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Easter SUNDAY - SUNDAY 11TH APRIL



A Note From **Your Vicar**

I am not a great gardener. Every year I try and every year, I forget to water, forget to open the greenhouse, forget to feed or to prune back or I prune too much. This year, I am currently failing to the most common plant in the world; grass.

I am not a gardener but I know some great ones. My Aunt's house looks like the hanging gardens of Babylon, whilst my Mother-in-Law can revive fallen twigs into sumptuous blooms. They seem to have green fingers, the touch or power...

Like the first story of creation, the Easter story of new creation takes place in a garden. Moving from the dry hunks of timber and iron that bore Jesus; to a cavernous rocky tomb, we move into a garden. God moves in gardens; remember how, Mary thought Jesus was 'the gardener'. She was wrong but also kind of right. For good gardeners bring spring from winter; hope from grief and the very best gardeners even bring life out of death. Our outdoor artwork designed by Norman Steel and contributed to by all the community celebrates the bursting out of new life as butterflies will fill the grounds on Easter Day.

This Easter, we're allowed to sing again and we'll belt it out in the graveyard. Amid the Magnolia blooms, the butterflies and even the dead, we sing the praise of the one who turns graves into gardens. Can't wait to see you there.

Nick

Our Easter Art Transformation



A huge thank you to all of you who have coloured in or painted butterflies for our "Easter Churchyard". Norman's initial Easter artwork has been installed and we cannot wait to see how wonderful this is going to look when it is transformed on Easter Sunday amongst all the beautiful butterflies!

Big thanks to Jenny and Bishop Henderson School pupils for getting involved and colouring in way over 100 butterflies, so you can imagine how wonderful this is going to look.

Do come and pay the Churchyard a visit next week to see it in all its splendour—our sign of hope to show our community!

Easter At St George's Wilton
The Easter Artwork is on display for Holy Week but just how will it transform? You'll just have to come and see on Easter Sunday...
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Easter Sunday Services.

The changing lockdown guidelines have now made it possible for us to sing in outdoor sessions. Hallelujah! This Easter Sunday there are two opportunities to be involved.

At 6.45am we'll have two songs with the campfire.

At 10.00am, we've got our Easter Day Communion service which will lead into the churchyard to sing 'Thine be the Glory' followed by a blessing.

If you can't make it for the 10.00 service inside, please feel free to join us outside but it will be rather short. I

know there is a great desire to sing praises once again! Hallelujah! Please do remember to continue the social distancing and all so that we can keep on loving our neighbours. The whole team is working hard to ensure we offer both online and in-person services, so we don't want to undo this work by getting tons of people together and spreading this blasted virus. We're continuing to work cautiously within the guidelines and will explore how we might offer some more fulsome outside praise in the coming weeks and months in a way that is super fun and still keeps our community safe.

A Note From **Your Administrator**



WE'VE MADE IT!!

We have made it to Easter—but I shan't lie—in so many ways Easter has come up behind me, tapped my shoulder and made me jump—where did that come from? It has come around so quickly! And I didn't manage to get half the things done that I would have wanted to do! But hey—we're still here and still happy! Both Nick and I will be taking next week off to recover -Easter Monday until Monday 12th but never fear, we'll be back, fully recharged and ready and raring to go! So if you don't get an email reply that will be why but hopefully you'll all be enjoying this new restriction being lifted and meeting up in a garden somewhere—just have to pray for nice weather! There will still be an in church service on Sunday 11th at 10am and online service at 9.45am.

May I take this opportunity to say HAPPY EASTER and thank you all for being such a smashing bunch and being so supportive, welcoming of new ideas and showing such enthusiasm for the journey ahead with Christ. It makes this Easter feel so much more special—I have such a real sense of new life and new hope to hold onto.!

My hope is that you'll all have a wonderful Easter, however you may be spending it. What would your Easter hope be?

Bethan x



A Message From Rosa

A big Thankyou to everyone whose prayers upheld me at a very difficult time; who sent cards, messages and surprises. I am healing well and look forward to sunny days and more walks!

May I also say another big Thankyou to everyone from our Church Family and beyond, who have bought general and Easter cards from home. Since

January we have raised £200 for our Church Fund. John our treasurer will be delighted. Cards are always available on request but it is the Hospice's turn to benefit for the next effort. As you know I like to alternate between the two. Thank you all so much. Happy Easter!

Rosa

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Easter Services

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Online Services on **Good Friday 2.30pm** and
Easter Sunday 9.45am over on YouTube



FAMILY EVENT Mossy Church

EASTER TRAIL

APRIL 3RD - EASTER SATURDAY
ST GEORGE'S CHURCHYARD
11AM - 3PM

Email: families@stgchurch.co.uk
Facebook @mossychurchstgswilton

St George's Church
Wilton, Taunton

ST GEORGE'S
MOSSY CHURCH

Mossy Moment THIS EASTER, WE CELEBRATE THAT JESUS IS ALIVE

We are called to by creation itself to notice God. Creation calls to us all like a love poem. See, smell, hear, taste & touch what has been made by His hands.

So what about Easter?

We celebrate God's love for every person. Jesus' choice to take the place for every wrong ever done. With the simple & free offer of friendship, forgiveness & the never ending love of the Creator who made us! All we have to do is say yes! Pretty HUGE!

*If you want to know more about the Christian faith, or what it means in your life or your family's life, get in touch!
families@stgchurch.co.uk*

We look forward to exploring & experiencing Creation with you in our future Mossy Church events & Facebook page, with the hope to connect with the community & our Creator!



Psalm 19 in the Bible says...

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.
There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

WHY NOT TAKE MOSSY
MOMENT & MAKE A
NATURE ART EASTER EGG

EASTER BONNETS

Speaking of making things, Clare Steel would like us to encourage anyone who is coming to church or to the churchyard for the hymn outside at the end of the service to make an Easter bonnet and wear it as some have done in past years.

A video showing our lovely Easter bonnets is on our Home Page of the website, so do scroll down to see this lovely short clip that Clare has made.



ST GEORGE'S FORTNIGHT DIARY

Make a Note...

HOLY SATURDAY	11-3pm Mossy Church Easter Trail
EASTER SUNDAY	11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch Up (later time)
EASTER MONDAY	Vicar on Holiday No Compline this week
TUES 6TH	Administrator on Holiday (hooray!)
THURS 8TH	10-12pm Open Church—Individual Prayer
SUN 11TH	From 9.45am Online Sunday Service 10am Worship with Communion 11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch Up
MON 12TH	Vicar and Administrator back in action 9pm Compline Service on Zoom
TUES 13TH	2-3.30pm Mossy Church Crafternoon



LENT BOXES

If you have been using a Christian Aid Lent Box this year, either please bring it to Church as usual (if you are attending Services) OR, open your box and count it and send the amount direct to Christian Aid by making the donation on-line, or sending a cheque to: Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers for Christian Aid's continuing work.

May we bring to your attention the new time for our Coffee Catch Up on a Sunday as we need to make sure that everyone who attends the service in the building can get home in time to join!
New Time: 11.30am



IT WILL SOON BE TIME FOR OUR APCM SO IF YOU HAVE BEEN WORSHIPPING WITH US FOR 6 MONTHS, DO GET IN TOUCH FOR AN ELECTORAL ROLL FORM.
EMAIL office@stgchurch.co.uk



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ST GEORGE'S WILTON
MOSSY CHURCH

Easter Holiday
Crafternoon
ON ZOOM

NEW NATURE CRAFTS
SCAVENGER HUNTS
BIBLE STORIES
FAMILY RECIPES

TUESDAY 13TH
APRIL 2-3.30PM

WHOLE
FAMILY
EVENT



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ST GEORGE'S
Charity Information

CHARITY COLLECTION
April

Church Mission Society—in support of Freda Carey

This month we will be supporting our Mission Partner Freda Carey who is out in Lahore, Pakistan with Church Mission Society. Unfortunately we are not allowed to share any of Freda's updates with you as we are not allowed to have information on the internet nor email it out, but should you wish to hear Freda's latest update, we will aim to have a copy of the letter in church at some point.

Similar to over here, Pakistan has just come out of a second wave of Covid and they are trying to get back to some form of normalcy over there. Freda remains committed to her Mission work over there and would as ever be grateful for your support..

You can either donate online at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/ways-to-give/>

Send a cheque to Church Mission Society and be sure to put on the back of the cheque "In support of Freda Carey" and send it to: **Church Mission Society, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ**

Or if you are attending our Sunday Services, you can donate then. Please be aware we will not be handing around a collection plate but there will be a facility to donate to keep covid safe.



****PHONEY EMAIL ALERT****

Please be aware that there are some phoney emails being sent out to Vicars claiming to be them and asking for money. PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON OR RESPOND TO ANY OF THESE EMAILS. We would NEVER be asking for donations in this way so if you are ever in any doubt about whether it is truly Nick or the Church that is emailing you, please do get in touch. Thank you so much!

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ST GEORGE'S
Good News

CONGRATULATIONS



We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl with an equally beautiful name, **Mabel Elizabeth McKegney**. Hilary and Pete's granddaughter was born on Sunday evening at a lovely 6lbs 15oz and we got the lovely message "Mum and baby are doing well" - phew!

HUGE congratulations to Charlie and Olivia (Oilly) on the birth of Mabel—you've got some great grandparents to love and support you young Mabel. You've entered into a super family.

May God richly bless you all and may His face shine on you. Many congratulations!

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Prayer Space

Although our Church is now open for private individual prayer, Prayer Space is still on hold until we are allowed to meet for more than worship so we shall let you know when we will be able to hold it again safely for all. Our **Prayer Circle** is a confidential way to ask for prayer for yourself or someone on your heart. If you have any prayers that you would like our Prayer Circle at St George's to be praying for the please do not hesitate to email rachelmneal@btinternet.com

In Loving Memory

Merciful God

be close to those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes.

Help us to support all those who mourn with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

We especially pray for....

*Eileen Northam, Adrian Hode,
John Bowden, Margaret Ross,
Nina Brooks, Annie Rourke,
Donald Russell, Lilian Warner,
Betty German and Fred Mills*

and their families as their

anniversary is in the next few days.

God of all comfort, hear our prayer

Amen

Prayers for Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen, and the power of His resurrection fills the world today with new life, hope and expectation and so we bring him all our needs.

Faithful God, we think of your church today celebrating the Resurrection all over the world. Language race and nationalities may be different but our worship and our joy on the Day Of Resurrection make us one in the Gospel. We pray that The Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us in mission and service praying that day by day we may grow in love for you and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer** (or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God, we pray for the leaders of the nations of the world that they may give priority to those with greatest need in the distribution of the world's basic resources. We especially pray on this special day, for a fair and equitable distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer** (or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Father God at this joyful Eastertide we pray for our families and friends especially as they are unable this year during the Easter Holidays. We thank you for the joy of sending and receiving Easter cards and messages of love and for modern communication systems which bring our loved ones so close even when we are separated by great distances and by the Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer** (or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Creator God we pray for those who are in need and ask you to look with pity on those who suffer. We pray for the broken-hearted, for the sick, for the lonely that your very presence would comfort them in their time of need and give thanks for all who work in the health services.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer** (or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Merciful God, we pray that those who have recently died may one day share in the promise of new life won for us all by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and his triumph over death and the grave.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our Prayer** (or) Christ is Risen: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Faithful God as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers