

*Worshipping, Pioneering, Caring
'Growing God's Kingdom'*



**This week's news
for St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon
2 February 2020**

CANDLEMAS

No Optional Extra

WELCOME

**We welcome Brian as our organist at St George's, while
Paula is on placement over the next few weeks**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Bruce or one of our Churchwardens, (Mike or Sylvia at St George's) (Jonathan or Hans at St Margaret's) or the welcomers. Please join us for coffee in the small hall after the 10.30am service. Both churches are fitted with an inductive loop; to hear the service better, those with hearing aids should switch them to the appropriate setting.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

10.30am	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Sylvia E
	Chalice	Sylvia & Linda
	Servers	Linda & Jayne +
	Intercessions	Sylvia C
	Readers	Joceline & Dot
	JAM	Lorraine & David
	Welcomers	Darrell & Glenda
	Coffee	Stella & Glenice
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's with prayers for healing	
	Readers	Lorraine or Pete, Derek
	Intercessions	Jonathan

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

304	I come with joy
420	Lord, thy word abideth
582	Restore, O Lord the honour of your name
574	Purify my heart
755	Ye holy angels bright

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

Patricia Weaver, Philip Brain, Joyce Evans, Marion Slater,
Eileen Stevens RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Leslie Stevens, William Morgan, Julie Hands, Martyn Gabb,
Albert Gardiner, Richard Russell, Constance Jones,
Lily Alderton, Mark Jones, Doreen Sharp, Doreen Parish,
Eunice Booker, Edward Cripps, Doris Spirit, John Cole,
Hilda Dennis, Eileen Critchley.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Whittle 5th, Susan Wilbur 9th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

1st calling at St George's of –
Luke Simon Carter & Krystal Leigh Davenport

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"Now I can die content, for I have seen your salvation"
(Simeon, Luke 2:29)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- All attending in Alpha, for the joy of your salvation
- All involved in Wynstone's school following its sudden closure
- All working to contain the Coronavirus, and all affected by it
- Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Joan King has **A MOTOR SCOOTER** never used. Please see Bruce for details.

RED RIDING HOOD:

This is St George's Entertainers' pantomime for 2020. Glenda and I have tickets all ready for you to purchase: £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. Red Riding Hood will be presented on Friday 21 February at 7.30pm and Saturday 22 February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. We will be supporting the James Hopkins Trust again this year from the panto's profits. See the posters for more information and don't forget to see us for your tickets. Darrell and Glenda

ELECTORAL ROLL:

The Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council (ACPM) will be held on Sunday, 19 April 2020 at 12.00noon. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Roll is not eligible to vote or be elected for the PCC. The Electoral Roll will be displayed on the notice board from Sunday, 15 March 2020 until the 12 April 2020. If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from myself or the table at the back of church. Completed forms to be handed to myself, Glenda or a Churchwarden no later than Sunday 12 April 2020. Margaret Barber (Electoral Roll Officer)

HOMELESS KIT DROP:

Gloucestershire Scouts are supporting the homeless community in a bid to help eradicate homelessness. One of the charities supported is Gloucester City Mission. If you are able to help by donating any of the items found on the list on the noticeboard they would be gratefully received. Please drop any donations off to Gareth at Cubs, Beavers or Scouts on Tuesday or Thursday before 8 February. Thank you.
For more information visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk.

SOUL SPACE:

Next Sunday afternoon, the second of our new monthly worship for all ages at St George's at 3.30pm followed by refreshments – come, try, enjoy!

WE'RE ALL INVITED TO ALPHA:

For food, chat and talks to make you think – Mondays, 7.00pm at English Martyrs Church.
Message 07729 615993 or email tufflepioneer@gmail.com

WHAT'S GOING ON?

If you're aware of local events that will interest others please give the office details to share in our weekly news.

Our list of **Reputable local traders** is now available on request from Glenda. Please do add to it for others' benefit.

HAPPENINGS!

If you know of anything happening at St George's, St Margaret's or for that matter in the local community and you would like to advertise it in church on a Sunday morning or in Signpost or Crossroads: Just let Darrell know at ds52604@gmail.com or on 01452 410507

FOODBANK:

Five items in need of: - Long Life Fruit Juice (not chilled), Tinned Potatoes (priority) Tinned custard, tinned Ready Meals, Instant Mash. Many thanks for your help in donating.

LOOKING AHEAD: FEBRUARY:

- Mon 10 Open the Book at Grange
with Hans, Mike & Laura *The Widow's Coins*
- Tue 11 9.00am Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am Parish Communion at St George's
2.30pm Mothers' Union – SH
7.15pm Deanery Synod at Holy Trinity, Longlevens
- Thu 13 March Crossroads deadline
8.15am Morning Prayer – V
10.30am Parish Communion at St Margaret's
- Fri 14 9.30am Friday Group – SL
- Sun 16 **2.30pm Faith & Light at English Martyrs**
- Tue 18 1.30pm Crematorium funeral
for the late Marion Slater RIP

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12.00noon

We are part of the Church in Tuffley, working in partnership
with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic) and Grange (Baptist)

V=Vicarage, MH=Main Hall, SH=Small Hall,
SL=Softley Lounge, O=Office

TODAY

11.45am	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 3

10.00am	Speakability – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Sue - <i>Everyone gets the same</i>
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.00pm	Rainbows – SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
7.00pm	Alpha at English Martyrs-See page 2 for details
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 4

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
3.00pm	Committal at the Gloucester Crematorium for the late Eileen Stevens RIP
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.15pm	Filling Station "getting closer to God in praise and being open to his Holy Spirit" at Whitminster School. Details on St George's noticeboard.
7.30pm	No Yoga until 3 March owing to illness – SH

WEDNESDAY 5

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
7.00pm	St George's Singing Group practice

THURSDAY 6

8.15am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
11.15am	Open the Book at Harewood with Lorraine, Dianne, Helen & Jenny <i>A Long Journey</i>
4.00pm	Pastoral Group meeting - V

FRIDAY 7

9.30am	Friday Group – SL
pm	Diocese set up for Saturday meeting
7.30pm	Entertainers – MH

SATURDAY 8

10.00am	'Liturgy, Creativity & Inclusion' Diocese meeting until 4.00pm
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SUNDAY 9

	Coffee & Cake Sale after the 10.30am service
3.30pm	Soul Space at St George's

SUNDAY 9 – 3 before LENT

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Jenny
	Psalm	Jenny
	Intercessions	Rosie
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Jonathan
	Chalice	Jonathan & Roger
	Servers	Roger & Mark +
	Intercessions	Rosie
	Readers	Lynne & Sarah
	JAM	Helen & Dianne
	Welcomers	Jayne & Linda
	Coffee	Dianne & Anne

Readings: Year A

Isaiah 58:1-9a;
Psalm 112;
1 Corinthians 2:1-12;
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday readings 2 February 2020

No Optional Extra!

Malachi 3 The Coming Messenger

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Lord no-one can stand alone in your holy presence. Thank you that Jesus stands with us. Amen

Psalm 24 The King of Glory

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, **the world, and those who live in it;**

² for he has founded it on the seas **and established it on the rivers.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? **And who shall stand in his holy place?**

⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, **who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD, **and vindication from the God of their salvation.**

⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, **who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! **that the King of glory may come in.**

⁸ Who is the King of glory? **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! **that the King of glory may come in.**

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

O Lord of Hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, Your Son, Jesus our Redeemer. Amen

Hebrews 2 The High Priest who suffered for us

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because

he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lord Jesus thank you for becoming our 'brother'; for enduring death to set us free from the dread of death and to strengthen us through every ordeal of life. Amen

Luke 2 Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Lord help us to live by continuously 'seeing' your salvation, so rejoicing and gladly telling all who will hear. Amen

Going Deeper

What did the law of Moses have to say about purification rights once a woman gave birth? (Leviticus 12:1-8)

Why did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord? (Exodus 13:15)

Mary & Joseph offered a sacrifice according to the law.

• In view of Leviticus 12:8 how wealthy do you think they were?

Simeon's song is used at Evensong.

• What is the Latin name given to Simeon's song?

V34 Joseph was the head of the household so having been led to the Temple by the Holy Spirit why do you think Simeon addressed Mary rather than Joseph?

Simeon prophesied 'this child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

• Which group of people or individuals do you think Simeon was referring to?