

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



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

EPIPHANY 3

Living in the Light

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:

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

- 163 Father, Lord of all creation
- 741 When we walk with the Lord
- 609 Songs of thankfulness and praise
- 144 (HC) Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 419 Lord, the light of your love is shining

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends
of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

James Clark, Louisa Gabb, Ernest Philips, Cyril Bevan,
David Dyer, David Wilkins, Ronald Jones, Sonny Fairclough,
Gladys Jones.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Joyce Evans RIP 26th.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"You who've spent your days shrouded in darkness can now say, we've seen a brilliant light" (*Matthew 4:16*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- Our new relationship with the European Union from 1 Feb
- All affected by the new Coronavirus in China, and all working to contain it
- All affected by leprosy and its stigma (26 Jan is World Leprosy Day)

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

Please take and enjoy using this the sixth in our series of eight Pocket Prayer booklets

JOYCE EVANS RIP:

If you have a particular memory you'd like to be mentioned at Joyce's funeral on Thursday, please contact Bruce

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

FILLING STATION EVENINGS:

"getting closer to God in praise and being open to his Holy Spirit". Next is Tuesday, 4 February, 7.15pm at Whitminster School. Details on St George's noticeboard.

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 off any donations to Gareth at Cubs, Beavers or Scouts on a Tuesday or a Thursday before 8 February. Thank you. For more information visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk.

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 – Mondays, 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: FEBRUARY:

- Mon 3 Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Sue & Dianne *Everyone gets the same* Alpha at English Martyrs at 7.00pm
- Tue 4 Coffee Pot from 9.00am until 11.00am
Parish Communion at 9.30am
- Wed 5 St George's Singing Group practice
- Thu 6 **Morning Prayer at 8.15am - V**
Parish Communion at St Margaret's at 10.30am
Open the Book at Harewood with Lorraine, Dianne, Helen & Jenny
A Long Journey
- Fri 7 Friday Group meet at 9.30am - SL
Diocese set up for Saturday meeting
- Sat 8 'Liturgy, Creativity & Inclusion'
Gloucester Diocese meeting at St George's from 10.00am until 4.00pm
- Sun 9 **Parish Communion at St Margaret's at 9.00am**
Parish Communion with St George's Singing Group followed by coffee & cake sale at St George's at 10.30am
Soul Space at St George's at 3.30pm

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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
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MONDAY 27

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Jenny & David <i>The Unforgiving Servant</i>
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.00pm	Rainbows – SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
7.00pm	Alpha at English Martyrs
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 28

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Yoga – SH

WEDNESDAY 29

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm	Standing Committee - V

THURSDAY 30

8.15am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
2.00pm	Funeral at St George's for the late Joyce Evans followed by interment at St Margaret's Churchyard at 3.00pm Refreshments at St George's
4.00pm	Pastoral Group meeting - V

FRIDAY 31

9.30am	Friday Group – SL
2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group at Christchurch, Abbeydale
7.30pm	Entertainers – MH

SATURDAY 1

10.00am	Councillor Steve Morgan's Surgery – SL
10.00am	Messy church
4.30pm	Private let of Centre – MH

SUNDAY 2

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 2 – PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

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

Readings: Year A

Malachi 3:1-5;
Psalm 24;
Hebrews 2:14-end;
Luke 2:22-40

Sunday readings 26 January 2020

Living in the Light

Isaiah 9 From darkness to light

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lord Jesus You have come to the darkness within us and bathed us in your light, bringing deliverance and joy; thank you! Amen

Psalm 27 Fearless Faith

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh my adversaries and foes they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, LORD, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will make me His.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

God, our Light and our salvation, light up our lives with the joy of your salvation, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and, looking on your beauty, we may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1 Corinthians 1

Divisions in the Church

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,[d] by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God[f] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lord protect us from the darkness of division and keep our focus on the glorious light of your salvation through the power of the cross. Amen

Matthew 4

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

16 the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, Jesus saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Lord we have heard your call. Help us to follow you faithfully through the dark shadows of this life into the bright dawn of new Life. Amen

Going deeper

Upon hearing of John the Baptist being arrested Jesus left Nazareth and moved to Capernaum.

- Why do you think Jesus moved? (Luke 4:16-30)

(Matthew 4:11-12 tells of angels ministering to Jesus after His temptation by Satan and then of the arrest of John. This has led some to think Jesus' ministry didn't start until John's arrest. However, reading John 1:19 – 3:36 will give a clear picture of what Jesus did before John's arrest.)

Matthew 4:15-16 quote Isaiah chapter 9.

- Which verses from Isaiah are quoted?

In Matthew 4:17 Jesus proclaimed "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

- What message did John proclaim at the start of his ministry? (Matthew 3:2)

Look at John 1:19-52.

Who was Andrew a disciple of before he met Jesus?

- From which town did Andrew originate?

Matthew 4:23 says "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming (preaching) the good news of the kingdom"

- What do you think the difference is between 'teaching' and 'preaching'?