

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



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

Sunday before Lent
Transforming Glory

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 Psalm Intercessions	Lorraine or Pete, Georgina 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

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
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

105	Christ, whose Glory fills the skies
691	Thy Kingdom come, O God
114	Come down, O Love divine
67	(HC) Be still, for the presence of the Lord
411	Lord Jesus Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

Marion Slater, Eileen Stevens, Gerald Evans RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Marion Jenkins, Mark Hopkins, Andrew Kelly, Joan Mercer, David Cleveland, Doreen Taylor, Marjorie Treece, Iris Turner, Sandra Everidge, Dinah Freke, Nicholas Capper, Pamela Whitmore, Tom Tranter, Ruby Jones, Ethel Voyce, Tony Eagles, Heather Kent, Marian Stearns.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Glenys Boots & J Jeanne Wilson 1st, Roger & Brenda Meadows celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary on 24th.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (Matthew 17:6)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- the victims of the shooting in Germany
- for all in Tuffley who may be affected by mental ill-health
- for strength and joy for us all to mark the season of 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.

THANK YOU: To all those who attended Eva Sparey's funeral and contributed to the Children's Society. A total of £628.59 was given in her memory, she would be so pleased. Thank you for your support and friendship. Diane, Graham, Katherine and Helena Frost

EXAMEN: Enjoy this final title in our series of 'pocket prayers', by reflecting on your day and seeing God's hand at work. When you're no longer using it, pass it to a friend!

NOT YET BAPTISED OR CONFIRMED? There's a wonderful opportunity for us to affirm our faith publicly in this way, at a special service in the Cathedral on Easter Saturday evening. See Bruce for more details.

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.

English Martyrs, 7.30pm until 9.30pm Organised by the Church in Tuffley. Need a lift? Speak with Bruce.

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 on Friday 28 February at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us at St George's. There will not be a meeting in March.

TUFFLEY PRAYER DAY: NEXT Saturday 29 February 10.00am until 2.00pm at St Georges. Try praying!

A wonderful opportunity for us all to come and enjoy God's presence for a period of stillness at St George's. Drop in any time, for however long. This is a time to be still; and if you wish, to be creative with our interactive prayer stations. Come either by yourself or with friends. Refreshments available. "I love God because He bends down to listen to me; He hears my prayers and He answers them" (Psalm 116:1)

LEAP DAY BARN DANCE: 29 February from 7.30pm until 10.00pm. Last chance to get your tickets from Lorraine on 01452 309683. Dance the night away at Kendal Road Baptist

church with the well known local folk band PETERFOLK. £5.00 per head to support the Gloucester Foodbank.

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. Friday morning 9.30am in the Softley Lounge, starting 6 March. 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: Each year we elect our churchwardens and our Parish Church Councils to serve us in leadership. To vote at our Annual Meeting (31 March St Margaret's; 19 April St George's) and to be eligible to serve in leadership, you need to be on our 'electoral roll'. Please complete a form at back of church and return it to Glenda or Margaret Barber (St George's) or Jill (St Margaret's) by 12 March.

APCM REMINDER: All reports covering January – 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 21st 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. Mike and Sylvia need your help. Everyone can do something. Many small and large jobs. If you have a burning desire to do a specific job, please see Sylvia or Mike. Otherwise add your name to the list in the porch saying what you'd like to do and when. Church will be open all week.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 6th March 7.30pm. Tickets £4.00 for an adult, £2.00 per child; Family (Adult and up to 3 children) £11.00. to include a light ploughman's supper. Tickets from Marisa on 504997 or tuffley.englishmartyrs@cliftondiocese.com

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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
4.00pm	Private let of Centre – SH

MONDAY 24

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans, David & Jenny: <i>A Tale of Two Houses</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

TUESDAY 25

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Pancakes, Puddings & Praise at English Martyrs
7.30pm	No Yoga until 3 March owing to illness – SH

WEDNESDAY 26 – Ash Wednesday

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Parish Communion

THURSDAY 27

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, Roger, Sylvia & Dianne: <i>The Walls Fall down</i>
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.00pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 28

	NO Friday Group this week
2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group at St George's – see page 2

SATURDAY 29

10.00am	Tuffley Prayer Day at St George's – see page 2
10.00am	Bundles Sale

SUNDAY 1

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 1 – LENT 1

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

Readings: Year A

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;
 Psalm 32;
 Romans 5: 12-19;
 Matthew 4:1-11

Transforming Glory

Exodus 24 On the Mountain with God

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also, they beheld God, and they ate and drank. 12 The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' 15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lord Your glory is all-enveloping as a dense cloud, all-consuming as a devouring fire, and all-compassionate as revealed fully in Jesus. We bow in grateful awe and humble praise. Amen

Psalms 2 God's Promise to His Anointed

The nations speak

1 Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his Christ, saying,

3 'Let us burst their bonds asunder and **cast their cords from us.**'

God speaks

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; **the LORD has them in derision.**

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, **and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

6 'I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.'

The Son speaks

7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD: **He said to me, 'You are my favoured Son; today I have begotten you.**

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, **and the ends of the earth your possession.**

9 You shall shepherd them with unlimited authority, **crushing their rebellion as an iron rod smashes a jar of clay.'**

The Holy Spirit speaks

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

11 Serve the LORD with fear, **trembling with reverence in his presence.**

Fall face down before him before his anger is roused against you; for his wrath can be quickly kindled; **but many blessings are waiting for all who take refuge in him.**

Most high and holy God lift our eyes to your Son enthroned on Calvary; and as we behold his meekness, shatter our earthly pride; for he is Lord for ever. Amen

2 Peter 1 Majestic Glory Revealed

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Thank you, Father God, for confirming the Old Testament prophecies, by affirming Jesus as Your beloved Son. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit to interpret the scriptures as your light revealed for our lives today. Amen

Matthew 17 The Transfiguration

Six days after he had begun to speak of his death and resurrection, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Lord you are continually transforming us by your awesome presence. Help us to pay attention – and so to transform the hurt and hate and injustice around us, with the power of your love and compassion. Amen

Going Deeper

Exodus 34:29-35 tells us how Moses looked, after he'd spent time with God; and of the peoples' reaction that caused him to wear a veil. When Jesus was transfigured, His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Yet Jesus did not require a veil.

- Why do you think Moses needed a veil, but Jesus didn't? Moses & Elijah talked with Jesus on the mountain.
- What did they talk about? (Luke 9:28-31)

The disciples heard a voice say, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

• God speaks to us all the time. What is the easiest way you find God communicates with you? Is it through His Word, prayer, dreams and visions or some other way?

In what way are you applying what He says to your life?

Why do you think Jesus took Peter, James & John up the mountain? (Deuteronomy 19:15 & Matthew 18:16)

• On another occasion Jesus took Peter, James and John to a place, which in English would be called, 'oil-press'. Here He was sorrowful. Can you work out where they were? (If not, see Matthew 26:36)