



# Sunday 28th November 2021

## *Advent Sunday*

### A Note From **Your Vicar**

This week marks the beginning of Advent. This might sound a bit strange; after all your advent calendars don't start until 1/12. However unlike mince pies in September and festive trees in November, this is not the church trying to start Christmas early!

The word 'Advent' actually means the appearance or arrival of a particular thing, for example, we regularly say 'the advent of TV...' to mean when we started developing square eyes. The church-ey meaning is actually close to this sense as the church reflects and thinks about preparation for the arrival of Jesus. Not in the first coming of Jesus that we celebrate every Christmas but in the future return of Jesus to bring life and judgement. This can be a hard topic to discuss in public and some people find it all a bit baffling or even embarrassing. But this is a shame because Advent reminds us that Christianity is a forward-looking religion of hope; for new stories, new beginnings that burst out from the most surprising places at surprising times. That change is possible even in the darkest of times. If you're struggling today; there is hope.

One of my own small stories of hope was when my Mum first joined a church here in Taunton. In 1994, Dad was retraining and so it was a lean Christmas on the wage of an apprentice plumber. We didn't ask for anything but I remember watching down the hallway of our house in South Street as envelopes kept popping through the door as people gave us gift

after gift. In fact, we were given so much that we had enough to give £100 to our neighbour, literally 'filled to overflowing'. They gave us cash but the real gift was hope. Not one of us expected it.

I don't know everyone who reads this but whatever big challenges you're facing; there is hope. I can't promise you that 'hope delivered' looks like cash through the letterbox (!), but I know there is hope even in the darkest of nights.

God bless,  
*Nick*



St George's

### **Sunday Services**

**SUN**  
**28TH**  
**NOV**

9.45am Online Service  
10.00am Holy Communion Service  
(with Choir and Sung liturgy)

**SUN**  
**5TH**  
**DEC**

9.45am Online Service  
10.00am Holy Communion Service  
11.30am Outdoor Worship

**SUN**  
**12TH**  
**DEC**

9.45am Online Service  
10.00am Holy Communion Service  
(with Choir and Sung liturgy)  
4.30 Outdoor Christmas Carols

**SUN**  
**19TH**  
**DEC**

9.45am Online Service  
10.00am Holy Communion Service  
6.00pm Traditional Carol Service  
in church

# St George's **News**

A few weeks ago I shared the news that Rachel Neal was moving away from Taunton to the Great North-West for the next leg of her adventure with her family and with the Lord. Plans are moving swiftly and we will miss her deeply.

For those of you who have been around St George's for a while will know, that Rachel has also held many positions of authority and ministry around the church including coordinating pastoral care, prayer circle, coffee rotas and supporting several of our care homes. We won't be able to replace Rachel, but we have been really blessed as people have stepped up to take on these important ministries to the next stage.

In particular, I am delighted to announce that **Hilary McKegney** will take over the role of '**Pastoral Coordinator**'. When she offered to take on the role, I was so astonished that I could barely believe it!

Bringing all of her professional experience, personal wisdom and deep care to the role means that the people of St Georges are truly blessed. Practically, this means that Hilary will coordinate the team of pastoral visitors and will be one of your first ports of call for pastoral support and care.

*Thank you Hilary!*



The **Prayer Circle** is our email chain of people who have committed to pray for those in need. Coordinating the prayer circle will be taken on by our lovely **Lesley Ware**. We're so grateful to Lesley for her kindness in helping the church to pray. There will be a new email address for this soon: 'prayer@stgchurch.co.uk' and we'll give plenty of notice once this is activated.

Thank you to Rachel for all she has done! We look forward to giving you a special send-off in the New Year!



## **Can You Deliver The Good News To The Parish?**

Thank you so much to those of you who have been in touch either with the Church Office or directly to Michael and Tricia to let them know you would be happy to take on posting some of our Christmas Postcards - you're all superstars!!

if you have not yet been in touch and can help with delivering the Good News across the parish, then please either contact the

Church Office on **office@stgchurch.co.uk** or you can get in touch with the Yardleys by emailing **yardley\_house@hotmail.com** or telephoning **01823 275726**.

The Parish has been divided up into areas which will have between 40-60 houses so if you're taking the dog out, or popping to the shops, maybe just a quick letterbox drop could work. Do let us know - thank you so much!

We would really like to get these out in time for our first Christmas Service - Sunday 12th December 4.30pm for some Outdoor Christmas Sing-A-Long Carols so do get in touch as soon as you can. We really would be grateful otherwise my dog might get rather exhausted and as a little Yorkie, her legs are rather small.

Bless you!



St George's Wilton  
**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 4th December 2021**  
Stalls from 2pm - 4.30pm  
Prize Raffle and Carols by Candlelight 4.30pm-5.00pm

Childrens Crafts  
Lots of Magical Stalls  
Mulled Wine  
Book to see Santa!  
Live Music  
Prize Raffle  
Tower Tours  
Food & Drink

**And so much more!!**  
Admission:  
**Adults £1 Children FREE**

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## ***Your Christmas Fayre Needs You!!***

Thank you so much to those of you who have been in touch offering help - you are legends and we're so grateful to you!

We're still in need of any baked goodies for our cake stall and also if you would like to help on a stall for a stint or be a Hall Steward for us than get in touch!

If you are able to bring cakes/mince pies or anything for the Gift Stall then please can you bring it along to the Church Hall on **FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER FROM 2-5PM**

We're taking a real plunge in the deep end with a Fayre this size, but we really need to try these things and we would be really grateful for your support so tell your friends and family and empty those piggy banks to help us make it a roaring success!!

## ***Unwanted/Unused***

Do you have any unwanted/unused/unopen gifts that you have received that we could have for our Gift Stall.

We're not after things that you have but no longer want (we will be after those for a future event!) but these are gifts in mint condition that basically ready to be given as a present. As with the cakes, please drop it off next Fridayt or if this is no good, please let the Church office know.the Church office to arrange drop off! Thank you!

## **AND LOOK AT WHO OUR SPECIAL GUEST IS OPENING THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE FOR US.....**

Yes!!!! It's our wonderful Mayor Sue Lees!! We're so pleased that Sue will be swapping her Choir robes for her Mayoral Robes and doing us the honour of opening this Christmas fayre for us! Thank you so much Sue!

***It's going to Fun Fun Fun - Ho! Ho! Ho!***





# St George's **Our Week**

WEEK COMMENCING 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUN

9.45AM ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE  
10.00AM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

MON

10.00AM BUGGY BUDDIES  
9.00PM COMPLINE NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

TUES

10.00AM HOLY COMMUNION

WED

9.30AM STAY AND PLAY

THURS

12.30PM PURSUIT WORSHIP TIME

FRI

SAT

2.00-5.00PM CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## ST GEORGES WILTON *Buggy Buddies*



A relaxed buggy walking group for parents with little ones or those who are expecting. Run by a team of supportive Mums. Toddlers welcome. Fully accessible. Toilets / changing available.

Bring a travel cup for free coffee!

MEETING EVERY TWO WEEK AT 10AM ON MONDAY  
MORNINGS OUTSIDE ST G'S CHURCH  
WE'LL BE THERE, RAIN OR SHINE!

OCT 11TH ~ (NOT ON OCT 25TH) ~ NOV 1ST ~  
NOV 15TH ~ NOV 29TH ~ DEC 13TH

FIND US ON FACEBOOK  
@STGEORGESBUGGYBUDDIES  
FRESH AIR ~ FITNESS ~ FRIENDSHIP ~ FAITH

Join us to worship once more in the open air  
as we praise His creation

OUTDOOR  
*Worship*  
SERVICE

#worshipGod #followJesus #learnTogether

Sun 5th  
Dec  
11.30am

St George's Churchyard  
St George's Church, Wilton  
Fons George, Taunton, TA1 3JT

*Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin*

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St George's Wilton

*Candlelit Christmas Fayre*  
featuring  
*Santa's Grotto*

Meet Santa and his helpers  
£5 per child

Saturday 4th December 2021  
2pm - 5.00pm



# Online Donations Are Go!

We are heading for the 22nd Century folks! Online Donations to St George's are now available on our website and through your mobile phone simply by scanning our QR code! How brilliant is that!

You can donate as little or as much as you like to St George's and it will hopefully be an easy way for some to give to the church from the comfort of your home or from far away!

If you have been coming to St George's for a while now and would like to consider giving regularly to us, do get in touch with Bethan in the Church Office to get the forms for our Christian Giving Scheme.

To quote a well known Supermarket - "Every Little Helps" and no matter how big or small your gift is, please know it is very much appreciated and is never taken for granted. It all enables us to grow His Kingdom...and keep the roof from leaking :)

**TO GO DIRECTLY TO OUR GIVING PAGE, GO TO THE CAMERA SETING ON YOUR PHONE AND HOVER OVER THE QR CODE BELOW. IT WILL ASK YOU TO OPEN THE WEB AND THIS SHOULD TAKE YOU TO OUR NEW DONATIONS PAGE!**

*Scan This*



**TO GO DIRECTLY TO OUR GIVING PAGE FROM OUR WEBSITE...**

*Click here*





THE  
CORMEELA  
COMMUNITY

ST GEORGE'S

## Charity Information

Our Collections for the rest of November will be donated to 'Corrymeela' - a Christian organisation working for peace and reconciliation.

Corrymeela was founded in 1965 by Ray Davey, a former Chaplain during World War Two, together with a group of students, who believed that people could learn to live and work together. The organisation has over 50 years of experience working alongside fractured communities and groups. Youth and school groups, family and community organisations, faith communities and political parties are some who have benefitted from their help.

There is a Residential Centre on the north coast of Ireland which hosts over 11,000 people a year, as well as a lived community of volunteers and staff - and also a dispersed community of 150 members who commit to living out Corrymeela's principles of reconciliation in their own communities.

They seek to support their work of peace and reconciliation.

You can donate online by visiting: <https://www.corrymeela.org/donate/help-us-sustain-hope>

### *In Loving Memory*

*Merciful God, we remember those who have died  
and pray for those who are bereaved.*

*May the light of Christ which eternally shines  
bring hope to their dark places*

*We remember this week*

*Sally Ford, Fay Moore and  
Betty Hawkins*

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Comforter  
and our strength  
Amen.*

### *The Collect Advent Sunday*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away  
the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to  
us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive  
and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

On December 4th **Besom in Taunton** will be making up Christmas Hampers to go to people who have needed help during the year. They will consist of Christmas extras namely Christmas puddings, Christmas cake, crackers, shortbread, mince pies, nice biscuits, chocolate including selection boxes for children etc. If anyone would like to contribute towards this there will be a labelled box in the back of the church **this Sunday 28th November.**

*"It is a joy to see the faces of those that we give hampers to. It is done so that these recipients do not feel forgotten and to give them something extra at the times of the year that mean most to us at Besom."*

