

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

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



Sunday worship
6 February 2022

4 before LENT
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II
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. Although restrictions are easing, we respectfully ask you to continue wearing a mask in the church.

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.

***** 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 will be on 13th March 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

St Barnabas on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting will be on Friday 18th February from 3.30pm until 4.45pm.

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting is on 27th February at 10.30am.

Cancellation of 'Day Centre' meetings on Thursdays.

Sadly, because of Covid, the decision has been taken not to hold the Day Centre meetings on Thursdays until further notice. An announcement will appear in Signpost once meetings are to resume.

Order of Service

Jesus, the servant King

Processional Hymn

Hymn No 409 Lord for the years



Prayer for Today

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, *Queen Elizabeth*, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

Joshua 1 God's Commission to Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 2 "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5 No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. 9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalms 121 Assurance of God's protection

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; **from where is my help to come?**

2 My help comes from the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved **and he who watches over you will not fall asleep**

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel **shall neither slumber nor sleep**

5 The Lord himself watches over you; **the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

6 So the sun shall not strike you by day, **nor the moon by night.**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; **it is he who shall keep you safe.**

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, **from this time forth for evermore.**

Romans 13 Being Subject to Authorities

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Love for One Another

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Luke 22 The Dispute about Greatness

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The National Anthem

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, Andrew.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None that we know of this week

In Memoriam:

Pamela Ball, Malcolm Burn, Hilary Reynolds RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Lily Alderton, Mark Jones, Doreen Sharp, Joan King, Doreen Parish, Eunice Booker, Edward Cripps, Doris Spirit, John Cole, Hilda Dennis, James Martin, Eileen Critchley, Frederick Welford, Walter Franklin, Agnes Mercer, Thomas Turner, Valerie Riselli, Ian Whittle, Dorothy Grover, Doris Maddock, Wilfred Griffiths, Noah Phare, Lilian Gee, Alistair Fernie, Pauline Halford.

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

Offertory Hymn

Hymn - Jerusalem

Communion Hymn

Hymn – I vow to thee my country

Post Communion Prayer

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away our hatred and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one body, one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn

Hymn No 21 – All people that on earth do dwell

NEWS & DIARY DATES 6 – 13 FEBRUARY

Sun 6			4 before LENT / Accession of Queen Elizabeth II
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Jonathan T/Sylvia E Intercessions: Linda

	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 7	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 8	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union with Robin Burton – 'Our Heritage in Song'
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 9	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 10	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 11	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sun 13			3 before LENT March Crossroads deadline
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: David/Joceline Intercession: Susan

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

Preparing for APCMs

The date for our APCMs has now been fixed; **Sunday 15th May 12.00noon at St George's and after Evensong at St Margaret's**. If you normally write a report for the APCM pack, would you please prepare it NOW and present it to Glenda as soon as is convenient, especially if it is hand-written, to give Glenda time to process it for inclusion in the reports pack. Your report needs to cover the period 1st January to 31st December 2021 only. **The final date reports will be accepted for processing is now Sunday 3rd April**. This will allow sufficient time for collating, editing etc., reports received after this date will not be included.

Thank you, Darrell

Dates for your diaries!

"God's love for us"

A refreshing date for your diary

An evening has been planned at St George's to which you are all invited; **Wednesday 16th February at 7.30pm**. We shall be hosting a Café Style meeting inspired by Valentine's Day on the theme of **"God's love for us"**. Do come along and join with our friends across Tuffley in this Church in Tuffley event.

Saturday 5th March, "Let Us Entertain You Evening"

at 7.30pm in the main hall of St George's Centre. Dust off that poem, song or instrument and come along and entertain. If you would like to take part, please contact Darrell as soon as possible we almost have a full programme but there is room for you!

Sunday 27th March, Mothering Sunday Benefice Communion with Bishop Rachel at St George's. Parishioners from St George's and St Margaret's are asked to come together for this service and celebrate the Eucharist.

Saturday 2nd April, at 7.30pm St George's Entertainers present **"Let's Get Quizzical"** an alternative quiz evening with a raffle. Six people maximum in a team; £2.00 per team member; ten rounds of quizzing with a difference. Please bring your own food and drink, please put the date in your diaries.

Morning Prayer

A week of prayer for Christian Unity was held recently. **Each Wednesday morning Rev Rachel leads 'Morning Prayer' at 8.15am**. If you have a **computer (with a camera and microphone), an iPad, or an iPhone** we can send an invite to your email address. **If you have no devices to connect to the internet, but have a landline telephone** you can still join in.

You would be provided with a telephone number. Calls would be Free of Charge. Additional information allowing you to join the meeting would be given you. **Interested?** Let Rachel know and you will be welcomed to the Morning Prayer family.

Pancake Party



Join the Church in Tuffley at English Martyrs Church Hall on Tuesday 1st March from 6.00pm until 8.00pm

Pancakes, Tea, coffee and squash provided.

Please bring your own toppings and fillings to share. Book at...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pancake-party-for-all-the-family-tickets-255941125797> or via your church office.

Thanks, from the Foodbank

Thanks, from the Foodbank to everyone at St Margaret's Whaddon who donated 72.2 Kg of food and toiletries in 2021.

Are you on the Electoral Roll?

'There is an opportunity to join the electoral roll before the APCMs. If you live in either parish or you worship regularly at either church, you are entitled to be on the electoral roll. Forms are available from Margaret Barber at St George's, and from Jill Ponter at St Margaret's. For more information about the electoral roll, please do speak to Margaret or Jill, or any of the churchwardens or Rachel.' Thank you, Mike Brammer

Church in Tuffley Litter Pick

Join us at **10.30am on Saturday 19th February** at Holmleigh Park School Car Park (Yes, I do mean the School Car Park). We expect to be litter picking in the community, but staff wish to meet us and see how we operate.

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 SIZE 6

Thank you!

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).



COFFEE POT
each Tuesday
in St George's Centre
from 10.00am onwards



UP AND COMING MEETINGS

7.00pm Tuesday 15 February

PCC

venue to be confirmed



"GOD'S LOVE FOR US"

Come and join us

on Wednesday 16 February

7.30pm at St George's

Bring your friends, everyone is welcome!

Saturday 19 February

CiT Environmental Group

Litter Pick

Meet in Holmleigh Park School Car Park

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!

Saturday 5th March

in St George's main hall

**Please put the date in your diary NOW,
you'll be glad you did**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 27th March

**Benefice Mothering Sunday Service
at St George's with Bishop Rachel**

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

Saturday 2nd April at 7.30pm

St George's Centre

Maximum of six per team

£2.00 per team member

**TEN rounds of quizzing with a
difference**

Bring your own food and drink

This is an alternative quiz with a raffle