



SUNDAY 27th JUNE & SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021

A Note From

Your Vicar

I love this time of year. The heat, the light and long days give me a great sense of energy and purpose – it's like my body is saying 'it's still light at 10.00pm what else can I do!'

Alongside the months of the year the church has its own calendar which maps from Advent to Pentecost the development and journey of the Christian faith. It also tends to reflect the season of the time too – so Advent is in the storm of November; the light of Christmas in the depths of winter and the new life of Easter bursts out as the spring flowers begin showing their colours. But before the story resets itself again each year, we're in my favourite time of year – something called 'ordinary time'. I love it because it's a steady time of year – neither too 'up' or too 'down' – just a part of the ordinary cycle of life without too much drama. This reflects the pattern of the scriptures too for although the grand events of the story are narrated and reflected on richly there are long stretches of time when the people of God just get on with what they've been called to do already. The prophet Micah, says

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

In politics they say that the world is changed, not by the noisiest ones but by people who show up. Or as my Dad would say, 'Got to get on with it'. This week our first new small group begins and I am thrilled that Janet Hall will be leading our 'Stroll for the Soul' walking group. I've been particularly impressed by how she has organised it; setting a date, a route and inviting people along. It's not noisy or flashy; it won't raise millions for charity or solve world hunger but it's ordinary time spent together, saying 'what does God require of us?'

Quietly, calmly and ordinary this is how God uses his people to change the world.

God bless,

Nick



OUR FOOTPRINTS WALKING GROUP TAKES IT'S FIRST STEPS—SATURDAY 3RD JULY

Do come along for the first of our Footprint walks on Saturday 3rd July at 10am.

Walk across the beautiful Quantock Hills and see for yourself why they are classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Quantock Hills are an area of wilderness and tranquillity. Panoramic views lead you through coast, heath and combe. Explore and you will find rocky Jurassic coastline, exposed heathland summits, deep wooded combes, undulating farmland and attractive villages all within this protected landscape. What a perfect place to be contemplating, sharing thoughts and talking about God.

Meeting at 10am at the Crowcombe Park Gate car park, we'll do a circular 3 mile walk into the top of Great Wood and back along the ridge. There will be some 'up and down' on the hills but we'll take it easy with time for conversation, fellowship and contemplation! Bring water, snacks and a flask if you would like to.

If you would like to come please get in touch with Nick Oliver on nickoliver36@me.com.

A Note From **Your Administrator**

Ok, so here we go folks....attempting a break away...what will the weather do for us this time? You'll be able to see what the weather did for us in the online prayers on the 4th—all I'll say is we're just grateful for the break. It's been wonderful having something to look forward to—always nice to have that isn't it!

So the Church Office will be closed until **Monday 5th July** hence this being a double edition News Board.



Speaking of which, just a reminder that if you have any articles that you would like us to share in News Board, do let us know by **Wednesday at 12pm** to make sure it can get into the week's edition.

Remember we always like to hear of happy stories,

St GEORGE'S **Charity Information**



Sunday 27th June is the last Sunday were we will be taking a collection for A Rocha, before we move onto our next Charity collection.

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.

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

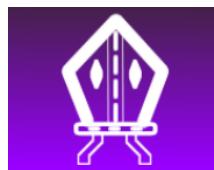
favourite verses, things that help you to keep a smile on your face. Talking of which I shall leave you with this one, brought to us this week by our Treasurer John—thanks for this one John—this has been one of my favourites of yours :)

Have a great week folks and I'll see you when I'm back with tales to tell no doubt!!

We are still battling Covid 19 and the next thing is here already.
The NILE Virus, type C
Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C
It appears to target those who were born between 1940 and 1970
Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same message twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank message.
3. Causes you to send a message to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND
8. Causes you to SEND when you should DELETE

It is called the C-NILE virus!
And if you can't admit to doing the above you've obviously caught the mutated strain, the D-NILE virus.



Bishop
Henderson
CEVA Primary

On Sunday 4th July we will taking a collection to pay for Bishop Henderson Primary School Leavers Bibles.

Each year we like to make sure that each child who leaves our Church School - Bishop Henderson - has a Bible to take with them as they move on to Secondary School. So, for the first two Sundays of July, 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. Our contribution needed this year £187.42.

May we also pray for these leavers. Another very difficult year for these students with so much interruption, uncertainty and anxiety. Let us pray that this next chapter in their lives will be easier as they take their next steps into secondary



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MOSSY CHURCH MINIBEAST EVENT IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCHYARD

TWO FREE 1 HOUR SESSIONS ON 3RD JULY 2021

MINI MOSSY CHURCH
FOR 0-5'S @ 9.30AM
ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE...
REAL MINIBEAST HUNT
INSECT RHYMES & STORIES
BUG HOTEL BUILDING
INSECT SENSORY ART
ACTION GAMES
MEET A LOCAL BEE KEEPER

LIVE INSECTS FROM THE BIBLE!



PLACES ARE LIMITED TO COMPLY WITH COVID GUIDELINES & MUST BE BOOKED FOR BOTH SESSIONS. OUTDOORS & SOCIALLY DISTANCED.

MOSSY CHURCH
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 6-14@ 11AM
ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE...
REAL MINIBEAST HUNT
BUG HUNT TRAIL
MEET A REAL LOCAL BEE KEEPER
GAMES & PUZZLES
NATURE CLAY CRAFTS
BUG HOTEL MAKING

LIVE INSECTS FROM THE BIBLE!

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FOR THE 0-5'S SESSION
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FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 6-14 YEARS

At the moment, there seems to be a hurry in the air to get our gardens, parks and outside spaces ready to enjoy and spend time in. Mowers buzz, strimmers whizz and trimmers clip. Nature is no different, the bees are ever busy collecting nectar for their hive, and ants like the ones pictured are marching along to collect food and raise their young. Our minds are especially focussed on Minibeasts as we prepare to welcome more families to join us on July 3rd for our two Minibeast sessions (Book your free place now!). Also, as we write, National Insect Week is coming to a close! Did you do anything to get involved with it?

Taking time to explore, engage and connect with creation is really important and something we at Mossy Church want to help families to do, but does it always mean always going slow or stopping? No! We can also be encouraged by the busyness of creation. Not to be overwhelmed, not to overload, but to be inspired by the hard work, the diligence and perseverance shown by our wonderful insect neighbours. The Bible verses from proverbs give examples of some of the creatures who live this way. I wonder what creatures you can notice who are hard at work in their little lives? Is there an area you want to put some welly into?

With the Summer term well into full swing in schools and businesses re-opening, gardeners gardening, and careworkers caring, let's join in the bustle of nature too and find encouragement from the teeny tiny armies under our feet and buzzing around us in the air!"

Mossy Church Moment

On Facebook search @mossychurchstgswilton

"There are four things on earth that are small but unusually wise:
Ants—they aren't strong,
but they store up food all summer.
Hyraxes—they aren't powerful,
but they make their homes among the rocks.
Locusts—they have no king,
but they march in formation.
Lizards—they are easy to catch,
but they are found even in kings' palaces"

Proverbs 30v24-28

EXPLORE ~ ENGAGE ~ CONNECT



Do you have any small plant pots and or a few bamboo canes (can be small sections) to spare? If so, please can you either email the office or bring them to the office/vicarage steps by Monday 28th June. They will be used by the Mossy Church team to enable the families make individual bug hotels at our Minibeast event on the 3rd July.

Thank you!



LOOK WHAT'S BACK!

For 2 sessions before the Summer Holiday, Stay & Play are meeting first on the **7th July** from 10-11am for some fun in the churchyard! And then some physical fun in the park on the **14th**.

You'll need to book so get in touch for more info!

St George's **Events**

We just thought we'd let you know about some things on the very near horizon....

In Person More Tea Vicar

Nick and Bryony have had the first In Person 'More Tea Vicar', welcoming some of our newer members into their beautiful Vicarage garden and giving a warm welcome to the Church family. We have been blessed to welcome so many new people that a second 'welcome' event will follow in July. The hope is to try to have some more of these events for those of you who have not had a chance to meet with them yet due to the Covid restrictions, as well as the wider church family and groups. With numbers limited, it will take some time to meet everyone and we are still working out the best way to do this. Watch this space for future More Tea Vicar-vicarage Teas!

Outside Worship—Sunday 18th July 11.15am

Save the date - at 11.15am (after the 10am service in the church) there will be an additional outdoor service with a more contemporary feel.
With the positive response to Graves in to Gardens we are excited to be worshipping again outdoors together. More details to follow soon.



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DIARY DATES

SUN 27th	From 9.45am Online Sunday Service 10.00am CW Holy Communion 11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch 9.00PM Compline Service on Zoom
MON 28th	
THURS 1st	10.00am -12.00PM Open Church for Prayer
SAT 3rd	9.30am For Under 5's 11.00am for 6-14yrs Mossy Church MiniBeasts Event Meet at 10.00am Footprints on the Quantocks
SUN 4th	From 9.45am Online Sunday Service 10.00am CW Holy Communion 11.30am Zoom Coffee Catch
MON 5th	9.00PM Compline Service on Zoom
WED 7th	10.00-11.00am Stay & Play in Churchyard
THURS 8th	10.00am -12.00PM Open Church for Prayer
FUTURE DATES	
THURS 14TH—Stay and Play—Physical Fun in Vivary Park	
SAT 17TH—Churchyard Gardening	
SUN 18TH—Outdoor Worship Service	

CATCH
**SUNDAY'S
SERMON**
ONLINE!

Find it at

www.stgchurch.co.uk
or on our YouTube channel and FaceBook Page

George's wife,
LADIES
ZOOM SOCIAL

Knit & Natter

WEDNESDAY 30th June
7.30 - 9 PM

FOR ALL ABILITIES,
CRAFTS & NONE

A RELAXED & INFORMAL
SOCIAL GROUP FOR LADIES
OF ALL AGES IN THE PARISH
& SURROUNDING AREAS

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

LECTORY
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 27th June

2 Corinthians 8:7-end and Mark 5:21-end

Sunday 4th July

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13

ST GEORGE'S

Prayer Space

Prayers this week

Everlasting God we are gathered together in love and fellowship, hear us now as we bring before you our cares and our needs. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Lord God, we give you thanks for our church here in Wilton. We pray for all who minister and preach and who enlarge and enrich our understanding of God and help us to respond to his love. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we pray for Christians working in places of power and influence who make decisions which affect the lives of so many people. We ask you to bless those who work in politics, in the media, in advertising and in the financial markets. May they all know what to say and how to act for the benefit of all people and at all times to be true and faithful to you.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God we pray for those whom we love, family and friends who are the special people in our lives wherever they may be. We pray for their hopes, their fears, their problems and their needs but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they give and mean to us. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we have laid before you our concerns and now we offer you our thanks and praise for all the blessings and gifts you lavish on us. In the weeks ahead help us to keep the faith as deeply and passionately as Jairus and the woman at the lake. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

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

Prayers for our Street Pastors

On Saturday 26th June it is St George's turn to pray for our Street Pastors as they go out on patrol on our town streets. Please pray for the safety of the Street Pastors, their interaction with the people they meet and for the places where they visit and for Street Pastors as they share the love of Christ to all they meet on the Taunton town streets. Thank You!



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

The Collect for Sunday 27th June

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

The Collect for Sunday 4th July

Almighty God, send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

In Loving Memory

Merciful God, into your caring hands we commit those who have died and we pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. For this fortnight we pray for and remember...

**Roger Colwill, Dora Wyatt,
Jennifer Petty, Pete Monument
Peter Haggett, Andrew Libby,
Win Bowden, Fred Turner, Ron
Gibbs, Donald Russell and
Barbara Palmer**

whose anniversaries fall in the next few days.

Lord give them comfort
Amen

