



## SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021

Readings James 1.17-end and Mark 7:1-8,14,15, 21-23

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

This week we visited Wildside Experience with the Mossy Church Team. It's a wonderful place nestled deep within the Blackdown hills with miniature ponies, sheep and pigs led by a smashing couple who felt called by God to offer retreats for churches and schools to help people connect with the creator and the natural world.

It was an exciting day out for St Georges as 45 people of all ages gathered to explore, meet new people and pray. There are lots of activities throughout the woodland including a zipline, wobbly bridges and a 'nightline'. In this last activity, you hold onto a rope and close your eyes using only your senses to guide you along the path through the woodland. You have to keep your hands out-stretched otherwise you will bash your head and also move your feet forward slowly so you do not trip up. The bible says 'we walk by faith not by sight' but rarely is it so literal!

One of the things that struck me was the different speeds that we were able to move forward. At the beginning, I kept catching up with the child in front of me; but after a couple of minutes the children had zoomed ahead. Whether they were cheekily opening their eyes I could not possibly comment (I am rather competitive...) but it struck me that children are so much better at walking by faith than adults. Jesus says, 'you must become like children to enter the kingdom'.

Adults can sometimes be more afraid of things than children and it is a sad thought that becoming 'grown up' can mean becoming progressively more

afraid of things. Jesus seems to propose a reverse 'adulthood' where instead of getting more afraid, we step more into the abundant life of faith he offers.

God bless

*Nick*



YouTube

ONLINE  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**

Sunday 29th August 2021

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9.45AM**

Sermon **Rev'd Nick Griffin**

Reading **Geoff Winterson**

Prayers **Hilary Hayes**

# St George's **Small Groups**

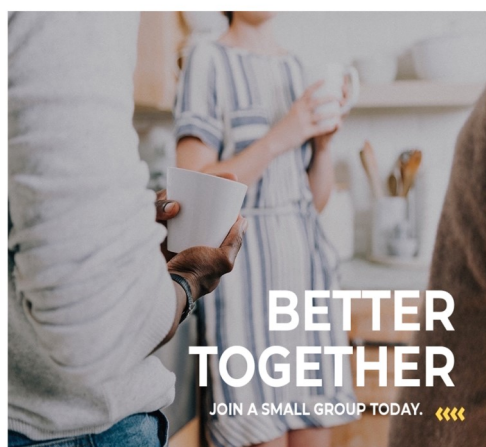


The August Vivary Park Stroll was greatly enhanced by having Jan Jones with us - who shared fascinating stories about some present and past features of the Park .....and the good news is that Jan has a fund of similar tales and would love to join us again to share more stories. So, watch out for a future 'Stroll for the Soul with a Story'.

We amble along, sedately and gently, and chat about - the scriptures, our church, our families, our sciatica - and much else!! Next 'Stroll' scheduled for **Thursday 9 September**. Meet at **10.15 at Church Porch**, for 10.30 walk.

*Janet*

It's so wonderful witnessing all these small groups forming and growing! Don't forget—if you have an idea for a small group, get in touch and let us know! We have our Activity Based Small Groups such as our Footprints and Stroll for the Soul with more beginning soon—watch this space! Do get in touch with Clare Steel if you have any ideas for future groups, or Nick. And here's a really encouraging note from Geoff Treasurer, our Study Based Small Groups Coordinator...



## **YOU DON'T HAVE TO...**

Be a Bible scholar to join a study group  
*We all learn together*

Be upon the electoral roll at St George  
*Everyone from everywhere is welcomed*

Commit yourself every week  
*Some groups meet weekly, others fortnightly so come whenever you can*

Feel obliged to contribute to discussions  
*You can say as little or as much as you wish*

Think that you are a loner  
*You will soon make friends within the group*

Remain with the first group you join if you feel that the group is not for you.

*See Nick, Bethan or Geoff and we will find another group for you*

Believe that you will be judged by others  
*Loved and supported? Yes. Judged? No.*

Think that you have left it too late  
*No way! You can fit in at any stage of the group's life but the sooner, the better for you and others in your group*

So, keep your eyes open for details of the groups launching in September, or already operating, take a deep breath and take the plunge. You will be so glad that you have.

*Geoff Treasure*



## *A Note of Thanks*



Constance would like to offer her grateful thanks to all of those who made the Thanksgiving Service for Richard so special a couple of weeks ago.

It was always going to be a difficult service, still being in a pandemic but Constance was very appreciative of the effort, care and support that the St George's family provided.

Special thanks go to Martin, Stephen, Sheena, Sue, Peter, Jane, Robert, James—for playing their part in the service.

Thanks to those who kindly donated and to all of you for your love and prayers.



### **An Invitation to Rev'd Martin Kirkbride's Licencing Service as Team Rector**

for the Wellington Group of Churches

**Monday 6th September 7pm  
@ St John's Church Wellington**

Parking - parking is on the nearby Asda Car Park - free after 6pm. It is only a short walk round to the church . However, on leaving the car park there is a small lane to the left of the petrol filling station - this shortcut leads directly to the church

\*there will be singing, but also a section of the church  
for those who may feel they still  
need to socially distance.

***"Let the skies rejoice and the earth be glad; let the sea and everything in it shout. Let the fields and everything in them rejoice. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy"***

(Psalm 96 v 11-12)

We joined in with the joy of creation this week at our Summer event - 'Mossy Church on the Wildside'. Up on the Blackdown Hills in the beautiful sunshine the Mossy Church team were joined by lots of families to 'explore, engage and connect' together in God's wonderful creation. Our morning was led by our brilliant hosts, Richard & Alison who run 'Wildside Experiences'.

Our morning began with drinks by the campfire under a huge parachute tent. A stomp through the fields took us to feed the chickens, meet the pigs & pet the miniature shetland ponies. We learnt about what is involved in keeping animals, how they grow and what they eat. Our adventure then continued up through a field with a flock of sheep and into the woods.

We split into different groups for a variety of activities based on the children's ages. Our 'mini' (0-4's) adventurers, along with our mascot George Bear, got to spend more time with the animals, hunt for minibeasts, go on a sound scavenger hunt, sing some

songs & have a story in the meadow.

Our older children got to play hide and seek, take part in a scavenger hunt, do some sensory rope trails and best of all have a go on the zip wire (along with some of the grown ups too!). We finished up, tired and happy with a picnic around the campfire. It was fantastic fun.

If you weren't able to join us this time, don't worry, we have lots of exciting things coming up this next term, including a return to Wildside soon.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for regular posts, makes & bakes and for details of future events, remembering to 'like' and 'share' with your local friends please. Details of the coming term will be in next week's Newsboard as well so look out for that.

Mossy Church will again be providing free craft packs for families during the next outdoor service in the churchyard so join us on Sept 5th at 11.30am, we look forward to seeing you there !



**Thank You!**

On behalf of everyone at St George's, huge thanks to our Mossy Church team for all the hard work put into making this such a success! It is really appreciated x

# ST GEORGE'S **Charity Information**



Our Charity Collection for the next fortnight to see us through until the end of August will be

## Missions to Seafarers.

Day and night, for 365 days a year, Missions to Seafarers is on call providing help and support for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world.

Over 90% of world trade is carried by sea, providing work to 1.5 million seafarers. However, it is also one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with piracy, shipwreck and abandonment just some of the threats that seafarers face.

Chaplains provide support and help at Seafarers' Centres in Port and make Ship visits, offering chaplaincy services to people who are often many months away from homes and families. The provision of mobile phone facilities to contact families the other side of the world is a much appreciated practical service in recent years, which helps to keep family ties strong and boost morale amongst seafarers.

To donate to Missions to Seafarers, please send your cheque to:

St Michael Paternoster Royal  
College Hill  
London  
EC4R 2RL

The Taunton Cancer Research UK group are collecting at the motorway service station every weekend during the summer and are desperate for more collectors. If you could spare an hour any weekend, please ring Chris on 335303. Many thanks



**St Margaret's  
Hospice Care**

Don't forget that our wonderful Churchwarden Hilary McKegney is doing the Three Peaks challenge on **10-12 Sept.**

This involves climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon in a total trekking time of 15 hrs or less to raise money for **St. Margaret's Hospice** where Hilary has worked for 23 years and will be retiring from next month.

If you'd like to donate, please visit the Just Giving website -<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hilary3peakschallenge>  
Well done Hilary—what a challenge—we're right behind you!! Go Hilary!!



**National  
Three Peaks  
Challenge**

10 – 12  
September  
2021



**christian  
aid**

## CHRISTIAN AID STALL

Thank you so much to all those who have brought surplus produce from your gardens and allotments already this year for the stall. If anyone has produce which is surplus to requirements, do please consider donating it to the little stall that operates very simply in the church porch after Sunday services - and look out to see if there is anything that you can make use of for a donation. All donations for this produce go to Christian Aid so that they, like many other organisations, can respond very quickly to emergencies like the present disaster in Haiti. Thank you so much.

*Christian Concerns Group.*

"Christian Aid are working on the ground to help the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake and the following storm. At least 1,400 lives have been lost, 7,000 injured and 83,000 homes have been destroyed. Christian Aid's Haiti Earthquake Appeal 2021 can be donated to on line. If you wish to send a cheque or CAF warrant please send it to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. In either case, please say it is for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal and say it is from St. George's Church, Taunton and quote our Christian Aid number OR337869, it will then be credited to our church. Please continue to pray for these people at such a terrible time. Thank you so much for helping these people - Helen Price



## DIARY DATES

SAT 28th 10.30am-12.30pm  
Coffee Cake and Catch Up

SUN 29th From 9.45am  
Online Service  
10.00am  
CW Holy Communion

MON 30th CHURCH  
OFFICE  
CLOSED

MON 30th 9.00pm  
Compline Service  
on Zoom

THURS 2nd 10am -12pm  
Open Church  
for Prayer

## FUTURE DATES

SUN 5th Sept 11.30am-  
Outdoor Worship Service

THURS 9th Sept 10.30am  
Stroll For The Soul with a Story

**Take  
Note!**

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**SORRY - NO ZOOM on 5th SEPT**

ST GEORGE'S

## Contact Info

**Rev'd Dr Nick Griffin**

*Vicar*

Tel: 01823 774128

Email: [nick@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:nick@stgchurch.co.uk)

**Day Off: Fridays**

**Bethan**

*Administrator*

Tel: 01823 284253

Email: [office@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgchurch.co.uk)

**Office Hours Mon—Thurs 10-1pm**

**Peter**

*Churchwarden*

Tel: 01823 257094 or 07761 407 433

Email: [peter@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:peter@stgchurch.co.uk)

**Hilary**

*Churchwarden*

Tel: 01823 976694 or 07460 471 514

Email: [hilary@stgchurch.co.uk](mailto:hilary@stgchurch.co.uk)

Website: [www.stgchurch.co.uk](http://www.stgchurch.co.uk)

Facebook: St Georges Wilton

Twitter: @StGeorgesWilton

Instagram: @StGeorgesWilton

YouTube: St George's Church Wilton



Mothers' Union, Wilton is starting up again with our first meeting on Tuesday 7 September in St. George's Church Hall, Wilton at 2.15pm.

We have a guest speaker this month, Elaine Fenton from Taunton Besom.

Visitors or potential new members are always welcome, or if you just want to find out more about The Besom come along and be sure of a warm welcome, despite the increased ventilation!

Helen Clegg 01823 276004

ST GEORGE'S  
**Prayer**Space

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**

**The Collect for Sunday 29th August**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



Our flowers in Church today are in memoriam of **Frank Price** whose anniversary of his passing is on Sunday 29th August.

With much love and happy memories, *Helen.*

I came across this poem which may bring some comfort not just to Helen on this day but also maybe to some of you too.

Another leaf has fallen,  
another soul has gone.  
But still we have God's promises,  
in every robin's song.  
For he is in His heaven,  
and though He takes away,  
He always leaves to mortals,  
the bright sun's kindly ray.  
He leaves the fragrant blossoms,  
and lovely forest, green.  
And gives us new found comfort,  
when we on Him will lean.

**Prayers this week**

Heavenly Father who created us to be sisters and brothers in Christ, hear us as we lift our hearts in thanksgiving and praise and hear our prayers and intercessions for all those in need. We thank you for the fellowship of the church family around us and as we gather once more in this house of prayer may our worship not only honour you with our lips, but also with our hearts and minds.

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

Creator God we pray for peace in the world especially in Afghanistan. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, thank you for our friends and neighbours and those around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We thank you for all the joys and blessings of family life. Help us when we quarrel or fall out to quickly put things right and forgive one another. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we raise before you all whose lives are restricted by illness. We remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. We especially pray for those in our community who we now name.

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

Faithful God we have shared with you our petitions, requests and thanksgiving so we now ask for the blessing of your presence in the week ahead. We pray that you will guide us, guard us and keep us safe in all we do and say.

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

**In Loving Memory**

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

**Monty Monelle, Frank Price, Dorothy Lee,  
Ursula Steele, Peter Baker**

Whose anniversaries of their passing falls in the next few days.

Hold them in your eternal kingdom and may they rest peace and rise in glory.

**Amen**

