

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



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

EPIPHANY 2

See and Tell

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	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
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St George's Today we welcome Matthew & Miles Saunders to the Lord's Family	
5.00pm	EVENSONG with prayers for healing at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Lorraine or Pete
	Intercessions	Lorraine

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

120 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
374 Just as I am, without one plea
625 Take my life, and let it be
412 Lord Jesus, think on me - (HC)
221 God is working his purpose out

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

Angus Mackellar, Patricia Weaver, Philip Brain, Joyce Evans
RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Sylvia Bell, John Webb, David Gillard, Linda Edwards,
Yvonne Halling, Edith Wilkinson, Bill Lane, Doris Lee,
Violet Badham Eve Stephens, Zacary Evans, Rachel Smith,
Ernest Creese Brian Ellis, Sylvia Barnard, John Hyett,
James Clark.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Joyce Evans RIP 26th.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"Here is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world" (John 1:29)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- Confidence and boldness to point to Jesus
- God's peace to grow in our hearts and lives and across our world
- All in Australia facing a hugely damaged environment
- All Christians in Tuffley, for unity in faith and hope and love

QUIET PRAYER GROUP:

We are a group of people from a number of different churches who meet about once a month to share a time of quiet prayer and contemplation together. The next meeting is at Christchurch, Abbeydale on Friday, 31 January at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

LENT GROUPS 4US:

The Pilgrim Way is our theme for Lent this year. Please see sample booklet at back of church; and do sign up for a home group at a time that suits you.

WE'RE ALL INVITED TO ALPHA

For food, chat and talks to make you think - 7.00pm at English Martyrs Church.
Message 07729 615993 or email tuffleypioneer@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.

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 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
St G's funeral for the late Joyce Evans at 2.00pm
followed by interment at St Margaret's at 3.00pm

Fri 31 Friday Group – 9.30am – SL
Quiet Prayer Group – 2.30pm – see page 2
Christchurch, Abbeydale

FEBRUARY:

Sat 1 Councillor Steve Morgan's Surgery – 10.00am - SL
Messy church - 10.00am
Private let of Centre - 4.30pm – 7.30pm

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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
2.30pm	Faith & Light at English Martyrs
6.00pm	Annual United Service at St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street – The Speaker is the Revd Richard Atkins – (BBC Radio Glos)

MONDAY 20

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Roger; <i>The Greedy Farmer</i>
3.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Philip Brain RIP
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 21

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.30am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
7.30pm	Yoga – SH

WEDNESDAY 22

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
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THURSDAY 23

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, Jenny, Roger & Sylvia; <i>The Great Escape</i>
4.30pm	Tuffley Festival planning at 12 Ryelands

FRIDAY 24

9.30am	Friday Group – SL
7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 25

SUNDAY 26

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 26 – EPIPHANY 3

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Lorraine or Pete Jill or Mike
	Psalm	Derek E
	Intercessions	Jonathan
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION followed by prayers for healing at St George's	
	Deacon	Sylvia C
	Chalice	Sylvia C & David
	Servers	David & Pat +
	Intercessions	Linda M
	Readers	Rosie & David
	JAM	Lorraine & Linda
	Welcomers	Sylvia & Bill
	Coffee	Margaret & Glenda

Readings: Year A

Isaiah 9:1-4;

Psalm 27;

1 Corinthians 1:10-18;

Matthew 4

Sunday readings 19 January 2020

See and Tell

Isaiah 49 The Lord's Special Servant

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

3 And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

4 But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.'

5 And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength

6 he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Thank You Lord for calling your servant Jesus to bring the light of your salvation to all the world who receive Him. Amen

Psalm 40 Joyful praise for deliverance, and prayer for continued help

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; **he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

4 Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, **who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. **Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, **but you have opened my ears and heart to you.** Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

7 Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; **see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

11 Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; **let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

12 For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; **they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord our God. As we offer our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, continue to keep us safe from all sin within and evil around. Amen

1 Corinthians 1 Greeting and thanksgiving

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind

6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you

7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you Lord for your grace in calling us to be saints, and your faithfulness in keeping us steady and strong till your coming. Amen

John 1

The Lamb of God

29 The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."

31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'

32 And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."

34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

Jesus' first followers

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?'
39 He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).

42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Father God thank you for sending Jesus as our sacrificial Lamb; and for enabling John the Baptist to 'see' and 'tell' this wonderful news that brings eternal Life. Help us to 'see and tell' too Lord! Amen

Going Deeper

In the Old Testament, when someone brought a lamb as a sacrifice, the priest would examine the lamb as to whether or not it was spotless. The priest didn't examine the person who brought the lamb. The lamb had to be perfect, not the one who brought it.

John identified Jesus as the 'Lamb of God'.

- What do you think that means for us when we stand before the judgement seat?

John, seeing the Spirit rest upon Jesus, knew this was 'the Son of God'.

- Think back through your life. What experience convinced you Jesus in the promised Messiah?

- This realisation helps form our story. Are you ready to share your story with family and friends?

John the Baptist had a very powerful ministry baptising in water repentant Jews. Two of John's disciples left him and followed this total stranger, Jesus.

- What do you think they were hoping to gain?