

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



**This week's news
for St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon
12 January 2020**

BAPTISM OF CHRIST / EPIPHANY 1

Beloved by God

WELCOME

Today we welcome Paula as our preacher

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:

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 with St George's Singing Group	
	Deacon	Joceline
	Chalice	Joceline & Roger+
	Servers	Roger & Mark+
	Intercessions	Sarah
	Readers	Linda M & Derek
	JAM	Helen & Dianne
	Welcomers	Hilary & Laura
	Coffee	Sylvia & Mac

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

259 Hail to the Lord's anointed
216 God is Love: his the care
476 O Breathe of Life
H.C. River wash over me (choir) and
506 O let the Son of God enfold you
465 Name of all majesty

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

William Andrews, Angus Mackellar, Patricia Weaver,
Philip Brain RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Cyril Curtis, Ruby Hopson, Donald Underwood, Lily Yates,
Peter Shields, Doris Green, Brian Click, John Tarbox,
Keith Elias, Percy Judge, Charles Hawkins, Lionel Chiswell,
John Bullard, George Mitchell, Doreen Williams,
Walter Sparey, Margaret Gallo, Joan Middlecote,
Sheila Criddy, Andrew Winter, Ada Brown, Mervyn Evans.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"this is my beloved Son, with whom I'm well pleased"
(*Matthew 3:17*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- continuing reduction of tension in the middle-East
- all who feel lonely, fearful, or unloved
- us to live in the assurance that God loves and cherishes each one of us, and in the confidence to share his love with each one around us
- the Royal Family

PHASE ONE NEARLY DONE!

We hope everyone will enjoy the warmer, brighter and smarter Church Centre with its new windows, door and cladding. The outside painting in the spring will complete this phase. Then it's Phase Two as we attack the toilets! Thank you for your patience through disruption. And special thanks to Darrell for his sterling project-management including liaison with contractors and planning to minimise disruption.

OUR FREE GIFT TODAY!

The fifth in our collection of Pocket Prayers, "Prayer Journey". Enjoy the reflections, make the most of them, and if you find them helpful then do take another one next week to give to a friend. And maybe even, join a weekly prayer journey round the parish with Bruce! (just saying...)

LENT GROUPS 4US:

We will try our level best to find a time or times to suit everyone who's interested in taking part in a home group this Lent, starting first week in March. Please sign your name on sheet at back of church, by 26 January.

SOUL SPACE:

A new relaxed opportunity to worship and to explore our faith a little more deeply, followed by food - for all ages. Every month at 3.30pm on the Second Sunday of each month starting **TODAY**, at St George's. Be there! For more information, contact Helen the Tuffley Pioneer.

WE'RE ALL INVITED TO ALPHA

For food, chat and talks to make you think. Alpha starts 13th January, 7.00pm at English Martyrs Church.
Message 07729 615993 or email tuffleypioneer@gmail.com

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

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: JANUARY

- Mon 20 **Open the Book at Grange**
with Hans & Roger *The Greedy Farmer*
Crematorium funeral
for the late Philip Brain RIP at 3.00pm
Alpha course at EM - 7.00pm
- Tue 21 Coffee Pot – 9.00am – 11.30am - MH
Parish Communion – 9.30am
- Thu 23 **Morning Prayer – 8.15am – V**
Parish Communion – 10.30am – St Margaret's
Open the Book at Harewood
with Lorraine, Jenny, Roger & Sylvia
The Great Escape
- Fri 24 Friday Group – 9.30am - SL
Gardening Club – 7.30pm - MH
- Mon 27 **Open the Book at Grange**
with Hans, Jenny & David *The Unforgiving Servant*
Alpha course at EM – 7.00pm
- Thu 30 **Morning Prayer – 8.15am – V**
Parish Communion – 10.30am – St Margaret's
- Fri 31 Friday Group – 9.30am – SL
Quiet Prayer Group meets at 2.30pm
at Christchurch, Abbeydale

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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
3.30pm	Soul Space a new worship opportunity at St George's See page 2 for details

MONDAY 13

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Jenny <i>Tea at Auntie's House</i>
1.30pm	St George's funeral for the late Patricia Weaver RIP followed by burial at Coney Hill at 2.30pm
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 14

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.30am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
10.30am	Crematorium funeral for the late Angus Mackellar RIP
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
7.30pm	Yoga – SH

WEDNESDAY 15

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
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THURSDAY 16

8.15am	Morning Prayer – t.b.c.
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
7.30pm	Exploring the Bible – V

FRIDAY 17

7.30pm	Entertainers
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SATURDAY 18**SUNDAY 19**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
12.15pm	Music Makers at St George's

SUNDAY 19 – EPIPHANY 2

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Susan
	Chalice	Susan & Linda
	Servers	Linda & Jayne +
	Intercessions	Sylvia C
	Readers	Stuart & Sylvia E
	JAM	Lorraine & Pete
	Welcomers	Rose & Sue
	Coffee	Malcolm & Dot
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike
	Intercessions	Lorraine or Pete
		Lorraine

Readings: Year A

Isaiah 49:1-7;
Psalm 40;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9;
John 1:29-42

Sunday readings 12 January 2020

Beloved by God

Isaiah 42 The Servant of the Lord

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Jesus we thank you for your coming as a servant to heal and restore your people. Amen

Psalms 29 The voice of God thunders his Glory

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

2 Be in awe before the glory of his name; **worship the LORD in holy splendour.**

3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, **the LORD, over mighty waters.**

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

5 His great thunder topples the cedars; **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, **and Mount Zion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

8 **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; **and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the furious flood; **the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.**

11 This is the One who gives strength to his people! **this is the Lord giving us his kiss of peace!**

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever. Amen

Acts 10 Gentiles Hear the Good News

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Lord Jesus, may we never forget that you came to save all peoples, the weak as well as the strong the guilty as well as the righteous. Amen

Matthew 3 The Baptism of Jesus

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' 15 But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Lord Jesus, beloved son of God, may we too remember that because of your life and death we also have become the beloved children of God. Amen

Going Deeper

Using water, John the Baptist baptised people who were repentant of their sins. As Jesus was sinless He didn't need John's baptism, but to fulfil prophesy in Daniel 9:24 Jesus submitted Himself to water baptism.

• Daniel 9:24 lists a number of benefits God brings about. Do you think Jesus' life on earth is reflected in these benefits?

The waters of baptism showed Jesus as the obedient, anointed Son of God who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

- What does being baptised in water mean to you?
- What difference does being baptised with the Holy Spirit mean to you?
- If you have gifts of the Holy Spirit what difference has this made to your walk with God and with people?
- If you haven't received the gifts the Holy Spirit brings, are you keen to? If so, see for example 1 Corinthians 12:8-13:3; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:7-16.
- Have you asked God to give you gifts of His Holy Spirit?
- How would you tell a relative or friend about the difference your baptism(s) make to your life?