

Worshipping, Pioneering, Caring
'Growing God's Kingdom



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

3 before Lent

Authentic Living

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	Jill or Mike, Jenny Jenny Rosie
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's with St George's Singing Group	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers JAM Welcomers Coffee	Jonathan Jonathan & Roger Roger & Mark + Rosie Lynne & Sarah Helen & Dianne Jayne & Linda Dianne & Anne

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

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

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

304 I come with joy, a child of God
629 Teach me, my God and King
"Christ be our Light" (words on screen)
Anthem (Rutter): "The Lord bless you"
419 Lord, the light of your love is shining

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Edward Cripps, Doris Spirit, John Cole, Hilda Dennis, Eileen Critchley, James Martin, Agnes Mercer, Frederick Welford, Thomas Turner, Walter Franklin, Valerie Riselli, Ian Whittle, Dorothy Grover, Doris Maddock, Noah Phare, Wilfred Griffiths, Lilian Gee, Alistair Fernie, Pauline Halford, Edward Mitchell, Mildred Smith, Iris Lewis, William Jeffroy (Priest), Michael Townsend, John Davis, Hilda Robinson, Eva Greenwood.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Susan Wilbur 9th, Pat Mitchell 11th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

2nd calling at St George's of –
Luke Simon Carter & Krystal Leigh Davenport

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"Let your light shine.... So, others may give glory to your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY:

- For the Mothers' Union, Coffee Pot, and all who look after our churchyard and gardens
- For our mayor Colin Organ in hospital, and our other local Councillors Steve Morgan, Nigel Hanman, Sebastian Field, and Gerald Dee
- For all suffering with anxiety or depression

IGNATIAN PRAYER is the theme of this week's Pocket Prayers. Imagine yourself into the prodigal son' story...

FOODBANK: in 2019 you gave a massive 1336 kgs, a magnificent record – thank you! Please continue...

TUFFLEY PRAYER DAY: Saturday 29 February. Please do drop in and take part. More details soon.

PANCAKES, PUDDING AND SONGS OF PRAISE: Shrove Tuesday February 25 at 7.30pm, English Martyrs. All welcome!

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 on 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 and Glenda

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)

SOUL SPACE: this afternoon, the second of our new monthly worship for all ages at St George's, 3.30pm followed by refreshments – come, try, enjoy!

WANTED: "BEETLERS" FOR A BEETLE DRIVE: No experience required, apart from to shake a dice and hold a pencil. 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) and 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. Thank you so much for all you do every week. It's greatly appreciated. Mike and Sylvia

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

ENGLISH MARTYRS' QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 6th March - 7.30pm. Tickets £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

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN CHOIR: At St Augustine's, Matson: The well-received Christian Choir is returning for another concert on Friday 21st February in St Augustine's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each. Please place the date in your diary and invite your friends as this is certain to be a good evening

CHURCH CLEANING: Darrell and Joceline are on the rota for church cleaning this week.

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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
12.15pm	Music Makers
3.30pm	Soul Space at St George's – see page 2

MONDAY 10

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Mike & Laura – <i>The Widow's Coins</i>
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 11

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.30am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
2.30pm	Mothers' Union - SH
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.15pm	Deanery Synod at Holy Trinity, Longlevens
7.30pm	No Yoga until 3 March owing to illness – SH

WEDNESDAY 12

1.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Gerald Evans RIP
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
7.30pm	Partners in Mission planning – SL

THURSDAY 13 – March Crossroads deadline

8.15am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
1.00pm	Authorised leaders' awayday Rudford
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.00pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 14

9.30am	Friday Group – SL
7.30pm	St George's Entertainers Panto rehearsal
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 15

SUNDAY 16

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
12.30pm	Private let of MH until 3.00pm
4.00pm	St George's Entertainers Panto rehearsal – t.b.c.
2.30pm	Faith & Light at English Martyrs

SUNDAY 16 – 2 before LENT

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	Roger & Brenda
	Coffee	Sylvia & a volunteer
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Lorraine or Pete
	Intercessions	Lorraine

Readings: Year A

Genesis 1:1-2:3;
Psalm 36;
Romans 8:18-25;
Matthew 6; 25-end

Sunday readings 9 February 2020

Authentic Living

Isaiah 58 False and True Worship

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

3 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day and oppress all your workers.

4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear-guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lord show us when our worship is false. Help us work with you to end oppression, provide for people in need, and care well for your world. Then our worship will be true. Amen

Psalm 112

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delights in his commandments; Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures forever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, for they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright

They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright

Generous God, save us from the meanness that calculates its interest and hoards its earthly gain; as we have freely received, so may we freely give; in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1 Corinthians 2

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lord teach us to live only and always in Your wisdom, the wisdom of Christ crucified. Amen

Matthew 5

Salt and Light

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Lord help us to be true to who you've made us to be: Your salt and light in the world. Amen

Going Deeper

Compare Matthew 5:13 with Luke 14:34-35. Both are commenting salt is a preservative and adds flavour.

• How are you preserving and adding flavour into your local community?

While He walked on the earth Jesus was 'the light of the world.' What do Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 1:4-9 and John 8:12 say to us?

- Do you think the light of the Gospel of Christ can open blind eyes?

Jesus gives us an instruction in Matthew 5:16. How can you best obey?

Speaking of the law and the prophets Jesus said, 'I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.' Yet his comments about the very people who were there to uphold the law of Moses (the scribes and Pharisees) were scathing.

- Why do you think Jesus was so dismissive of these leaders?
- Comparing v20 with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14) who do you think would enter the kingdom of heaven?