

**SIGNPOST**  
the weekly newsletter of  
**St George's, Tuffley**  
with **St Margaret's, Whaddon**

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



**Sunday worship**  
**28 November 2021**

**Advent**  
**Welcome**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Minister Rachel or one of our Church Wardens, (Mike or Sylvia at St George's) (Jonathan or Hans at St Margaret's) or the door steward. If visiting St George's, please join us for tea/coffee 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.

**Today's service on YouTube**

*'The download of the Sunday service to YouTube is being suspended for the time being due to technical difficulties.'*

**To protect everyone,**

Please wear a face mask.  
Sanitise your hands as you enter  
Observe sensible social distancing indoors, and...  
You can now sing if you wish, but you must be wearing a mask.

**Although restrictions are easing...**

Covid is still with us. If we are to continue to see a reduction in the effect Covid is having on us we ask you to voluntarily stay at home if you feel unwell.

**Tea or Coffee after the Service.**

Tea/Coffee will be served after the 10.30am service in the Main Hall. While waiting to be served please wear a mask until you are seated. If you are happy to join a tea/coffee rota please speak to Mike Brammer.

**What the Dickens!:** St George's Entertainers will perform 'What the Dickens!' a drama with music at 7.30pm Saturday on 4<sup>th</sup> December. in the Main Hall of St George's Centre. There will be a sherry (or fruit juice) and mince pie reception at 7.00pm. Tickets are £5.00 each which you can get from Glenda and Darrell in the Small Hall on Sunday morning after the service and at Coffee Pot on Tuesday. Or, Glenda will sell tickets on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am.

**Order of Service**

**Watching for Jesus**



*The hymns listed below are for the service at St George's*

**Processional Hymn**

Hymn No 405 - Lo, he comes with clouds descending

**Prayer for Today**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Readings**

**Jeremiah 33**

**The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David**

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

**Prayer:** *Lord You bring justice and righteousness; in You alone we live in safety. Amen*

**1 Thessalonians 3**

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Prayer:** *Lord make us holy and blameless, ready for that glorious day. Amen*

**Psalms 25**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, **and teach me your paths.**

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, **for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, **for they are from everlasting.**

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; **remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; **therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

8 He guides the humble in doing right **and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness **to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen*

## Luke 21

### The Coming of the Son of Man

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### Exhortation to Watch

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Prayer: Lord grant us strength to endure and faith to stand before you when you come in the glory of your kingdom. Amen

### Sermon - Rev'd Rachel

### Declaration of Faith

### Intercessions

**We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:**

Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, Angela, Margaret and Mark.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Angela Kent 1st

### In Memoriam:

Frederick Maysey, Beryl O'Brien, Jeanne Wilson RIP

### Anniversaries of Death:

Virginia (Ginny) Farmiloe, Norman Browning, Eve Budding, David Peart, Philip Mason, Victoria White, Jessica Vines, George Wiseman, Margaret Davies, James Baldwin, Ron Muggleton, Frederick Limbrick, Iris Wakefield, Elsie Vincent.

If you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost, please let Glenda know.

### Offertory Hymn

Hymn No 128 - Come thou long expected Jesus

### Communion Hymn (sung during Communion)

Hymn - Every star shall sing a carol

### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Final Hymn

Hymn No 480 - O come, o come, Emmanuel

## NEWS & DIARY DATES 28 Nov – 5 Dec

### \*\*\* Messy Church \*\*\*

Have you got neighbours with young children? Let them know the Church in Tuffley plan to run 'Messy Church' sessions each month. Due to Covid some sessions may be cancelled. Please check the relevant Church Website.

**St George's** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am – 11.30am.

**St Barnabas** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. **Next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3.30pm 4.45pm.**

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting **TODAY** at 10.30am.

Sun 28			<b>Advent I</b> <b>December/January</b> <b>Crossroads available</b>
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Derek/Susan <b>Intercessions:</b> Susan
	10.30am	GB	Messy church

Mon 29	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 30	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	6.00pm	SH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 1	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 2	10.00am	SH	Day Centre
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	7.00pm	Vic	Advent Group I
Fri 3	3.30pm	St B	Messy church
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club Party
Sat 4	7.00pm	MH	<b>What the Dickens!</b> The entertainers re-tell a Classic Christmas tale
Sun 5			<b>Advent 2</b>
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Roger <b>Readers:</b> Jonathan T / Sylvia E <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M
	5.00pm	St M's	<b>Darkness to Light</b> a special service for Advent

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,  
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall  
SL = Softley Lounge St B = St Barnabas  
GB = Grange Baptist**

❖ Keep bringing items for the Foodbank; The collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF ANY TINNED FRUIT, PASTA SAUCES, FESTIVE SPONGE PUDDING (NO ALCOHOL), CHRISTMAS BISCUITS, SAVOURY SNACKS plus DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL**

Thank you!

### Can you help?

Family of 5; 2 adults and 3 children are looking for a 3 bedroomed house to rent in Tuffley, Quedgeley or Kingsway. If you can help or know of such an available property, please ring 01452 504749. Thank you

**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets can be purchased from Glenda. Prizewinning tickets will be drawn on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Know someone who:

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

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

### Carol Services:

Barring any restrictions due to Covid plans are in place to hold 3 Carol Services in the Benefice.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's (See below)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

Carols at St George's

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm**

Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's (See below)

A maximum of 60 people can be accommodated at each of the service at St Margaret's, so we ask you book in advance. Please contact Hans Rackham either by email ([h\\_m\\_rackham@talktalk.net](mailto:h_m_rackham@talktalk.net)) or by telephoning 01452 528939, letting him know how many places you are reserving and for which date.

We believe, with the services at St Margaret's, that one service date will be more popular than the other. Please indicate, to Hans, if the other date would be acceptable, should your preferred date be fully booked.

### Advent Groups:

Susan Scothern has agreed to lead an Advent Group on **Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**, the meetings are to be held in the Softley Lounge **from 11.45am after 'Coffee Pot'**. Susan will be using 3 stories from St Luke. The first evening **Advent Group** will be led by Rev Rachel in the vicarage on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 7.00pm**. Other dates and leaders will be announced weekly. Watch this space....

### 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 open on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. 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).

