

Worshipping, Pioneering, Caring
'Growing God's Kingdom



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

2 before Lent

**From Beginning to End
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 welcomees. 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	Derek
	Chalice	Derek & Dot
	Servers	Dot & Pat +
	Intercessions	Susan
	Readers	Linda & David
	JAM	Lorraine & Pete
	Welcomers	Darrell & Glenda
	Coffee	Sylvia & a volunteer
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Lorraine or Pete
	Intercessions	Lorraine

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
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

19 All my hope in God is founded
186 For the healing of the nations
684 Thou, whose almighty word
8 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
32 And can it be

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

Joyce Evans, Marion Slater, Eileen Stevens, Gerald Evans RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Eva Greenwood, Dorothy Welford, Granville Collett,
Elsie West, Joan Allen, Terry Waite, Michael Haynes,
Kevin Easterby, Richard Clarke, Heather Merrett,
Marion Jenkins, Mark Hopkins, Andrew Kelly.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Pauline Deeley 17th,

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

3rd calling at St George's of –

Luke Simon Carter & Krystal Leigh Davenport

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"Strive first for God's kingdom and his righteousness, and
you'll be given all you need in abundance" (Matthew 6:33)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- Our mayor Colin Organ and his family; Colin is still in hospital after a serious road accident
- All families and school staff, for refreshment and safety during half-term week
- Our plans to mark Lent well

LENT READING: Take a look at the table at the back of church and choose a book now ready for Ash Wednesday on 26th. February.

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 this 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 & Glenda

SHROVE TUESDAY - Pancakes, Pudding & Praise: A fun family social evening, pancakes and puddings – and free for all. Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks provided. Bring your own pancake filling if you like! Plus fun table quiz, sing-along music. Offers of puddings welcome, to Bruce please. At English Martyrs from 7.30pm until 9.30pm Organised by the Church in Tuffley. Need a lift? Speak with Bruce.

TUFFLEY PRAYER DAY: Saturday 29 February 10.00am until 2.00pm at St George's. Come to be still and to pray quietly for Tuffley, for whatever time you are able. Short act of reflective worship together on the hour. Refreshments available.

TE DEUM WINDOW: Have you noticed the new sign in memory of Dinah Freke?

LENT GROUPS: "THE PILGRIM WAY": Tuesday afternoons 3.00pm at the Vicarage, starting 3 March. [On 10 March we'll join the Mothers' Union special meeting on 'Lent']. All welcome!

WANTED: Scraps of colourful materials, colourful sweetie wrappers, foil wrappers for our next Messy Church on the 7 March. Please could you pass them onto me. Many thanks Linda Medwell Glos 302590

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)

APCM REMINDER: All reports covering January to December 2019 to be in the Parish office by SUNDAY 8 MARCH at the very latest. Thank you for your help in this matter.

WANTED: "BEETLERS" FOR A BEETLE DRIVE: A fun evening is guaranteed. Only £2.00 per person to cover hire of the hall and bring any drink or nibbles you fancy. There will be prizes and a raffle. ALL AGES WELCOME. Saturday 21 March at St George's Centre from 7.00pm. See Sylvia Evans for tickets and more information.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCHWARDENS NEED YOU! Church care and cleaning week is looming near (15-22 March) and Mike and Sylvia need your help. Everyone can do something. There are many small jobs like clearing up loose paper and tidying books, right up to huge jobs including polishing the floor and silverware. Yes! We could do it ourselves, but we'd all have a sense of pride; if we all could donate 10 minutes of our time to make St George's bright and shiny for the Spring that would be great.

WE'RE ALL INVITED TO ALPHA: For food, chat and talks to make you think on Mondays 7.00pm at English Martyrs Church.

Message 07729 615993 or email tuffleypioneer@gmail.com

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN CHOIR: This well-received Christian Choir is returning for another concert on Friday 21 February in St Augustine's Church, Matson at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 each. Please place the date in your diary and invite your friends as this is certain to be a good evening

ST AUGUSTINE LENTEN LUNCHESES: The popular and delicious Lent lunches will be on all Fridays during Lent from Friday 28th February to Friday 3 April in the Hall starting from 12.00noon. Proceeds to CAFOD and Together in Matson. All welcome

ENGLISH MARTYRS' QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 6 March 2020 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4.00 for an adult and £2.00 per child; includes a light ploughman's supper. Family tickets (Adult and up to 3 children) are £11.00. For ticket and further information please contact Marisa on 01452 504997 or email: tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftondiocese.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 or let Darrell know at : - ds52604@gmail.com or on 01452 410507.

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

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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
12.30pm	Private let of Centre – MH
2.30pm	Faith & Light at English Martyrs
4.00pm	Pantomime rehearsal – t.b.c.

MONDAY 17

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
	Coffee Pot set up
	No Open the Book at Grange
	No Brownies – MH
	No Rainbows – SH
	No Guides – MH
7.00pm	Alpha at English Martyrs

TUESDAY 18

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
1.30pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Marion Slater RIP
	No Cubs – MH
7.00pm	Pantomime rehearsal – MH
7.30pm	No Yoga until 3 March owing to illness – SH

WEDNESDAY 19

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
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THURSDAY 20

8.15am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
	No Beavers – MH
	No Scouts – MH
7.00pm	Pantomime rehearsal – t.b.c.
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 21

9.30am	Friday Group – SL
7.30pm	St George's Entertainers Pantomime Red Riding Hood

SATURDAY 22

2.30pm	St George's Entertainers Pantomime Red Riding Hood
7.30pm	St George's Entertainers Pantomime Red Riding Hood

SUNDAY 23

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
4.00pm	Private let of SH

SUNDAY 23 – Sunday before LENT

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
	Readers Psalm Intercessions	Lorraine or Pete, Jill or Mike Derek Jonathan
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers JAM Welcomers Coffee	Joceline Joceline & David David & Sylvia C Sarah Derek & Sylvia E Lorraine & Linda David & Angela Malcolm & Dot

Readings: Year A

Exodus 24:12-end, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday readings 16 February 2020

From Beginning to End

Genesis 1 In the Beginning

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding

seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Lord thank you for the glory of all your creation, and for making us – your masterpiece – as reflections of You! Amen

Psalm 136 God's Saving Love

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

² O give thanks to the God of gods, **for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁴ who alone does great wonders, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁵ who by understanding made the heavens, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁶ who spread out the earth on the waters, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁷ who made the great lights, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁸ the sun to rule over the day, **for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, **for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

Remember us O God, and shape our history. In this turbulent time, form our inward eyes to see the shadow of the cross that brings new life; for the sake of Christ our Lord, who died for all. Amen

Romans 8 Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lord thank you for our sure hope, that all creation to be set free to relish Your glory. Amen

Matthew 6 Do Not Worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these will be given to you as well. ³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow; it will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Lord You provide so much more than we need; help us continually to trust You, and to reach out with Your care for others. Amen

Going Deeper

v25 starts with "Therefore". It refers to the preceding verses; that is what Matthew 6:25-30 is "there for"!

- Consider your life; how much God loves you and has provided for your needs... and thank Him.

Colossians 1:16 tells us all things were created by Him and for Him.

- As God is the creator of all things do you think He cares about what He created?
- What can you do to help care for His creation?

V27 talks about worry. We process (or meditate upon) what we are thinking about continually. For a moment think of a pink penguin; now think of a blue whale; now think of a purple elephant. What happened to the pink penguin? It was replaced by other thoughts. Worry is meditating on a negative situation.

- When you are worried, pick up your Bible and read God's Word: it is His love letter to us.

V31 The words we say are important. Read Proverbs 18:21 and then Colossians 4:6.

- Do you tend to speak positively or negatively?
- If your speech tends to be negative, how do you think you can change? Read Romans 12:2