

## WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

- ❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank** – the vicarage porch is a safe drop-off point. Food is usually collected early Friday morning. Thank you!
- ❖ Borrow a good book (some are new) from Sarah's church library –in vicarage porch (we can deliver)
- ❖ Take a **photo of your lovely garden** and send to Hans (528939) for our Tuffley Festival gardens competition.

### Know someone who:

- ❖ is stuck at home without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then Contact **Gloucestershire Community Help Hub** on **01452 583519**



Would you like to join our army of praying people? To book an hour to pray, see instructions in booklet. Or book direct with Linda Medwell on 01452 302590.

### Keep picking up the phone!



People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!

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The Administration office is not open until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).

## St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon

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



Sunday worship and weekly news  
21 June 2020

### Worshipping Together at Home

#### *Jesus – Frees us from sin and fear*

Dearly loved worshipping community

Are we confused? Have we become a little unsure about how we are supposed to be living and what we are allowed to do and not allowed to do – I know I have. Are we weary? Are we troubled by what we know is happening in our cities and other places too?

The place the world sits in right now is heavy and broken, in so many ways. Yet we know God somehow holds it. He holds it gently, pouring out his mercy. We know his promises lead us to a place where we can find peace and his perfect love.

Let us choose to sit in that place, that place where God heals the broken-hearted, gives rest to the weary and inner peace to those who don't know which way to turn. He longs for our presence with him.

Helen

We are sorry to announce the loss of **Kath Senior** who died peacefully in her armchair on Monday. Please pray for her son Jonathan who lived with her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Now available – to get yours, please contact Hans (528939):

- Fully integrated weekly audio service on **USB** – these can be used with modern TVs, and special radios (available on loan from Hans, courtesy of Derek Kingscote).
- **DVD** with new video services for Trinity season: St George's HC PLUS St Margaret's Eucharist and St Margaret's Evening Service.

## Order of Service

We light a candle...



### Prayer for Today

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn*

### All my hope on God is founded

he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Daily doth the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.  
Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ, his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## Romans 6 Dying and Rising with Christ

*read by Sylvia Evans*

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in new-ness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.



<sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion

## This week's News

### In memoriam:

Hugh Smith, Olga Ralphs, John Wilkinson, John Harrison, John White, Kath Senior RIP.

### Anniversaries of death:

Elizabeth Cohen, Myra Clancy, Michael O'Leary, Archibald Grover, Edgar Miln, Peter Rowell, Graham Moffatt, Mark Craven, Gary Norman, Terence Hatherall, Marion Browning, Sam Bowen, Doreen Claridge, Ernest Collingbourne, Marque Bolton, James Vincent, Ralph Wickham, Derek Bailey, Dennis Gardner, Violet Overthrow, Theresa Harrison, Jean Spicer, Gordon Clarke, Robert Swankie, Peter Hutson.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Linda Brown 24<sup>th</sup>, Laura Mumby 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Good News! Hear all about it!



St Margaret's is opening its doors again.

The church building will be open, from 10.00am until 11.00am, on Thursday mornings for silent, private prayer. Church Wardens will be on the premises to assist and ensure all safety measures are carried out.

Other times may be available too. Contact Jonathan or Hans (528939) for more information.

If you'd like to use St George's for prayer, please see Bruce.

just on those days when the sun shines but on the stormy days too; those days when we have lost our bearings and don't know where to turn or what to expect, and we pray that we can all experience your miracle of love, grace and compassion.

We pray especially for anyone known to us who is sick, in trouble, or in need, and in a moment of silence we name them in our hearts...

In your mercy, heal their sickness, dispel their fears, and may they know that you are ever near them, and may they enjoy the strong and steadfast comfort that your presence brings. Support all those who give their strength, skill and stamina in the ministry of providing relief.

Lord, we pray for those who have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall...

In a world which often seems to be so divided, angry, partisan, and judgemental, we pray today for goodness, reconciliation and forgiveness. We ask you to help us to work for understanding and tolerance between people of different religions, social, racial and political backgrounds. Inspire us to be Good Samaritans too.

Creator God,  
Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. Amen

*Hymn*

### **Broken for Me**

*Broken for you  
The body of Jesus  
Broken for you*

He offered His body  
He poured out His soul  
Jesus was broken  
That we might be whole

This is My body  
Given for you  
Eat it rememb'ring  
I died for you

This is My blood  
I shed for you  
For your forgiveness  
Making you new

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over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Prayer*

*We praise you Lord, for death could not hold you and sin enslaves us no longer. Amen*

## **Matthew 10 Coming Persecutions**

*Read by Sylvia Chamberlain*

<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household!

### **Whom to Fear**

<sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted.



<sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

### **Not Peace, but a Sword**

<sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.



*Prayer: Thank you Lord for your promise that irrespective of our circumstances we have the assurance of your love. Amen.*

### **Let us proclaim our faith in God, the Holy Trinity**

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Reflection** from Jonathan McKechnie-Jarvis  
What might it cost?

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth...”

That sentence from our gospel reading pulls us up with a jolt.

Surely Jesus is the long-awaited Prince of Peace (Is. 9.6). Didn't he say “peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you” (John 14.27)? The New Testament is full of references to the peace we find in Jesus, so why is he saying now that he did not come to bring peace, and what is all this worrying talk of him creating divisions within our families, even with our parents?

The truth is that nothing comes without a cost. We learned that as children, when we were sent out to buy something from the corner shop. Do we want, really want, to follow Jesus's teaching, and to make God's kingdom happen in our lives? Yes? Then we must accept the cost.

It's not the cost of a newspaper, nor is it an annual subscription that slips automatically out of our bank account. The cost is whatever God asks of us, now or in the future. Many Christians elsewhere in the world pay a heavy price for their faith – violent persecution.

We in Britain are more likely to be ignored or ridiculed or marginalised as we live out our faith. But who can say what the future may hold? Jesus warned us to expect trouble and self-sacrifice as the cost of following him.



But there is reassurance too. In the first half of this same passage, we are told to be confident and to trust in the care and love of our heavenly father. We are promised too that if we are loyal to our Lord and teacher, we need have no fear of rejection.

Paul echoes that confidence in the passage we heard from his letter to the Christians at Rome. (And remember the persecution they had to face). As Paul says, we are indeed dead to sin, and alive in Christ Jesus. Let us stay true to him, ready for whatever cost it may take.

*A prayer*  
Dear Lord Jesus, you gave everything for our redemption. May we follow you to the end of our lives, ready to pay the cost, in whatever form it may take, knowing that we do it for you. Amen



*Song:*  
**All to Jesus I surrender,**  
All to Him I freely give,  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,  
I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee,  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

### **Intercessions from Derek Kingscote**

Heavenly Father, give us a sense of your presence as we bring before you our prayers for ourselves and for the world.



Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, penitence as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember your love.

Lord we ask you to open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of your presence in the world not