

St George's

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Remembrance Sunday

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Sunday 14th November 2021

A Note From

Your Vicar

In preparation for the Remembrance season, I read the modern classic 'All Quiet on the Western Front' by Erich Maria Remarque. Set in the trenches during the Great War, it is the story of a young soldier fighting right on the front line. It was a short read but it was not an easy read. It is always the little things in novels that stick with you. With this book I was particularly struck by the section detailing a short period of leave in which the soldier returned home to his anxious Mother and a proud hometown. Everyone wanted to slap him on the back and say how proud they were but nobody really wanted to listen to the actual reality of the soldier's experience which did not feel heroic or exciting or patriotic but rather cold, hungry with constant anxiety. Many veterans continue to experience this same sense of dislocation from their homes and communities even when the guns have long stopped blasting.

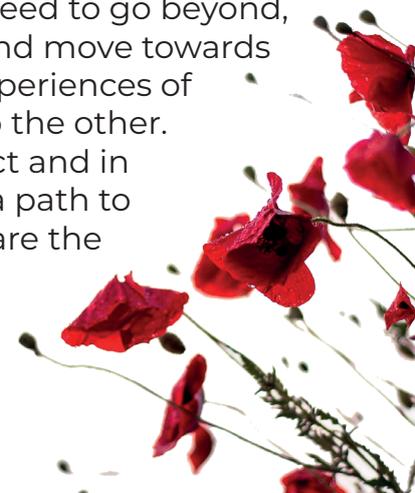
It is rather embarrassing to admit that I only realised that the story was told from the German perspective roughly one quarter of the way through the book when more names like 'Himmelstoss' started recurring. This probably reflects the ignorance of your new Vicar but I think that somehow by always listening to the terrible experiences of trench warfare from the Allied side, I had presumed that conditions were better on the German side. A race to the bottom of 'who had it worse' is not a healthy contest but it does not seem that our opponents had

a rosy time in the trenches either. Like the villagers in the book, somehow I hadn't really 'heard' the other side, just presuming that because our conditions were bad – their situation must be better. 'War is hell' and in hell nobody is happy. If I had really listened, perhaps I would have heard their story too.

During this season, we remember those who gave their lives in conflict, who sacrificed blood, time and life for their country. But remembrance by itself is not quite enough. We need to go beyond, mere recollection and move towards truly hearing the experiences of all sides; listening to the other. Both in mass conflict and in ordinary life, this is a path to peace and blessed are the peacemakers.

God Bless.

Nick



St George's

Sunday Services

SUN
14TH

9.45am Online Service
10.00am Remembrance Sunday
(Holy Communion with Choir
and Sung liturgy)
11.15am Uniformed Service

SUN
21ST

9.45am Online Service
10.00am Holy Communion Service

SUN
28TH

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



OUR PLAYGROUP NEEDS YOU!!

For those of you who have been with us for a while will

know what an amazing baby and toddler group we have here at St George's. It has proved VERY popular with local parents and carers as it is such a friendly and fun place to meet and for the little ones to play.

In order to be able to continue offering such a great group we really do need more help. It could maybe be help to come and set the Hall up ready. It could help in the kitchen with refreshments, it could be coming to just be there to chat to the parents or maybe with ideas for activities and helping to run it.

Please do pray about this and if you cannot help, then please pray that we will find enough people to keep this wonderful playgroup going. We don't want to burn out our wonderful team who are already doing so much for the group. Please do get in touch if you think you can help in ANY way.

Or come and visit a session to see for yourself what a lovely place it is to shine the Lord's light to these young families on **Wednesdays 9.30-11am**
Email office@stgchurch.co.uk



St George's Wilton
**KNIT &
NATTER**
WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER
7.30-9PM
ON ZOOM
A RELAXED & INFORMAL SOCIAL GROUP
FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES IN THE
PARISH & SURROUNDING AREAS.
ANY CRAFT OR NONE -
ALL WELCOME JUST COME FOR A CHAT!
MEETING ON ZOOM
Email office@stgchurch.co.uk
to be sent the zoom details

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TICKETS***
OPTIONAL DONATION

ST GEORGES WILTON
MOSSY CHURCH
STARGAZING
FOR FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-14

4.30-6PM ON NOVEMBER 27TH @ WILDSIDE

A SPECIAL TWINKLY FAMILY ADVENTURE!
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE NIGHT SKY, MAKE SPARKLY NATURE
CRAFTS, ENJOY A CRACKLING CAMPFIRE & SPARKLERS.

EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ CONNECT

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St George's

Our Week

WEEK COMMENCING 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

SUN

9.45AM ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE
10.00AM REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE (WITH SUNG LITURGY)
11.30AM UNIFORMED SERVICE

MON

10.00AM BUGGY BUDDIES
9.00PM COMPLINE NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

TUES

10.00AM HOLY COMMUNION

WED

9.30AM STAY AND PLAY
7.30PM KNIT AND NATTER

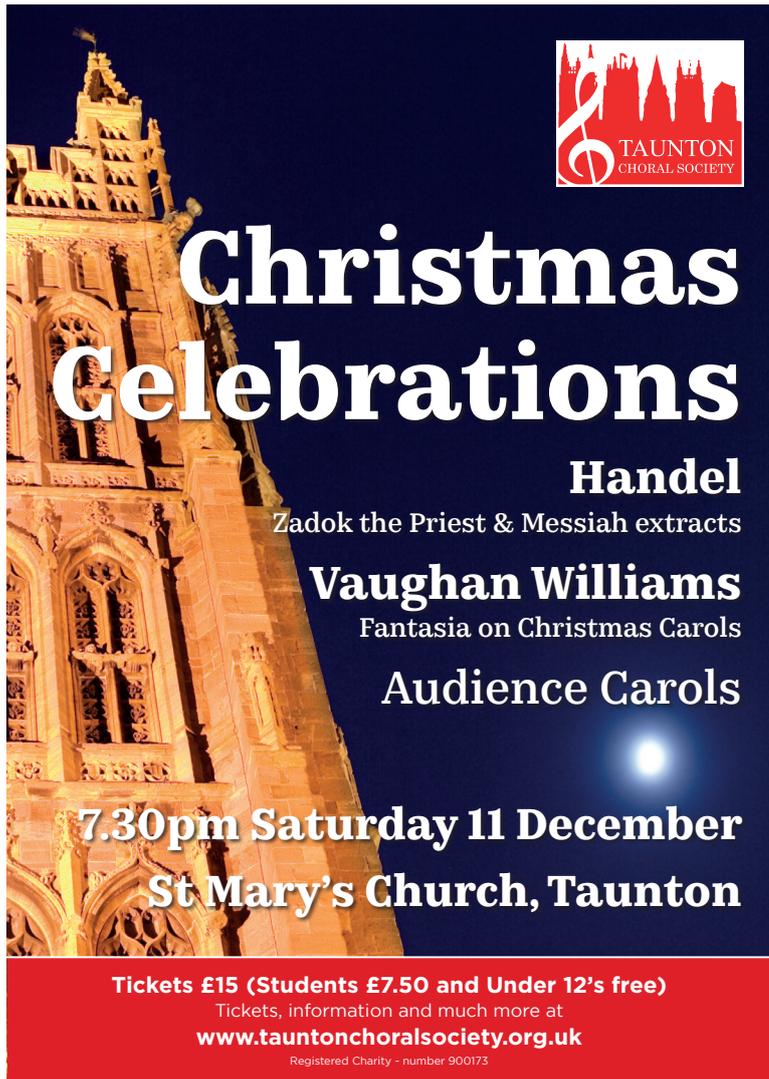
THURS

12.30PM PURSUIT WORSHIP TIME

FRI

SAT

10.00AM FOOTPRINTS WALKING GROUP



 TAUNTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas Celebrations

Handel
Zadok the Priest & Messiah extracts

Vaughan Williams
Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Audience Carols

7.30pm Saturday 11 December
St Mary's Church, Taunton

Tickets £15 (Students £7.50 and Under 12's free)
Tickets, information and much more at
www.tauntonchoralsociety.org.uk
Registered Charity - number 900173



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION IS BACK!

Just to remind you that we are back with on our Tuesday 10am Holy Communion Common Worship (Order One) with traditional language. These are being led by Rev'd Nick and our wonderful clergy team. Do come along. There is plenty of space to socially distance and masks will be worn in the church for those of you feeling concerned.

St George's **Small Groups**

*News Flash! Friendly,
homegroup soon to be homeless!*

We are a very informal friendly group who meet together, once a fortnight, on Tuesday mornings to chat over the very user friendly Bible notes that Geoff Treasure provides. BUT ... the home we have been meeting in belongs to Rachel Neal who, sadly for us, is moving in the new year.

We are very happy for anyone to come and join us, don't be afraid to give it a go with the option of not continuing if you don't like

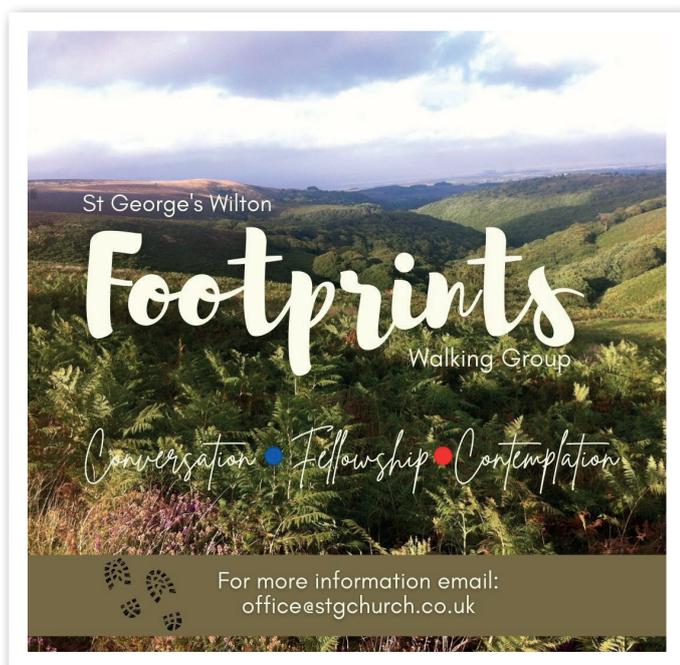
it. Now would be a very good time because we are just about to start looking at 'Questions Jesus Asked'.

BUT... if there was someone thinking about joining who is happy for us to meet in their

sitting room after Christmas, then that would be amazing.

Please do chat to me if you would like any more information,

Hil Hayes



Footprints

Thanks to Michael Benison who has mapped out our next route for our next Footprints walk on **Saturday 20th November starting at 10.00am.**

We will be starting from Cothelstone hill car park on the Quantocks Grid Reference 201328.

Do get in contact with Nick Oliver if you would like to attend this beautiful Quantock Footprint Walk on: nickoliver36@me.com

Stroll For The Soul

Our sunny November walk in Longrun Meadow was a real joy. Carole very ably gave us some of the history and features of the flood plain meadow, so important to The Tone and to Taunton. And the Willow Cathedral provided a haven for a moment of reflection and prayer.

Our final 2021 Stroll will return to Vivary Park on Thursday 9 December (10.15 for 10.30 start). Plans for 2022 Strolls TBA! Watch out for details!

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ST GEORGE'S
Charity Information

Our collections for the beginning of November will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The poppy remains a symbol of both **REMEMBRANCE and HOPE FOR A PEACEFUL FUTURE.**

For 100 years The Royal British Legion has been raising vital funds to help serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces community and their families, from those who served in the First World War to the men and women of our Armed Forces today. In 2020 The Royal British Legion awarded 7,668 grants to members of the Armed Forces community, totalling £11.7 million.

As they reflect on their achievements over the last 100 years, The Royal British Legion stands ready to support the next generation when they need them.

Please donate if you can. There will be a retiring collection by the church door for those of you who come along to our in church services and for those joining in with Church At Home, you can still donate.

You can also support the Poppy Appeal by donating via text or online. When you make a donation online, they'll include a link in your confirmation email to download an A4 poster featuring the iconic Remembrance Poppy. You can print and display your poster at home to show your support and remember those who have served and sacrificed. Visit their website at:
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>



Prayer Space

We have made the decision to press the pause button on our Prayer Space on a Wednesday at 2pm returning for the time being.

Feedback has shown that with the colder weather coming in and Covid cases still being a cause for concern, it may not be the right time to bring Prayer Space back for the moment.

We have some exciting ideas ahead for opportunities for Prayer coming up at St G's in the near future so watch this space and in the meantime, huge thanks to Lin Wood for being such a superstar and looking after Prayer Space this last fortnight for us!



In Loving Memory

Gracious God, you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death; so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you.

We remember this week

Rosemary McKee and Peter Hawkins

so comfort those bereaved by their passing and hold them close.

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*



The Collect Sun 14th Nov

Ever living God, rejoicing in the example of those who have gone before us, we pray that like them, we may strive for justice and peace, and work together for the coming of your kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen



Eeeek! We can't wait for our Christmas Fayre...think we'll all be in need of some Christmas sparkle this year and that's just what we hope our Christmas Fayre will be for us all!

With stalls, live music, tower tours, Mossy Church area, mulled wine, and even our very own Santa, there'll be lots to see and do. We'll finish the fayre with a prize raffle and some Christmas Carols to get us all into the Christmas spirit so do come along and tell your friends. Only £1 per adult and children under 12 come free, it will be a great way to raise funds, have food and have fun!

As with any event, things can only happen when we can have some helping hands...



Unwanted/Unused

Do you have any unwanted/unused/unopened gifts that you have received that we could have for one of our Christmas Stalls?

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.

If so, please can you either bring it and put it at the back of church or contact the Church office to arrange drop off! Thank you!

Calling all Christmas Elves...

Santa needs some urgent help to wrap the Christmas gifts in time for the Christmas Fayre grotto. Are you good at wrapping presents? Could you spare a couple of hours to help prepare on **Monday 29th November in the afternoon or Tuesday 30th in the morning?** All wrapping and gifts will be provided, we just need wrappers! If you can help, please email **families@stgchurch.co.uk** as soon as possible. Thank you!



Roll Up Roll Up..

Now we all love a good raffle and we are so aware that we are always feel as though we are on the ask all the time but if you would like to donate a raffle prize (which will be drawn at the end of the Fayre) do bring it into the back of church or again contact the Church Office **office@stgchurch.co.uk** to arrange drop off! All our wonderful stallholders will be donating a raffle prize but if you would like to donate a prize that that would be awesome!