



SUNDAY 16TH MAY 2021

A Note From **Your Vicar**

Lately I've been digging the garden. The once pristine (ish) lawn has huge swathes of mud cut deeply into it. More digging is required. The shovel is about to give up the ghost and the wheelbarrow loses 30% of it's load every time we use it. Three days after digging I'm still sore across my neck and shoulders.

The goal is a new seating area around a fire pit, nearly all of my ideas involve fire, plus a new path that winds around the tiny apple trees. It'll be lovely but at the moment it's bloomin' hard work! As I've been digging, I've stumbled upon some massive flagstones buried underground from the original vicarage. It's always a surprise; the pickaxe hits something solid and much jiggery pokery ensues. In

the end, stones I couldn't afford are treasures to make new paths. Old pathways will be used to make new pathways.

With a new leader now in place and as regulations loosen, as a church we're opening up new pathways for people to engage in the life of the church. We're growing and God is doing new things amongst us. The wider Church hasn't always been that quick to embrace change...but for Christians, the new is always excavation of the old; never steering away from Jesus and his message but always finding new ways of proclaiming afresh the good news. This is often surprising, can be really hard work yet in the end is coming together to make something beautiful and useful for everyone.

God bless,

Nick

St George's **Small Groups**

We are so pleased that our small groups have been so well received. We will be in touch very soon with all of you who have been in touch asking to join in.

Praying, talking, studying scripture and spending time with other Christians is one of the very best ways to grow your own relationship with God. Our small groups will differ in how often, when and where they meet but all the St Georges' groups will focus on growing together and supporting each other in our faith.

There will be home based bible study groups and also activity groups which we hope will be an opportunity to combine your passion and hobby with sharing your faith with others. Do let us know if you have an idea for an activity group. Maybe you'd like to lead one? Do get in touch!

We want everyone at St Georges to grow in their faith so we really want to encourage you to be part of a small group. So if you haven't been in touch yet please do—we don't want anyone to miss out.

At this pioneering time, we're encouraging people to 'taste and see' whether a small group works but if not then let's try something else!

If you would like to be involved in a group, **get in touch** and the team will try and find the right group for you. You don't even have to be a regular at St Georges' to be involved – **all are welcome**.

So be bold, step out and join the new adventure!

'All of our small groups are devoted to helping people grow in their faith.'

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2020

The Annual Accounts for 2020 are now available for those who would like to see them from the back of the Church or by contacting the Church Office or the Treasurer.

Please email office@stgchurch.co.uk and we will arrange for you to be able to view them

If wishing to read them in church, please ensure that you use hand sanitiser before and after viewing the Accounts folder. Thank You!

As the APCM will be in person, in church, if you are still shielding or not at ease yet to come into the building whilst there are Covid restrictions, if there is anything that you wish to be brought to our attention for the APCM, then do please email us so that we can consider it for inclusion!

Bethan x

APCM

SUNDAY 23RD MAY
After the 10am
Service

BOOKING REQUIRED

To attend the 10am service & APCM on 23rd May, please email office@stgchurch.co.uk as space will be limited. Thank you so much!

A quick note to let you know that I am going on a placement at the South Quantock benefice - just in case you're wondering where I am these days, that's where I'll be until the summer!

I'm now in my second year of training so due to be ordained in 2022, which I'm sure will come round very quickly.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers, take care and I hope to see you soon.

Cathryn x

A list is now up in our Church Porch for you to put your name down should you wish to have flowers in memoriam of a loved one on a special date.

If you would like more info, please email Bethan who will be happy to help and put you in touch with either of us!

Sue & Sheena x

Prayer for Cathryn

Loving, strengthening God, through your church you call people into positions of leadership and to care for your people. Such a task can be filled with joy one moment and frustration the next. So today we pray for **Cathryn** who you have called for Ordination Training. Give her your strength and the wisdom to care for your people. Keep her faithful to her calling. Equip her for your service. Guide her on her pilgrimage and may your Holy Spirit shine down on her on this ordination journey. Amen.

St George's
Churchyard

**COME AND GET YOUR
GARDENING GLOVES ON AND JOIN US!!**

On SATURDAY 15TH MAY FROM
9.30AM—12.30PM

it is our Churchyard Gardening morning! If you would like to come along and help us to care for our Churchyard, bring your trowel or your fork and come to join us, you would be most welcome. We have a few churchyard tools, but many helpers like to bring their own, not forgetting garden gloves, as there are quite a few brambles! It's also very helpful if anyone can bring along a garden sack or is able occasionally to take a carload to the tip.

So, if any of you would like to join in for the whole time or just an hour on Saturday, just turn up and dig in :) We all really enjoy being there and we know that you would too!

COME AND JOIN US!



Come and care for our beautiful
St George's Wilton Churchyard.
For more information, contact
office@stgchurch.co.uk



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Charity Information

If we are able, we need to make a special effort to help this year as, like all the charities, it has been so difficult for them to raise the funds they need as no events can be held. If you saw on the TV News the map of the world showing the areas where vaccines have been given - and NOT given - you will know just how blessed WE are.

They are working with like-minded groups to advocate on the importance of ensuring that vaccines are made available to vulnerable people in poor countries and not monopolised by the global North. And when vaccination campaigns begin, Christian Aid will support them by:

- equipping local health services with data on hard-to-reach communities
 - mobilising communities to come forward for vaccinations
 - working with faith and community leaders to share positive messages about vaccines.
- Imagine trying to live and work a socially distanced life in some of the countries where CHRISTIAN AID is working. They need our support to continue their work.

If you are coming to Church, you can donate through the retiring collection.

If you are worshipping on-line at home, you can support with on-line donations or by sending a cheque by post to: Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

To donate online go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Hope, Sustainer of all life,

We give You thanks for the coronavirus vaccines, for the skill and wisdom of scientists, NHS staff and key workers. By the power of Your Spirit, may we overflow with hope and joy as we see our friends, families and neighbours protected.

God of Justice, Protector of the vulnerable, may we be your well-washed hands and willing feet. Move us to give and act, to challenge the injustices that anger You.

May we seek to protect all Your children, particularly those for whom the vaccine is out of reach.

With hope and trust we pray,
Amen.



ST GEORGE'S WILTON



Mossy Church Moment



SENSE OF SIGHT

EXPLORE WITH CREATION
ENGAGE WITH CREATION
CONNECT WITH CREATOR

This week we are thinking about our sense of SIGHT. Of all of our senses, the gift of sight forms up to 80% of the impressions of the world around us. Through our sight, we are able to spot signs of danger. But our sight doesn't just help protect us, it also enriches our lives and enlightens our experience. We can witness beauty and be reminded of memories - like when we look through old photographs or visit a favourite spot. What sights bring you joy?

Have you ever been in a place so beautiful that you have wanted to capture it in a photo? In our own wonderful county of Somerset we have everything from moors to coast, fields to forests, farms to city parks and gardens. So often when we look back at an image like this, we are unable to capture the experience or show the magnitude of the moment. It can be frustrating when we want to be able to revisit it or describe it to others.

We can take some lovely pictures, or even be inspired to paint or draw nature but the tiny detail or beauty and vastness of God's creation can't be fully captured or contained in an image. Psalm 8 says *"When I look up and think about Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in their place, what is man, that You think of him, the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little less than the angels and gave him a crown of greatness and honour".*

This past week we have been taking part in Mental Health Awareness week on our Facebook page. This year's national theme is nature and the importance for good mental health. At Mossy Church, we know the massive benefits of taking moments, noticing and engaging not only with creation but the Creator who made us and all around us. This week, we hope that you will take time to look all around you, wander and wonder!

Dear God,

Thank You for our amazing bodies and our sense of sight.

It is amazing that by connecting with Your creation we can improve our mental health.

As we wander, help us to wonder about You and come to know You better.

Amen

The Mossy Church Team

For all of our Mossy Makes, Bakes, Moments, Prayers & Events, visit our Facebook page @mossychurchstgswilton Please give the page a 'like' and a 'share' with anyone who you think might be interested. If you have a picture, craft idea or activity you think might work well in Mossy Church, do email families@stgchurch.co.uk

Some amazing natural sights to look out for this month of May include

Swallows and Swifts - swooping over houses and fields catching insects as they go

Chiff Chaffs - who are known for their distinctive bird call

Red tailed bumble bees - we have lots in the St George's churchyard at the moment

Apple tree blossoms - only for a few weeks!

Red deer - up on the Quantocks and Exmoor these beautiful creatures run free

Frog spawn - these jelly like clumps can be seen in ponds, streams and ditches



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Knit & Natter

WEDNESDAY 19th MAY

7.30 - 9PM

FOR ALL ABILITIES,
CRAFTS & NONE

GRAB A CUPPA & WHATEVER
CRAFT YOU'RE WORKING ON!

Email office@stgchurch.co.uk
to be sent the zoom details

ST GEORGE'S DIARY DATES

SAT 15th 9.30am—12.30pm
Churchyard Gardening

SUN 16th From 9.45am
Online Sunday Service
10.00am
CW Holy Communion
11.30am
Zoom Coffee Catch

MON 17th 9.00pm
Compline Service on Zoom

WED 19th 7.30pm—9.00pm
Knit and Natter on Zoom

THURS 13th 10.00am -12.00pm
Open Church for Prayer

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

Sun 23rd May 11.00am APCM



You Tube

ONLINE
SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 16th May 2021
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
9.45AM
SERMON SERIES-
THE MISSION OF GOD—
TEND



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



ST GEORGE'S **Prayer** Space

Prayers for This Sunday

Everlasting God Your son Jesus' Ascension into heaven marked the culmination of the Paschal Mystery. May we live life in the same way as his disciples did at that time, knowing no sense of abandonment but patiently awaiting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.
Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God help the people of your world make the best use of science and technology in order to achieve a better life on this planet. Protect people of third world countries from being exploited and underpaid for their labour just so that we can enjoy cheap luxury goods at their expense. We especially pray for the fair distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine to the whole needy world.
Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. Thank you for our families, friends and fellow Christians and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.
Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving God we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.
Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God open our eyes to see You acting in our lives and our hearts to understand not only what you do for us but what you call us to do to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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



Brian Underwood's Funeral will be taking place on **Wednesday 19th May at 2.00pm** at **St George's Church.**

Due to current restrictions still being in place within church buildings, it does mean that sadly not all of us will be able to attend as we will have to limit the number of spaces to remain Covid Compliant. Although numbers have been lifted from funerals, they unfortunately have not in buildings. We therefore have only 25 spaces available for the service and will have to have a booking system.

If you wish to attend, please email Bethan at office@stgchurch.co.uk.

Please do remember Brian and his brothers Graham and Trevor and their families in your prayers as we say farewell for now to a very dear and much loved man.

Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

In Loving Memory

Heavenly Father,
we raise before you all who have died and who are now with your ascended Son Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have recently died, for their resurrection into Your kingdom and for those whose anniversary falls at this time. We especially pray for.....

**Roy Waygood, Jenny Bowerman,
Stella Norman and
Bishop Andrew Radford**

whose anniversary falls this week Lord be with Dora's family as they remember her life and be by their side to comfort them at this time.

God of all comfort, hear our prayer
Amen