



SUNDAY 11th JULY 2021

A Note From **Your Vicar**

One day we decided to walk off the normal Griffin beaten track and discovered the 'Millennium Trail' near Neroche over the beauty of the Blackdowns. A butterfly reserve and virtually undisturbed it was utterly spectacular. As a town, Taunton doesn't often have much confidence in itself but it's hard to see why not, when we step out of our door and find ourselves surrounded by beauty that you expect in story books. One aspect we did not quite expect was the Long Horned Cattle filling the footpath. I am not a townie – I partly grew up around livestock – but these are MASSIVE. Half a ton of weight, 5 feet tall with horns protruding nearly 4 ft.

"We need to turn back" said Mrs G.

"No way, they're cows" said Mr G.

"They've got calves" she said.

With my own family to protect, I was faced by a herd of enormous and nervy cows protecting their own family. What to do? It felt like a moment of encounter with something wild and mildly dangerous. Mildly. My eyes scanned the barbed wire fence (Mrs. G would not like to scale it). My mind recalled Crocodile Dundee staring down creatures, so that they would know the superiority of his manliness. What to do?

We turned back. They followed us for half a mile.

Manly pride was punctured but it forced some thought. How actual danger is a rare experience for modern westerners but more vicar-y – what does this 'caring/stewarding for creation' mean? Why the impulse to 'win' by completing a circular walk, even though it was disruptive to the animals? But lastly, that I am a creature of God encountering creatures of God.

In reality, I've probably barbecued their third cousin twice removed (on their grandfather's side) but part of being a creature living with other creatures is knowing when to act and when not to act.



Still reckon I could've scaled that fence though.

God bless,

Nick



We are delighted to welcome Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga his wife Brigit and their two children to our Sunday Services! Rev Nathan has also recorded his sermon for our online service. We are so pleased and thankful to them for coming to St George's. Do give them a very warm welcome!



You 

ONLINE
SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 11th July 2021
ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

9.45AM

with

Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga

ST GEORGE'S **Charity Information**



Bishop
Henderson
CEVA Primary

This Sunday we will continue our collection for Bishop Henderson Primary School Leavers Bibles.

Each year we like to make sure that each child who leaves our Church School - Bishop Henderson Primary School- has a Bible to take with them as they move on to Secondary School. So, for one more week we shall donate our collections to BHS Bible Fund for School Leavers, to fulfill our mission to those children and to ensure that they can maximise the benefit of the Christian experience they have enjoyed whilst at Bishop Henderson School

Let us pray for all the children and staff at Bishop Henderson as the end of the school year winds down. What another challenging year they have all had and we pray that they can all recharge their batteries, de-stress and enjoy some family time this Summer, ready for all that September will hold. .



The purpose of the Besom in Taunton is to be a bridge between those members and groups from local churches in the Taunton and Wellington area who want to give and those who are in need. It has been a challenge to continue fulfilling that purpose over the past 15 months, due to the coronavirus pandemic and accompanying restrictions, and we are delighted that we are now back offering our full range of services to the local community.

This includes providing furniture and household items that have been donated, starter packs of basic kitchen and household items – for those moving into accommodation with nothing, crisis food boxes and help with gardening and decorating

If you would like to support and get involved with Besom you can do this by:

- Praying – it's at the heart of all we do! You can also sign up to receive a monthly prayer letter
- Giving your time–
 - On the van team, collecting and delivering furniture
 - On the crisis food box teams, packing or delivery the boxes
 - On a project team, helping with gardening or decorating work
 - On the warehouse team on a Tuesday or Thursday morning, sorting and cleaning donations
 - Supporting the behind-the-scenes administration
- Giving your good quality, unwanted furniture and household items, non-perishable food supplies for the crisis food boxes or giving financially

For more information, or to get in touch, visit our website: tauntonbesom.org.uk or call 07432 629444.



Taunton School Pastors are looking for or new volunteers. They currently patrol at the Taunton Academy on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 4pm.

They also support the school chaplain on Wednesdays with both a wellbeing lunchtime club and the wellbeing garden after school.

A School Pastor is....

- A person who has the ability to give their time
- Willing to listen
- A bridge builder for the local community
- Non-judgemental

- Committed and consistent
- Someone who wants to encourage young people to thrive

Does this sound like you? Training will be provided to equip and support you with all of the above! If you are interested in finding out more please contact our coordinator Jenny Hosken taunton@schoolpastors.org.uk or leave a voicemail on 07780 115 007.

School Pastors can be anyone who is 18 years or older, has been a committed Christian for more than a year, obtains a positive reference from their church leader, completes the School Pastor training course and successfully passes a DBS check and satisfies the school's safeguarding policy.



We learnt all about Bee Keeping, honey & ways to encourage bees in our outdoor spaces...



Met minibeasts from the Bible (grasshoppers)!

Looked high and low for minibeasts...



...played games, read stories, did action rhymes, made crafts & more!



The Mossy Church team had great fun last Saturday with all of the families who joined us in the quest to learn more about minibeasts. You can see some of the pictures from the morning. It was wonderful to get to chat with so many children, parents and carers about creation and the teeny tiny inhabitants of the world around us. George Bear, our Mini Mossy mascot got into the minibeast mood too!

During our sessions we were able to find ants harvesting aphids and a woodlouse with babies

Looking forward, we are excited for our next event 'Mossy Church on the Wildside' in August, but also during the outdoor service on July 18th in the churchyard, there will be some (unled) Mossy Church activities for any families who come.

So why not take a Mossy Moment this week and do a Minibeast hunt of your own. Perhaps you might make a bug hotel like we did using flower pots filled with natural sticks, leaves and objects, or perhaps do the Butterfly Conservation Trust's butterfly count. Whatever you do, why not be like George Bear and get stuck in to nature - bee costume optional!

ps. Thanks to everyone who donated pots and sticks!"



sheltering under her shell and many many more minibeasts. Such small wonders and such big opportunity to pause and think about their lives and ours and our Creator.

We were delighted to welcome our local Bee Keeping friend Helen to join us. The families were all fascinated by the hive and the smoker which calms the bees.

ST GEORGE'S WILTON
MOSSY CHURCH
on the Wildside

EXPLORE: WOODLAND, MEADOWS & HABITATS
 ENGAGE: FARM & WILD ANIMALS, NATURE & CAMPFIRE 25TH AUGUST
 CONNECT: OTHER FAMILIES, CREATION & THE CREATOR 10AM-1PM
 EMAIL: FAMILIES@STGCHURCH.CO.UK

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BOOK FROM 18/7/21
 FREE EVENT BUT OPTIONAL DONATIONS TAKEN FOR OUR HOSTS WILDSIDE EXPERIENCES



St George's Wilton

PHYSICAL FUN

With **Stay & Play**

WED 14TH JULY

Join us in the park for some Physical Fun! Bring a drink and a snack and let's have fun together!
Wed 14th July 10 - 11am

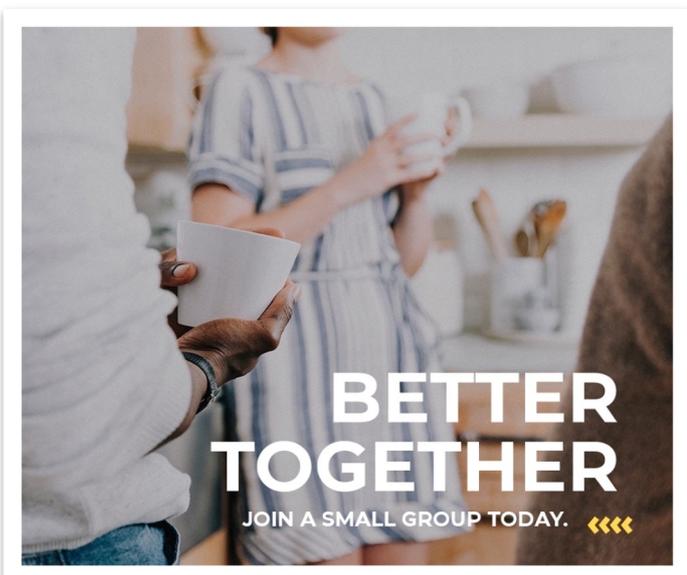
Email: office@stgchurch.co.uk

We're managing to fit in one more session of fun before the Summer Holidays begin.



Spaces are limited so let us know if you'd like a place by messaging us on our Facebook page or emailing the Church Office.

WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 10-11AM



BETTER TOGETHER

JOIN A SMALL GROUP TODAY. <<<>>>



St George's Wilton

KNIT & NATTER

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY
7.30-9PM
ON ZOOM

A RELAXED & INFORMAL SOCIAL GROUP FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES IN THE PARISH & SURROUNDING AREAS. ALL CRAFTS OR NONE WELCOME JUST COME FOR A CHAT!
MEETING ON ZOOM

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

A Note From **Your Administrator**

Ok, so I am doing a little nudge to see if God is calling any of you to step forward and give to the church in a different way....

I am in the process of putting together the rota for the next few months ahead (yes I did say that terrible word 'rota' - ooh, it's even painful to type the word!) and it dawned on me that we have some lovely new Church members that have joined our church family through these pandemic times that may feel that they would like to get a bit more involved. (An Administrator can hope can't she??)

If you are new, or maybe you feel as though you're part of the fixtures and fittings of the church and now feel you'd like to....do you fancy doing a reading or the

prayers for us one week? You can choose to do it ononly at the in church service, or maybe you'd be happier doing the online service or even both! But it would be great to welcome you to the readings and intercessions team. Variety is the spice of life they say and having a variety of people is really nice for us all—having different faces, different voices, And the more on the team, the less often it is too—win win!!

So have a think. Pray about it and if you would like to give in this way, then do get in touch and let me know.

Or maybe you have other gifts that you would like to share and let us know about? Who knows what the Lord maybe calling you to do. Let's listen and pray!

Bethan

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DIARY DATES

SUN 11th From 9.45am

Online Sunday Service

10.00am

CW Holy Communion

11.30am

Zoom Coffee Catch

MON 12th

9.00pm

Compline Service on Zoom

WED 14th

10.00-11.00am

Stay & Play in Vivary Park

THURS 15th

10.00am -12.00pm

Open Church for Prayer

SAT 17th

9.30am—12.30pm

Churchyard Gardening

10.00am

CW Holy Communion

11.30am

Zoom Coffee Catch

FUTURE DATES

SUN 18TH—Outdoor Worship Service

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

STROLL FOR THE SOUL

Thursday 22 July - 10.15am assemble at church porch, for walking at 10.30am—more info in next week's NB!

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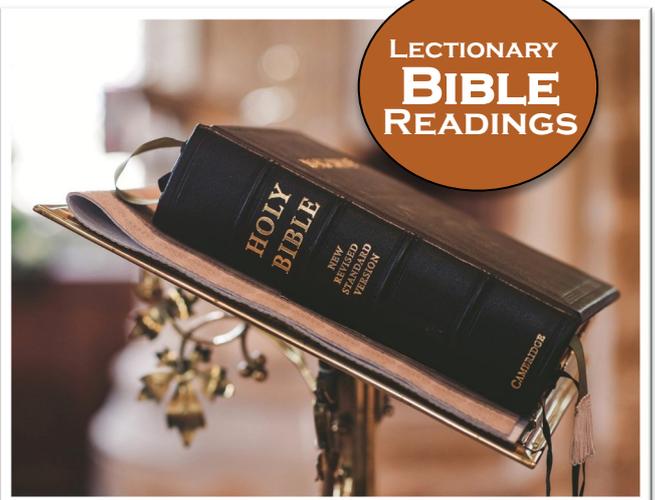
Churchyard

Yes it's that time of the month again already, time to get out those gardening tools, get those gardening gloves on and join us for some soul filling churchyard gardening. A great way to get your exercise for body and mind and we love the sense of community it brings as we lovingly care for our beautiful churchyard. There are lots of little tasks to keep this churchyard looking loved. Come along for an hour or for the whole session. 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.

Hope to see you there!

Saturday 17th July 9.30am to 12.30pm

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 next 2 Sundays.

Sunday 11th July

Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:14-29

Sunday 18th July

Ephesians 2:11-end and Mark 6:30-34, 53 – end

ST GEORGE'S
Prayer Space



Prayers this week

Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit working among us that we might tell "The word of Truth" and live the Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God we pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people especially the Royal Family. We pray for all still affected by the Coronavirus and for a new determination to end the Pandemic which brings with it so much fear, heartache and suffering. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for our community, especially for those who feel excluded, exploited or ignored and for all who are still unable to resume normal level of employment because of the Pandemic's able to effect on tourism. Help us, your people, to work together to build a community which is as open and generous as your love, shown to us in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

And so Heavenly Father we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

In Loving Memory

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; We pray now for those who have recently died and those-bereaved by their passing We pray for

*George Williams, Margaret Ross,
Keith McPherson, Roland Clark, Rita
Dyer*

whose anniversaries fall in the next few days.

Amen

In Memoriam

Our beautiful flowers today are in loving memory of Helen Price's sister **Eileen Lord**, your love reaches beyond the grave. *At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us.*
Amen

The Collect for Sunday 11th July

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

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

Grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end



To join, email office@stgchurch.co.uk