

Worshipping, Pioneering, Caring
'Growing God's Kingdom



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

Lent 2

Journey to Life

WELCOME

This is the second week of our Lent series on 'The Pilgrim Way'. Today we focus on the Lord's Prayer. We welcome our Pastoral Assistant Susan Scothern to preach today.

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	Jill or Mike, Jenny
	Psalm	Jenny
	Intercessions	Rosie
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's with St George's Singing Group	
	Deacon	Helen
	Chalice	Helen & Roger
	Servers	Roger & Mark
	Intercessions	Linda
	Readers	David & Sylvia C
	JAM	Lorraine & Dianne
	Welcomers	Darrell & Glenda
	Coffee	Dianne & Anne

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

To You who by the power at work within us are able to accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine, to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year A

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

343 Jesu, lover of my soul
615 Spirit of the living God
171 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God
312 I lift my eyes to the quiet hills – (HC)
534 O Praise ye the Lord!

IN MEMORIAM:

Gerald Evans, Roger Aylward RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Jessica Adkins, Albert Crowther, Terrence Rue, Joyce Foreman, Elizabeth Garrett, Barbara Seyers, Ronald Bufton, Albert Hindley, Edwin Jenkyn, Joan Heath, Aldwyn Claridge, John Sugden, Dorothy Tudor, Ken Holder, Richard Dean.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Rosie Clifford 12th, Margaret Rowell 13th, Sarah Kingscote 14th, Paula Rix 15th.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"no-one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- Grace for all to take proper responsibility in helping contain the Coronavirus
- Young people in Tuffley who are troubled
- Growing expectation for God's Kingdom to come to Tuffley!

LENT READING: Take a look at the table at the back of church and choose a book.

CONTAINING CORONAVIRUS: ADVICE FROM THE NHS AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use good hygiene, all the time:

- o Catch it – sneeze into a tissue
 - o Bin it – bin the tissue
 - o Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water
 - o Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
- We hope to have a hand sanitiser by the door as you enter. If you have cold or flu symptoms, refrain from shaking hands during the peace, and refrain from taking communion from the Chalice. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is NOT recommended, as it is a route for transmission from the individual through handling the wafer, and tiny fragments could affect people with allergies to gluten etc.

EXPLORE EASTER: 24 to 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!

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

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 George's or marked box at St Margaret's)

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 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 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.

LOOKING AHEAD: MARCH

- Mon 16 **St George's Care & Cleaning Week**
Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Jenny
- Tue 17 Coffee Pot – 9.00-11.00am – all welcome
Parish Communion – 9.30am
Church Centre AGM – 7.00pm - SL
Church Centre meeting – 7.30pm - SL
- Wed 18 Refresh at English Martyrs – 7.30pm
- Thu 19 **Morning Prayer – 8.15am – V**
Parish Communion – 10.30am – St Margaret's
- Fri 20 Gardening Club – 7.30pm - MH
- Sat 21 Beetle Drive – 7.00pm - MH
- Sun 22 **Mothing Sunday**

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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 and Prize Draw
3.30pm	Soul Space at St George's

MONDAY 9

10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Jenny: <i>The Two Sons</i>
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.00pm	Rainbows – SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 10

9.00am	Coffee Pot until 11.00am – all welcome
9.30am	Parish Communion
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
3.00pm	Lent Group – The Pilgrim Way – V
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Yoga – SH

WEDNESDAY 11

3.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Roger Aylward
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm

THURSDAY 12

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, Helen, Jenny & Sylvia C: <i>An Important Meal</i>
12.50pm	Reflect Club at Harewood Juniors with Helen and Lorraine
3.45pm	Dance Class – until 6.00pm – MH
6.00pm	Dance Class – until 7.00pm – SH
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.00pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 13 - April Crossroads deadline

9.30am	Lent Group – The Pilgrim Way – SL
7.30pm	Entertainers AGM – SL

SATURDAY 14

10.00am	Private let of Centre until 2.00pm – MH
12.30pm	Private let of Centre until 3.30pm - SH

SUNDAY 15

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
2.30pm	Faith & Light at English Martyrs

SUNDAY 15 – LENT 3

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Paula
	Chalice	Paula & Dot
	Servers	Dot & Sylvia E + Derek
	Intercessions	Derek & Joceline
	Readers	Lorraine & Pete
	JAM	Mark & Margaret
	Welcomers	Stella & Glenice
	Coffee	
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St George's	
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	
	Readers	Jill or Mike, Lorraine or Pete
	Intercessions	Lorraine

Readings: Year A

- Exodus 17: 1-7;
- Psalm 95;
- Romans 5:1-11;
- John 4:5-42.

Journey to Life

Genesis 12 The Call of Abram

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Thank you Lord for calling us and blessing us to bring your blessing to others. Amen

Psalm 121 God our Protector

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

May he never allow you to stumble;
let your guard not sleep.
Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering -
Israel's guard

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

The Lord will guard you from evil;
He will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming,
both now and forever.

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Lord, ever watchful and faithful, we look to you to be our defence, and we lift our hearts to know your help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Romans 4 God's Grace
The Example of Abraham**

⁴ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Thank you Lord for your grace that makes us right with You again, not by our own efforts but simply through faith. Amen

John 3 Nicodemus Visits Jesus

³ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

How amazing Lord that when we come alive by your Spirit of love, we see and receive and enter the eternal life of your Kingdom. Thank you! Amen

Going Deeper

Pilgrim....

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name He is our creator God. The heavens are immense yet He is so interested in you. He wants to hear your voice. How often do you talk with Him? Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Read Micah 6:8. God's love is unconditional, and generous. Do we exercise His kingdom when we commit ourselves to those we love? If you pray for peace are you a peacemaker? If you pray about hunger are you feeding the hungry? Give us this day our daily bread.

If you went to do the weekly shop and were told you can only pick up what you need, what would you buy? How much more than you need does God supply? Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Read Romans 3:23. Read Matthew 18:21-22. Read Ephesians 4:26. How important are these scriptures in your household? When you know you have sinned is it hard for you to forgive yourself? Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Read Psalm 69. Surrounded by a sea of troubles? Who led you there: Satan or God? Now read Psalm 23. If temptation is put in your path how will you respond? How do you handle your own evil thoughts? For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Only in relationship with God can we find fulfilment, joy and peace.

Pilgrim.... – What is His promise if we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness? (Matthew 6:33)