



FROM SUNDAY 31st MAY to SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2021

A Note From **Your Vicar**

What makes a community 'Christian' or not? Ultimately, it's the presence of God, but sometimes people imagine it's a place where nobody disagrees or has different opinions. But God doesn't make uniform robots. So peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, truth and grace in the whole community. This is a bit heavier than I normally attempt in a News Board piece. This is because at last week's APCM, I shared some difficult news which needs a wider audience than the few that were present at the meeting.

During my predecessor's tenure in the interregnum and now I've arrived, my team has received some critical letters which were not signed. Generally these letters address some of the choices (for example of music, and forms of address) we've made in the services and work of the church. I like getting constructive feedback; it helps, tells me that people care, grows community and makes us stronger. As the new Vicar here, I want to build a culture and life that invites conversation, thought and prayer. But the difficulty of unsigned letters is that dialogue is impossible; there is no right of reply. I actually believe the author(s) want to contribute and have gifts to bring, but I must say that these letters do not contribute to our life together, but only wound and sap energy.

In Matthew 18, Jesus gives a pattern of dealing with conflict: - speak with the person, if they refuse, take someone with you to discuss the matter, but if there is still disagreement involve the leadership of the church. This is to be the pattern for our community, and so in future any unsigned letters will be not be read but will be shredded on receipt. If you feel nervous talking with me, please talk with the Churchwardens, Bethan or another member of the PCC to help; we want to hear your perspective.

I am praying for my friends who wish to remain unknown.

God bless,

Nick



The Bible Readings for these two Sundays are:

Sunday 30th May

Romans 8:12-17;

John 3:1-17

Sunday 6th June

2 Corinthians 4:13—5.1;

Mark 3:20—end



It's half term next week which means a time for family and a time to refresh the batteries. Rev Nick will be back from hibernation from Monday 6th and I will be just taking a couple of days -Thursday and Friday but "normal" service will resume on Monday 7th June. So get your brollies ready for Thursday!

Bethan

ST GEORGE'S **Good News**



Doesn't she look super in her new Mayoral robes.

CONGRATULATIONS SUE!!

Our Sue is the new Mayor of Taunton for the next two years. We are so proud and privileged to have you in our Church family Sue. You are going to do an amazing job.

Sue said in her speech that she wants to bring smiles to our faces after such a difficult year and to spend time and be alongside the volunteers - the unsung heroes in our town and the vulnerable. One of the comments on our Facebook page was *"You are just the right person to switch on the light as we approach the end of the pandemic tunnel....."* We couldn't agree more Sue. And let's hope you do actually get to switch on the town's Christmas lights in person this year! Please do pray for Sue as she takes on this role. Fantastic!

GRAVES INTO GARDENS OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S

We really hope you can join us for this outdoor service on **Friday 11th June at 7.30pm.**

We've all really missed singing our hearts out to the Lord and this is our safe way to gather together to do just that!

Rev Nick will be leading the service and taking us through some praise, prayers and some testimonies. We're delighted that the Awaken team can come along to help lead us in the worship so huge thanks to them for helping to make this

possible! So do come along to support this. It's hard to beat people gathered to worship together and boy have we missed it. So bring a brolly, bring a blanket, bring your voice (in tune or out of tune we don't care!) and bring a friend. Let's worship the Lord together.

FRIDAY 11TH JUNE @7:30PM

GRAVES
into
Gardens

OUTSIDE
ST GEORGES CHURCH,
TAUNTON, TA1 3JT

AN HOUR OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE
HOSTED BY @PURSUITPRAYER, @WORSHIPAWAKEN
& ST GEORGES, OPEN TO ALL AGES AND PEOPLE TO ATTEND.
For more info check out St Georges Church Wilton or Awaken.

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ST GEORGE'S **Charity Information**



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.

Sunday 30th May is our last week for our collection to Christian Aid if you are coming to the in church service, please do donate through the retiring collection.

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

If you are worshiping 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/>



From **Sunday 6th June** our charity collection will change to A Rocha.

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

St George's **Small Groups**



We are so thrilled at the response we have had so far and for those of you who got in touch asking to be part of one of our small groups, if we haven't already then someone will be in touch VERY soon!

We're hoping our bible study based groups will be starting to meet in June and we cannot wait to share more details very soon about some walking based activity discipleship groups that we will be starting up so watch this space!

So if you're reading this and you have not yet come forward to join a group and would really like to join us, then get in touch!

We will be looking at a variety of ways of being able to engage as many of you as we can. Some may be on Zoom, some may be in person. Just let us know what would work for you and we'll see what we can do! So don't delay—join in today! :)



ST GEORGE'S



ST GEORGE'S DIARY DATES

SUN 30th	From 9.45am Online Sunday Service 10.00am CW Holy Communion 11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch
MON 31st	9.00pm Compline Service on Zoom
THURS 3rd	10.00am -12.00pm Open Church for Prayer
SUN 6th	From 9.45am Online Sunday Service 10.00am CW Holy Communion 11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch
MON 7th	9.00pm Compline Service on Zoom
WED 9th	10.00am Mini Mossy Church Teddy Bear's P-picnic
THURS 10th	10.00am -12.00pm Open Church for Prayer
FRI 11th	7.30pm Graves into Gardens Outdoor Worship for all

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Mini Mossy Church TEDDY BEAR ADVENTURE FOR 0-5'S



EXPLORE WITH CREATION ENGAGE WITH CREATION CONNECT WITH CREATOR

A one off Teddy Bear Adventure in the St George's churchyard. Mini Mossy Church, and mascot 'George' bear, welcomes children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers to this beary fun adventure to explore creation together.

This outdoor, distanced session will include a bear hunt, nature sensory play, action rhymes, bear tales, teddy den building and much more! Come prepared with your own small teddy or toy to build a den for as well as a picnic blanket or chair for your household.

Register your FREE place at <https://minimossychurchteddybear.eventbrite.co.uk>

ST GEORGE'S
Prayer Space

Prayers for
Trinity Sunday



To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us in His own image;
To God the Son who loved us, and washed away our Sins in his own Blood;
To God the Holy Spirit, who spreads the Love of God abroad in our hearts, We raise our prayers to you.

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Bishop Peter and Bishop Ruth and for all who teach and guard the faith ...

May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Father God we pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them ... Give them all a desire to work for international unity which seeks to halt the threat of war and terrorism, for ways to ensure that all nations have full access to the Covid vaccine and that the common good of all humanity be served by their efforts. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Son of God we pray for our church and its role in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit and for all those who live, work and visit here once restrictions are lifted. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Spirit of God we pray for those who do not believe, and for those of hesitant belief. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you, the very Spirit of life. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God we pray for those weighed down with grief, fear or sickness. May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing. We especially raise before you now, those on our hearts. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord of the Church, hear our prayers, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

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

The Collect for Sunday 30th May

Holy God,
Faithful and unchanging;
Enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

The Collect for Sunday 6th June

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

Grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end


ST GEORGE'S

Compline
Mondays @9pm

To join, email office@stgchurch.co.uk

In Loving Memory

Loving God we give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with them and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word of Life Eternal fulfilled through your son Jesus Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

We especially pray for.....

*Margaret McPherson,
Norma Clark, Norman Dunford,
Joan Hartland and Reg Moyle*

whose anniversaries falls this fortnight
God of all comfort, hear our prayer

Amen

