

# RECTOR'S UPDATE

This June we are vacating St George's Church building for three weeks whilst the decorators come in to decorate the inside of the church. The money for this comes from our 2015 gift day, which enabled us to renew the radiators and the sound system over the last couple of years. We are grateful to the will of John Roberts who died last year, as he kindly left £2000 towards the redecoration work, which we received this week. Thank you John and Lesley!



This means that for Sundays June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> St George's will be in exile and meeting in a number of different locations around the town at different times to normal. On each of these Sundays, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8am in George's Place in the Hayloft. There will be no evening services whilst we are out of our building. We return to St George's on June 24<sup>th</sup> for our normal programme and Gift Day.

If you live outside of Stamford, one way of using this time out of our building could be to visit your local village church to see what is going in and encourage the believers in that place. Steve Simcox may be out in a place near where you live and there could be an opportunity to support him, or do something as a small group or missional community on one of the first three Sundays in June. Talk to Steve if you or your group have any plans like this.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, our main Sunday gathering will be at the Boy's School Hall on St Paul's Street at 10:30am. Both of these services will be All Age.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> The Number 1 Project.** A deliberate play on words (number 1 Cheyne Lane), but actually looking at 2Corinthians 4:5 *'For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.'*

**June 10<sup>th</sup> Building for Eternity.** An encouragement to keep an eternal perspective and not be distracted by what does not last forever, even whilst we live in a physical world. *'So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.'* 2Corinthians 4:18

We are very grateful to the Boy's School for letting us use their hall. They have exams on the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> so our plan is to move again to St John's at the end of the High Street (opposite Dawson's Jewellers and Ask) for a 10:30 service, with full children's work going on at George's Place. Children's will start in George's Place, so parents are to deliver them before coming to St John's.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> Home and Away.** (St John's). This is not about moving around various buildings in Stamford, but the tension of Christian experience between being at home in the earthly body, but away from the Lord. Paul's desire was to be away from the earthly body and at home with the Lord. His goal was always to please God, because he knew that one day we all have to give an account to Him. 2Corinthians 5:1-10.

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Gift Day** in the redecorated St George's (9:15, 11 and 6:30).

**Ambassadors for Christ.** As we make our gifts towards the Number One Project, we remember that our ultimate aim is to make Jesus Christ known. We must always see people through buildings. Our buildings are places where we can share Christ with others. *'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.'* 2Corinthians 5:20

I will write again with more information about the gift day in the very near future. In the meantime, let us enjoy the adventure of meeting in different ways over the next month or so.

Blessings,

# JUNE SERMON SERIES

<b>Morning</b>	<b>8am in George's Place</b> BCP Communion on 3rd, 10th and 17th June	
June 3	<b>10.30am in Stamford Boys School Hall</b> All Age - Number 1 Project 2 Corinthians 4: 5	Martyn Taylor
June 10	All Age - Building for Eternity 2 Corinthians 4: 18	Martyn Taylor
June 17	<b>10.30am in St John's Stamford (tbc)</b> Home and Away 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10	Ian Ward (tbc)

## NO EVENING SERVICES ON 3RD, 10TH AND 17TH JUNE

June 24	<b>Morning - 9.15 &amp; 11am in St George's</b> Gift Day - Ambassadors for Christ 2 Corinthians 5: 11-6: 2	Martyn Taylor
June 24	<b>Evening - 6.30pm in St George's</b> Gift Day - Ambassadors for Christ 2 Corinthians 5: 11-6: 2	Martyn Taylor

## First Friday Prayers

Come and pray in our  
new building

1st June, 7-30-8.30pm  
in 1 Cheyne Lane

No coffee  
(and no toilets!)

## Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Newcomers to St George's are invited for a light lunch on Sunday 3rd June at 12pm in George's Place, 28B St Mary's Street.

This is an opportunity for those who may be new to St George's to meet the staff team and wardens. Invitations are available at the back of church.