

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

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



Sunday worship
27 February 2022

I 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. 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. 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 – 9th April 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

St Barnabas on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. **Next meeting – Friday 4th March from 3.30pm until 4.45pm.**

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

Order of Service

Jesus is the glory of God

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



Processional Hymn 70 Be thou my vision

Prayer for Today

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Exodus 34 The Shining Face of Moses

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble; **he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

2 The Lord is great in Zion; **he is high above all peoples**

3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; **he is the Holy One.**

4 'O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob'**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; **he is the Holy One**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, **they called upon the Lord and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; **they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

8 'O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; **you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.'**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

2 Corinthians 3 - Ministers of the New Covenant

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Treasure in Clay Jars

¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9 The Transfiguration

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear

with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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, Andrew, Susan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Glenice Boots 1st, the late Jeanne Wilson would have been 94 on 1st.

In Memoriam:

Philip Jordan, Gill Kocerhan, Roy Hughes RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Ruby Jones, Ethel Voyce, Tony Eagles, Heather Kent, Jim Ralphs, Marian Stearns, William Turner, Ann Cole, Eric Lane, Queenie Hibberd, Miles Jones, Dorothy Sawyer, Alfred Evans, Ruth Stocks, Dave Thomas, Queenie Ellis, Katherine McQueer, Marilyn Connor, Evelyn Stevens, Rowland Jones, Esme Adams, Edward Willis, Walter Evans, Janet Kilmister, Tony Freeman.

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

Offertory Hymn 314 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Communion Hymn 17 All heaven declares

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and
save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 695 To God be the glory

**News & Diary Dates 27 February to 6 March
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.

Sun 27	I before LENT March Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers Derek/Derek Intercessions: Sylvia C
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	2.00pm	MH	Private let
	4.30pm	SH	Private let
Mon 28	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 1	Shrove Tuesday		
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	11.00am	St M's	Interment of Ashes for the late Jeanne Wilson
	6.00pm	EM	Pancake Party
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 2	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 3	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	4.30pm	St G's	Lent Evening Prayer
Fri 4	10.00am	World Day of Prayer All welcome at Grange Baptist	
	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 5	7.30pm	MH	Let Us Entertain You by St George's Entertainers
Sun 6	LENT I		
	10.00am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Joceline / Jonathan T Intercessions: Linda
	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
GB = Grange Baptist, EM = English Martyrs

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 or an alternative pudding to share. Book at: - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pancake-party-for-all-the-family-tickets-255941125797> or via your church office.

Let Us Entertain You

Saturday 5th March at 7.30pm in the main hall of St George's Centre. A number of our church members have already dusted off a poem, or a song and will be there to entertain you. But you will need a ticket to enjoy this full evening of homegrown entertainment. Tickets are £5 each and includes a light supper, please bring something to drink. See Glenda or me at Coffee Pot or the Church Office soon, as tickets are limited. Cheers Darrell

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.

Prayer during Lent

We propose to hold 'Day and Evening' prayer sessions throughout Lent and would be delighted if you could join us.

The 'Prayer during the day' sessions will be Zoom meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 12.30pm. with the first one being held on Thursday 3rd March. Invitations will be emailed with a link to connect to Zoom and a link to connect to the 'Daily Prayer liturgy'.

In addition, Rev Rachel will open St George's for 'Evening Prayer' each day from Monday to Thursday at 4.30pm starting on Thursday 3rd March. A new 'Lent daily reflection' will be used each day.

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

Preparing for APCMs

The date for our APCMs is 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 handwritten, 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. Glenda has only received three reports thus far, so many are still awaited.** This will allow sufficient time for collating, editing etc., reports received after this date will not be included. Thank you, Darrell

LENT READING

It's time to choose a book from the display in church. Why not meet 40 women from the Bible during Lent in 2 new books, Forty Women by Ros Clarke or Unveiled by Clare Hayns with striking illustrations by her son Micah? There are plenty of others too. Do take a look. Sarah Kingscote.

LENT GROUPS

Have you enrolled for the Lent Groups? This year the groups will be considering excerpts from the film "The King's Speech". Sign-up sheets can be found at both churches, and you can choose to attend on a Wednesday 2.00pm or Thursday 7.00pm.

As an introduction to the Lent Course the "The Kings Speech" will be shown, in full, on Wednesday 2nd March at 2.00pm at the Vicarage and Thursday 3rd March at 7.00pm in the Vicarage.

The first session of the course will be on Wednesday 9th March from 2.00pm until 3.30pm in the Vicarage.
Thursday 10th March from 7.00 until 8.30pm in the Vicarage.

❖ 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, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, BOTTLES OF SQUASH, PACKETS OF INSTANT MASH, PACKET PASTA 'N SAUCE, PACKET SAVOURY RICE, SMALL JARS COFFEE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, AND 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).



7.00pm WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
at St George's
with imposition of ashes

10.00am FRIDAY 4th MARCH
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Grange Baptist Church
Everyone is welcome

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!
7.30pm SATURDAY 5th MARCH
in St George's main hall
Tickets £5.00 from Glenda and Darrell

SUNDAY 27th MARCH
Benefice Mothering Sunday Service
at St George's with Bishop Rachel