
OPENING HOURS
SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS
9.30am to 4.00pm
St George's Church Hall
Fons George
Taunton
TA1 1JX

OUR FRIDGE

- Bring Your Own Bag
- Help yourself to whatever food is there with a max of up to 5 items
- Food available will vary in quantity and description from day to day
- If you're bringing food to date, please weigh them and sign them in.
- Helping to tackle Food Waste and Food Poverty in the community
- Please sign out by clicking the clicker counter to the left of the door once.

email: fridge@stgchurch.co.uk



COMMUNITY FRIDGE
ESTD 2023
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
WILTON

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AN EASY WAY TO KEEP UP WITH **OUR NEWS**
AND HELP US TO SHARE THE **GOOD NEWS**



ST GEORGE'S

Children & Young People News



OOOH ARRRRR ME HEARTIES.... AN EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB IS ON THE HORIZON!

We're getting very excited to bring to you our next Holiday Club and this time we're venturing to Treasure Island in search of God's treasure. We would love for as many of you St George's families to come along so please do sign up before we open it out to the wider churches and town when we know it will sell out in a day.

So don't delay, book today.

**Tuesday 8th April to Thursday 10th April
from 9am - 3pm
ONLY £20 FOR THE 3 DAYS.**

Scan the QR code to pay and book your slot!
<https://stgchurch.churchsuite.com/events/khkvs82c>



Our Sunday Clubs are on again this week and we'd love for your young ones and young adults to join us.

If you've not been before, just pop down to the Hall with them to register them in (usually after the first couple of songs in Church) and then if your child is in **Kids@11**, head back to Church or if your's is a little one, come and join us in **Tots@11** for circle time, songs and play.



ST GEORGE'S CHARITY COLLECTION



Pulse Ministries is a faith-driven charity dedicated to Enlarging and Equipping God's Kingdom. Their mission is to train, equip, and resource the Church, empowering churches to spread the Gospel and serve the children and youth in their areas more effectively. Through training, consultancy, and practical ministry support, Pulse Ministries helps churches grow stronger and more confident in children's ministry and outreach.

What makes this even more special is that Carmen Cromwell, serves as the charity lead! She has been involved in children's ministry and outreach for 14 years and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Your donations can help support the work of Pulse, ensuring we can continue to resource the church — providing training materials, ministry tools, and resources to churches and individuals eager to share God's love and work with children and youth. Every gift, big or small, plays a crucial role in strengthening this aim and advancing God's Kingdom.

Let's come together as a church family and support this exciting mission!

If you are unable to attend church but would like to donate to Pulse, please visit their website <https://pulseministries.org.uk/359/> Donate



A MONTHLY WALK WITH FRIENDS



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

THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

THURSDAY 24TH APRIL

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.



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 7.30pm	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

In Our Prayers

Lord we remember our dear friend **Ann Weller** who sadly passed away on Sunday. Ann was a much loved and valued member of St George's for many years and will be deeply missed by us all, especially our Choir who she sang with for years, cared for and supported.

Please remember Mike and all the family in your prayers for these difficult days ahead.

**O God who brought us to birth,
and in whose arms we die;
in our grief and shock
contain and comfort us;
embrace us with your love,
give us hope in our confusion,
and grace to let go into new life,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

We will keep you all posted when we hear any news about Ann's funeral.
We shall miss you Ann xx

In Loving Memory

*Lord Jesus we think of those we've
loved who we want to remember in
the days ahead*

Barbara Colwill

*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.*



**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!



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