

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

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



Sunday worship
13 February 2022

3 before LENT
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 – 13th March 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

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

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting – 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 is the power of eternal life



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

Processional Hymn 105 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Prayer for Today

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen

Readings

Jeremiah 1 Jeremiah's Call and Commission

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, **nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, **and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, **with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.**

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; **they are like chaff which the wind blows away;**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, **nor the sinner in the council of the righteous,**

⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

I John 4 God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Luke 6 Jesus Teaches and Heals

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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 & Martin.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Pauline Deeley 17th.

In Memoriam:

Gillian (Gill) Kocerhan RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Lilian Gee, Alistair Fernie, Pauline Halford, Edward Mitchell, Mildred Smith, John Davis, Iris Bluebell Lewis, William Jeffroy (priest), Michael Townsend, Hilda Robinson, Eva Greenwood, Dorothy Welford, Roger Aylward, Granville Collett, Elsie West, Joan Allen, Terry Waite, Michael Haines.

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

Offertory Hymn 336 I will enter his gates

Communion Hymn 284 Holy, Holy, Holy

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him

at his table in the kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Final Hymn Go tell everyone

NEWS & DIARY DATES 13 – 20 FEBRUARY

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 Intercessions: Susan
Mon 14	3.30pm	Zoom	Mission Group
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 15	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.00pm	SH	PCC meeting

Wed 16	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	SlimmingWorld
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Ctte
	7.30pm	St G's	Refresh "God's Love for Us"
Thu 17	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 18	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 19	10.30am		CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick to meet at Holmleigh Park High School carpark
	5.00pm	MH	Private Let
Sun 20			2 before LENT
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Stuart/Sylvia C Intercession: Derek
	12.30pm	St M's	Baptism - tbc
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

**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**

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"

at 7.30pm in the main hall of St George's Centre. Many have already dusted off a poem, song or instrument and will be there to entertain you. But you will need a ticket to enjoy this full evening of homegrown entertainment so see Glenda or Darrell soon, as tickets are limited.

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.

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 High School carpark (Yes, I do mean the school carpark). We expect to be litter picking in the community, but staff wish to meet us and see how we operate.

100 Club

To all 100 Club members it's time to pay for your 100 Club numbers again, in readiness for our March draw. Please see your collector and either pay to the end of March or to the end of the year if you prefer. Members who pay by cheque or through the bank I'm sure that you know what to do. Many thanks, Darrell

❖ Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday. Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church.

The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF:-**

**ANY TINNED FRUIT,
PASTA SAUCES,
DEODORANT,
SHAMPOO**

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