



## SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2021

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

Yesterday, I received a call.

'You alright for tomorrow?'

'What's tomorrow?'

'You're teaching for 2 hours on the Ministry Experience Scheme – baptism'.

Argh. It seems that when you agree to things 5 months ahead and before your diary is properly setup there is a high chance of unpreparedness! Thankfully, I've taught the topic plenty of times before.

I love teaching and the session went swimmingly (well I thought so) but the joy of the session was less in my words but in the opportunity to talk about faith with these interns. The Ministry Experience Scheme is an amazing opportunity organised by the diocese to enable people to explore their calling for a year. Interns are paid for 18hrs per week, receive theological input and have a placement with a local church, all whilst working with the vocations team to discern what God might be calling them toward. Some are going into youth ministry, some are offering for ordained ministry, others are exploring callings as social workers or military chaplains.

The German reformer, Martin Luther said that everyone in society has a calling. What is the calling God has placed on your life? That question often stresses people out but if you don't know but want to explore it in a Christian framework, maybe this is a way you could take some time to figure it out. My prayer is that we could gather a small community here at St Georges who are engaged in the ministry and seeking God's will for them now and in the future. Google 'ministry experience scheme bath and wells' and you'll find all about it.

Pray about it and get in touch with me.

God bless,

*Nick*

### St George's **Events**

Wow! What a wonderful time of

worship we had at our first Graves Into Gardens worship service!! How amazing did it feel to sing out loud, gathered together!

We were so thrilled to see so many people gathered in our churchyard to worship together. It felt really liberating and so very special to be together to praise our Lord in this way.

With a terrific worship band brought to us by the amazing Awaken and Pursuit guys and gals, there was also a really moving testimony from Emma from the team and wonderful prayers as well as Prayer Ministry for those in need at the end. I think I speak on behalf of many when I say that it was a very moving, uplifting and encouraging evening. We felt alive! We've had terrific feedback from those who came and we hope we can look at doing something similar again.

*"The churchyard will never feel the same again, we'll always be reminded of that lovely warm fellowship evening."*

Here are some photos taken on the evening— thanks Ian for letting us share these!



## St George's **Small Groups**



### A Stroll for the Soul—THIS THURSDAY 10.15am

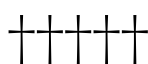
We are fortunate to have Vivary Park, and local footpaths, very close to St George's. We intend to take advantage of this in arranging one of the first of Nick's proposed group activities. "A Stroll for the Soul" will be an opportunity for a gentle walk, with like-minded Christian folk, and anyone who enjoys being in the fresh air is warmly invited to come along. Before setting off we shall have a prayer and a short bible reading - and then we will share our own thoughts and reflections on these, as we amble along. We shall, of course, be responsibly observing all appropriate social distancing and any other restrictions in place at the time - but it will be very 'relaxed'.

Do bring your walking pole or stick if you wish. A pair of comfy shoes - and a smile - really is all you'll need!

We shall assemble in the Churchyard at 10.15 - for a 10.30 start, arriving back at the church about an hour later.

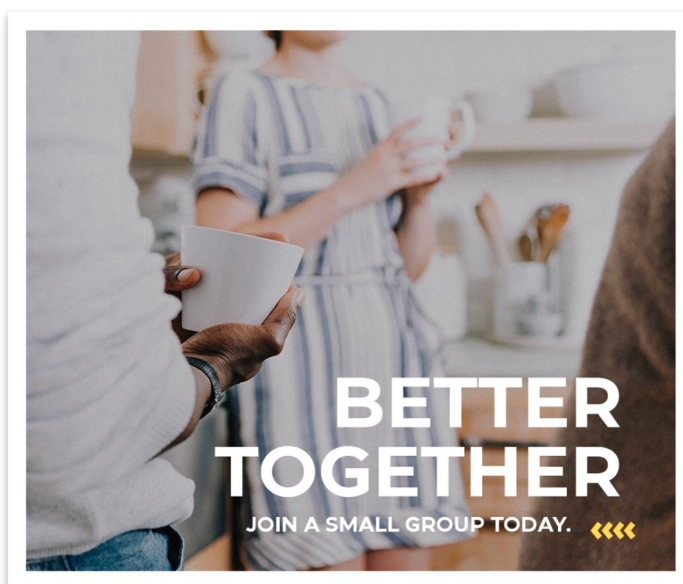
Please let us know by e-mail, message or phone call to the church office if you would like to join us.

*"Jesus, you walk with me - help me to walk with You"*



### Footprints—Saturday 3rd July 10am

If you feel you're maybe a slightly more adventurous walker then maybe our Footprints Walking Group may be the one for you! On **Saturday 3rd July** we'll be meeting for a walk on the Quantocks. Starting at 10am at the Crowcombe Park Gate car park, we'll do a circular 3 mile walk into the top of Great Wood and back along the ridge. There will be some 'up and down' on the hills but we'll take it easy with time for conversation, fellowship and contemplation! Bring water, snacks and a flask if you would like to. If you would like to come please get in touch with Nick Oliver on [nickoliver36@me.com](mailto:nickoliver36@me.com).







Have you taken a walk in Vivary Park lately? The stunning roses are out in full flourish! Perhaps your garden, or someone in your local area has roses which you have admired? Each variety has its own beauty and scent. The colour, size and shape of the petals vary as well as the ambrosial fragrance they give to every passer-by. Roses are often used in our most significant times of life - confetti at weddings, bouquets to express love and care and at funerals to remember those we held dear.

The well-known phrase "to stop and smell the roses" is what we are thinking about this week. These abundant blooms are not only a pleasure for us, but are also a delight for the bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects who visit them. Each rose bloom sometimes only lasts a day or two, blink and you might miss the transformation from bud to blossom. I wonder if you have taken any time to "stop and smell the roses" this week? At Mossy Church our hope is to encourage everyone to stop and notice the Creator in creation.

Roses are mentioned in the Bible. Jesus says that God "clothes" the flowers when He is encouraging His followers to trust God for their daily needs.

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even King Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you" (Matthew 6 v 28-30)*

I wonder if you have ever thought about this passage? Is there something you are concerned about? Perhaps money, job, school or relationship need? Why not take a mossy moment today and find a rose in a space near you, or even Vivary Park. Look at the rose petals. The shape of them, the way they are all intertwined and perfectly formed. You could hold the bloom in your hand and say a quiet prayer about whatever it is you are worried by. Just like the bloom in front of you, God will "clothe" you. It may not always be in the way which we expect, or even ask specifically for, but we know that God loves us and wants good for us, we can trust in Him to lead us in the right way.

*He will clothe us.*

If you have roses of your own, you'll know that in order to care for the rose plant you must 'dead head' them as the flowers die. This enables the plant to keep producing roses for months. It is something that can seem so harsh, but it's actually making space for the new buds to develop. Sometimes showing care isn't always about producing the most flowers straight away, but pruning instead shows care for the plant's future. Perhaps when you remove the dead flowers you could reflect on whether there are any areas in your life which you need to prune or dead head to make room for new opportunities or your faith to develop?



Finally, a nice thing about roses is that they can be enjoyed even after the blooms have died. If you collect rose petals, you can dry them and use them in all sorts of ways. To make sweet smelling pot pourri and a myriad of nature crafts - do search online for some ideas and send in some pictures if you make something or share to our Facebook page."



George Bear, the Mossy Church team and some of the lovely Stay and Play team all welcomed twenty local families with children aged 0-5 and their teddy bears last week to the 'Mini Mossy Church Teddy Bear Adventure'!

It was so wonderful to be able to safely meet together following all of the government guidelines, in the sunshine, and the beautiful surroundings of the St George's Church Yard. We read stories, enjoyed action rhymes as well as going on a bear hunt, doing some sensory activities with natural objects and making dens and 'campfires' for the children's teddies.

For many of the babies and toddlers it was the first group session of any kind they had been to, and for others it was the first in a long time. The parents and

carers all said how nice it was to be able to see others again too and as a team at St George's it was brilliant to connect with local families. Some of the families have shared photos of their dens which they remade at home and put on our Facebook page.



Do you have any small plant pots and or a few bamboo canes (can be small sections) to spare? If so, please can you either email the office or bring them to the office/vicarage steps by Monday 28th June. They will be used by the Mossy Church team to enable the families make individual bug hotels at our Minibeast event on the 3rd July. Thank you!

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## MOSSY CHURCH MINIBEAST EVENT TWO FREE 1 HOUR SESSIONS ON 3RD JULY 2021

MINI MOSSY CHURCH  
FOR 0-5'S @ 9.30AM

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE...  
REAL MINIBEAST HUNT  
INSECT RHYMES & STORIES  
BUG HOTEL BUILDING  
INSECT ART & CRAFTS  
MEET A LOCAL BEE KEEPER  
AND MORE...!



MOSSY CHURCH  
FOR FAMILIES WITH PRIMARY  
AGED CHILDREN @ 11AM

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE...  
REAL MINIBEAST HUNT  
BUG HUNT TRAIL  
MEET A REAL LOCAL BEE KEEPER  
GAMES & PUZZLES  
NATURE CRAFTS  
BUG HOTEL MAKING  
AND MORE...!

PLACES ARE LIMITED TO COMPLY  
WITH COVID GUIDELINES.  
OUTDOORS & SOCIALLY DISTANCED.  
TICKETS RELEASED THIS WEEKEND  
SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL  
FAMILIES@STGCHURCH.CO.UK FOR HOW TO BOOK

ST GEORGE'S WILTON

EXPLORE ENGAGE CONNECT



Our Charity Collection and recommendation for the month of June

A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world. This is their response to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and a demonstration of the Christian hope for God's world.

They do this through: – practical involvement in nature conservation projects and ecological research; – campaigning on biodiversity issues; – engaging with churches, schools, communities and individuals.

There will be a retiring collection ready in church or if you are unable to come in person, we do encourage you to make a donation online. <https://www.arocha.org/en/donate/>

Or post: A Rocha International  
 180 Piccadilly, London W1J 9HF

## DIARY DATES

SUN 20th From 9.45am  
 Online Sunday Service  
 10.00am  
 CW Holy Communion  
 11.30am  
 Zoom Coffee Catch

MON 21st 9.00pm  
 Compline Service on Zoom

THURS 24th 10.00am -12.00pm  
 Open Church for Prayer  
 Meet at 10.15-10.30am  
 Stroll For the Soul  
 Walking Group

SAVE THE DATE:

**SAT 3RD JULY**

**FOOTPRINTS QUANTOCK WALK  
 &  
 MOSSY CHURCH  
 MINIBEASTS EVENT**

St George's Wilton  
 LADIES  
 ZOOM SOCIAL

*Knit & Natter*

WEDNESDAY 30th June  
 7.30 - 9PM

FOR ALL ABILITIES,  
 CRAFTS & NONE

A RELAXED & INFORMAL  
 SOCIAL GROUP FOR LADIES  
 OF ALL AGES IN THE PARISH  
 & SURROUNDING AREAS

Email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)  
 to be sent the zoom details

LECTIONARY  
**BIBLE**  
 READINGS



As we are following a Sermon Series—  
 The Mission of God, using different Bible verses,  
 we thought some of you may like to know  
 what the lectionary readings would be for the  
 Sunday.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41

# ST GEORGE'S **Prayer** Space

## Prayers this week

Mighty God, when the waves of life threaten to overwhelm us forgive us if we blame you or others for our troubles. Teach us to find you in the storms of life and give us the faith those early disciples lacked to always believe that you will bring calm and peace.

Everlasting God we pray for your church here in St George's. We ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create a church community that welcomes visitors and strangers, provides a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone, a refuge from life's troubled waters. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for fair shares of the Coronavirus Vaccines; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We especially pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken. Help them to see that "We have an Anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!"

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God when our lives feel chaotic and desolate because of illness or sorrow, help us to hear your holy word for by that word Jesus calmed the storm and by it he healed and made people whole. We pray for those who have requested our prayers; help them to triumph over their Goliaths and help them put their trust in You and in the knowledge and skills of the doctors and nurses who are treating them. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, help us to know that the one who calmed the waves on the Sea of Galilee is present with us day by day and that he cares for us and can calm the waves of our lives. Help us to trust more fully and more deeply in you in all that we are involved with in the days to come. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

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

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 please do not hesitate to email [rachelmneal@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelmneal@btinternet.com)



Grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end

St GEORGE'S

*Compline*

**Mondays @9pm**

To join, email [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

## Our Altar Flowers



Our flowers this week have been donated in loving memory of Pearl Heard who is very much missed, from her dear friend Peter.

## The Collect for Sunday 20th June

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## In Loving Memory

Loving God we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. We especially pray for

**Pearl Heard, Christy Price,  
Doreen Howie, William Harrison**

whose anniversary falls this week.  
Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom.

*Amen*

