

SIGNPOST

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

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



Sunday worship
16 January 2022

EPIPHANY 2 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. 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 now sing if you wish, 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.

Preparing for APCMs

If you normally write a report for the APCM pack, would you please prepare it NOW and email it to Glenda as soon as convenient. If your report has to be handwritten, please make sure that you give Glenda enough time to process it for inclusion in the reports pack. Remember your report needs to cover the period 1st January to 31st December 2021 only. I've set the deadline for receiving reports as being Sunday 6th March to allow sufficient time for collating, editing etc., reports received after this date will not be included.

Thank you. Darrell.

The week of prayer for Christian unity starts next Tuesday 18th January.

We're planning a prayer-by-zoom at 6.30pm for 15-20 minutes each day from 18th to 25th inclusive.

All are welcome. Please come when you can.

For joining instructions, we ask people to email pray4glos@gmail.com beforehand with their name and the name of their church or other Christian group.

Order of Service

Do whatever He tells you

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



Processional Hymn No 330

It came upon the midnight clear

Prayer for Today

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 62

The Vindication and Salvation of Zion

- 1** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- 2** The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- 3** You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4** You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- 5** For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Prayer: Lord thank you for never abandoning us, and always delighting in us as the bride of Christ.

Psalm 36 To know you O God is to drink from the wellspring of life

- 5** Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, **and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 6** Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; **you save both human and beast, O Lord**
- 7** How priceless is your love, O God! **Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**
- 8** They feast upon the abundance of your house; **You give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

Prayer: O God, the wellspring of life, make us bright with wisdom, alight with the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

I Corinthians 12:1-11 Spiritual Gifts

'Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Prayer: Lord, re-awaken us to exercise your gifts which are vital for the benefit of all.

John 2 The Wedding at Cana

' On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Prayer: Lord as you turned water into wine that day, turn the tentative faith of our hearts into your abundant joy for the world, every day.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None that we know of this week

In Memoriam:

Derrick Etherington, Pamela Ball RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

John Bullard, George Mitchell, Doreen Williams, Walter Sparey, Margaret Gallo, Joan Middlecote, Sheila Criddy, Andrew Winter, Ada Brown, Mervyn Evans, Sylvia Bell, John Webb, David Gillard, Linda Edwards, Yvonne Halling, Edith Wilkinson, Bill Lane, Violet Badham, Eve Stephens.

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

Offertory Hymn Come to a wedding

Communion Hymn No 212

God forgave my sin

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn No 352

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

News & Diary Dates – 16 – 23 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.

Next meeting Yet to be confirmed.

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

Next meeting yet to be confirmed.

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting - 30th January 2022 at 10.30am.

Sun 16			EPIPHANY 2
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Sylvia / Stuart Intercessions: Susan
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 17	3.30pm	Zoom	Mission Group
	5.15pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 18	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 19	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Committee
	7.30pm	EM	Refresh
Thu 20	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 21	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church – tbc
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 22	2.30pm	EM	CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick – meet at EM
Sun 23			EPIPHANY 3
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Dot/Linda Intercessions: Sylvia C

**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
EM = English Martyrs**

Derrick Etherington RIP

The funeral service of Derrick Etherington will be on Tuesday, 25th January 11am at Gloucester Crematorium.

FOODBANK

❖ 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

The Foodbank have informed us the total weight of donations for 2021 was a staggering 3082.42kg. Many thanks to all who donated during the year.

Cancellation of 'Day Centre' meetings on Thursdays.

Sadly, because of Covid, the decision has been taken to cancel Day Centre meetings throughout the rest of January.

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).