

Worshipping, Pioneering, Caring
'Growing God's Kingdom



This week's news
for St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon
15 March 2020

Lent 3

Law of Love

WELCOME

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 welcome. 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	Paula
	Chalice	Paula & Dot
	Servers	Dot & Sylvia E +
	Intercessions	Derek
	Readers	Derek & Joceline
	JAM	Lorraine & Pete
	Welcomers	Mark & Margaret
	Coffee	Stella & Glenice
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St George's Today we welcome Cameela Nevaeh McMullin to the Lord's Family	
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Lorraine or Pete
	Intercessions	Lorraine

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Almighty God, thank you for the gift of your word.
May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our path and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us, to love and serve all your people, in the power of your Holy Spirit, and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

- 367 Jesus, where're thy people meet
- 310 I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 297 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
- 35 A new commandment (HC)
- 252 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

Roger Aylward RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Ken Holder, Richard Dean, Charles Cook, Olive Young, Heather Hutson, Frank Chinn, Wilfred Brunt, Jacqueline James. Trevor Cale, James Daniels, Edith Hardman, Ken Court, Michael Warner, Raymond Betts.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Paula Rix 15th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

1st calling at St George's for –
Nicholas Jason Priday & Samantha Jayne Stokes

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, all your mind and strength. And love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- All the key concerns we learn about in the news each day
- Our Parish Church Councils as they prepare for their final meeting of the year on 23 March
- Our Annual Parish Church Meetings coming soon, for wisdom and joy in preparing to nominate and elect our leaders for next year

PILGRIM WAY BOOKLETS: there's a copy of this new 'catechism' for every worshipper. Free, but £1.50 donations welcome (to wall safe in St G or marked box at St M)
This is the third in our Lent series on the '**Pilgrim Way**'. Today's focus is on the Commandments.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Following latest church of England advice, we are now

*distributing Holy communion in one kind only i.e. the consecrated wafer, with the priest alone taking the wine.
*sharing the Peace in a way that does not involve touching.
Please also see the notices displayed

EXPLORE EASTER – 24-27 March - Three schools are sharing a packed timetable for the week. That's a lot of children coming to hear the wonderful story of how much our God loves us and how he made a way for us to be with him forever. We will need some help! It really doesn't matter what you think you can or can't do - just come and be with us and mingle with the little ones and experience their joy. Please have a look at our timetable and sign up to help. Thank you! Helen

"THROUGH THE DAY WITH MARY" A Quiet Day with Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Life Events for the Church of England; at Discover De Crypt on Monday 23 March, 9.30am-3.30pm. More details on St George's noticeboard.

LENT GIVING: Two exciting projects: Upgraded Toilets at St George's (target £1000); and Hope in Tuffley weekend with Bishop Robert and the Curates (target £300). Contributions in boxes at back of church, or to treasurer. Many thanks!

100 CLUB DRAW – 8 March 2020

Roger Meadows £30, Sue Winter £20, Glenda Stevens £10
Thank you to all members, the next draw will take place on Sunday, 14 June 2020.

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.

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. Next Saturday 21st March at St George's Centre from 7.00pm. See Sylvia

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 M's; 19 April St G'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 G's) or Jill (St M's) by 12 April

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

ST GEORGE'S CHURCHWARDENS NEED YOU!

Church care and cleaning week is this week. 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.

LOOKING AHEAD: MARCH

- Mon 23 Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Dianne & David – *The Wedding Feast*
Benefice PCC meeting – 7.00pm - V
- Tue 24 Coffee Pot – 9.00-11.00am – all welcome
Parish Communion – 9.30am
Lent Group – 3.00pm - V
- Thu 26 Morning Prayer – 8.15am – V
Parish Communion – 10.30am – St Margaret's
Open the Book at Harewood with Lorraine Roger & Dianne – *A Dreadful Day*
Reflect Club at Harewood – 12.50pm

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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 - St George's Care & Cleaning Week

11.45am	Coffee & Prize Draw
2.30pm	Faith & Light – English Martyrs

MONDAY 16

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Jenny: <i>Be Like Me</i>
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.00pm	Rainbows – SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
7.00pm	Alpha at 34 Randwick Rd
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 17 – St Patrick's Day

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
9.30am	Bishop's study day for clergy at Charlton Kings
4.00pm	Lent Group – The Pilgrim Way – V Please note change of time
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.00pm	Church Centre AGM – SL
7.30pm	Church Centre meeting – SL
7.30pm	Yoga – SH

WEDNESDAY 18

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
7.30pm	Refresh – St George's

THURSDAY 19

8.15am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
	No Open the Book at Harewood
12.50pm	Reflect Club at Harewood Juniors with Helen and Lorraine
3.45pm	Dance Class until 6.00pm – MH extended until
4.30pm	Tuffley Festival meeting
6.00pm	Dance Class until 7.00pm – SH until 2 April 2020
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.00pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 20

9.30am	Lent Group – The Pilgrim Way – SL
7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 21 – St George's Care & Cleaning week ends

7.00pm	Beetle Drive – see page 3
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SUNDAY 22 - Mothering Sunday

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 22 – MOTHERING SUNDAY / LENT 4

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
	Readers Psalm Intercessions	Lorraine or Pete, Georgina Derek Jonathan
10.30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers JAM Welcomers Coffee	Derek Derek & David David & Pat + Sarah Rosie & Jonathan Lorraine & Linda Hilary & Laura Sylvia & a Volunteer

Readings: Year A

Samuel 1: 20-end, Colossians 3:12-17

Sunday readings 15 March 2020

Law of Love

Exodus 20 The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 9 For six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Lord, thank you for your commands of love that protect us and show us the way to live well. Amen

Psalm 95 Time to sing, time to worship

The Lord is a great God

O Come let us sing to the Lord our God;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms

The Lord is a great God

For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods;
the sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

The Lord is a great God

Come let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

The Lord is a great God

*Lord God, the maker of all,
as we bow down in praise this day,
make us attentive to your voice,
and do not test us beyond our enduring;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Romans 5 Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lord help us celebrate, when suffering leads us to experience more of your Holy Spirit's endless love within us. Amen

John 4 Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

5 Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11 The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13 Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15 The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 17 The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' 19 The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' 21 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is

spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 25 The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' 26 Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' 27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' 28 Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' 30 They left the city and were on their way to him. 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' 32 But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' 33 So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' 34 Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

*Lord you are never judgemental; as you expose our sin help us to respond to your love that transforms from within.
Amen*

Going Deeper

Pilgrim... **The Ten Commandments**

I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me. ...You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Read Exodus 20:2-6. What did Jesus say?

Read Luke 16:13. Listen to Him.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

Read Exodus 20:7. What did Jesus say?

Read Matthew 5:34-36; Is any inappropriate language acceptable to God?

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Read Exodus 20:8-11. What did Jesus do?

Read Luke 4:16. What does Psalm 133:1 say?

Honour your father and mother...You shall not commit murder.

Read Exodus 20:12-13. What did Jesus say?

Read Matthew 15:4 then Matthew 5:21. Do you honour (or treasure the memory of) your parents? Would God say: Forgive or murder?

You shall not commit adultery... You shall not steal.

Read Exodus 20:14-15. What did Jesus say? Read Matthew 5:27-28 then John 10:10. We all experience theft; do you forgive?

You shall not be a false witness...You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Read Exodus 20:16-17. What happened to Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:59.