

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

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



Sunday worship
2 January 2022

EPIPHANY

Today we welcome Bishop Robert to our 10.30am service at St George's

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.

To protect everyone,

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

As Covid is still with us. We ask you to voluntarily stay at home if you feel unwell.

No Tea or Coffee after the Service.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, tea/coffee after the service is suspended for the time being.

No Coffee Pot

There will be no Coffee Pot on the 4th January and a decision is awaited regarding meeting on the 11th January.

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

The Foodbank are in need of:-

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE,
BOTTLES OF SQUASH,
Packets of INSTANT MASH,
SAVOURY RICE,
PASTA'N' SAUCE,
SMALL JARS COFFEE,
DEODORANT,
SHAMPOO,
& NAPPIES SIZES 5 & 6

Thank you!

Order of Service

Wise Men (and Women) seek Jesus



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

Processional Hymn

Hymn No 85 - Brightest and best...

Prayer for Today

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6 The Ingathering of the Dispersed

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, **and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

11 All the kings shall bow down before him, **and all the nations do him service**

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, **and the oppressed who has no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; **he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, **and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

15 Long may he live, and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; **may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day long.**

Ephesians 3 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2 The Visit of the Wise Men

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon

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, Angela, Margaret and Mark, Gloria, Joyce and Martin.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Aimee Brown 3rd.

In Memoriam:

Muriel Mayo, Graham Hall RIP.

Anniversaries of Death:

June Mouldsdale, Sheila Eagles, Edna Kemp, Pat Hughes, Charles Townsend, Doug Nash, Denis Hill, Joyce Meech, Gloria McCoppin, Gladys Bullard, Sharon Mitchell, Richard Leighton, Gwen Hall, Ken Jones, Joyce Evans, Ann Western, Janet Woolams, Ray Collins, Amy Redfern, Ena Edwards, Harold Lewis, John Hall, Alan Berryman, Evelyn Shuker.

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

Offertory Hymn

Hymn No 724 – We three kings

Communion Hymn

Hymn No 476 – O breath of life...

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn

Hymn No 419 – Lord the light of your love is shining

News & Diary Dates – 2 – 9 January

***** 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 so we advise the relevant Church Website is checked.**

St George's on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on **13th February 2022** from 10.00am until 11.30am.

St Barnabas on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month.

Next meeting will be on **Friday 7th January 2022** from 3.30pm until 4.45pm.

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month.

Next meeting will be on **30th January 2022** at 10.30am.

Sun 2	EPIPHANY		
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Joceline/Derek Intercessions: Linda M
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Tue 4	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
Wed 5	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 6	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
Fri 7	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 8	9.30am	SH	Guide Shop
Sun 9	BAPTISM OF CHRIST		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Susan/David Intercessions: Derek

**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**

Know someone who:

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

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

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).

