

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**6 March 2022**

**LENT I**  
**Welcome**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar 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 have lifted, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. Next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

**St Barnabas** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm until 4.45pm.

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. **Next meeting** is on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.

**Refresh & Litter Pick**

**Refresh** will be at St Barnabas Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. **Litter Pickers** will meet at **The Podsmead Hub** in Scott Avenue at 2.30pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Order of Service**

**The Word of God**  
**suppresses temptation**



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

*Processional Hymn 625* Take my life and let it be

**Prayer for Today**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and  
prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Readings*

**Deuteronomy 26 First Fruits and Tithes**

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,

<sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm 91**

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

- <sup>2</sup> For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea and still the surging of its waves.
- <sup>10</sup> You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup> Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.
- <sup>12</sup> You have made the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and truth go before your face.
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

## Roman 10

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## Luke 4 The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## 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, Joyce and Martin, Andrew

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None that we know of this week

### Banns of Marriage

**1st calling at St Margaret's for -  
Braidy Ciaren Behan & Fleur Verity Mason.**

### In Memoriam:

Philip Jordan, Gill Kocerhan, Roy Hughes, Irene Preece RIP

### Anniversaries of Death:

Walter Evans, Janet Kilmister, Tony Freeman, Frank Hayward, Jessica Adkins, Albert Crowther, Terrence Rue, Joyce Foreman, Elizabeth Garrett, Barbara Seyers, Ronald Bufton, Albert Hindley, Edwin Jenkyn, Aldwyn Claridge, John Sugden.

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

*Offertory Hymn 448* Meekness and Majesty

*Communion Hymn* Christian dost thou see them

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Final Hymn* Praise my soul the King of heaven

## News & Diary Dates – 6 – 13 March

**LENT READING.** It's not too late. Why not try The Wilderness Within You, Penelope Wilcock takes a number of imaginary walks deep in conversation with Jesus questioning him about problems that trouble her? Or A Place for God, Graham James visits 40 different places, worldwide that have helped him discover God in the landscape and buildings.

Sarah Kingscote

### Prayer throughout Lent

We will be offering various opportunities during Lent to come together and pray, online and in person.

#### Online

Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8.15am will continue to be online on Zoom, and there will also be the chance to join with prayer during the day at 12.30pm on Monday and Thursday online.

**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. Additional information allowing you to join the meeting would be given you. **Interested?** Let Rachel know and you will be welcomed to join any of the above meetings.

#### In-person

As well as our mid-week Holy Communion services (Tuesdays 10am at St G, Thursdays 10.30am at St M) you are also invited to come along in person to Evening Prayer during Lent at 4.30pm in the Lady Chapel at St G Monday -Thursday. Please do consider coming along and making St George's '**A house of prayer**'. See the diary for confirmation of dates and times.

Sun 6			<b>LENT I</b>
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Joceline / Jonathan T <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 7	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Lent Daily Prayer</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>St G's</b>	<b>Lent Evening Prayer</b>
	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 – Lent Talk by Rev'd Rachel
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>St G's</b>	<b>Lent Evening Prayer</b>
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 9	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	2.00pm	<b>LC</b>	<b>Lent I Kings Speech film reflections</b>

	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>St G's</b>	<b>Lent Evening Prayer</b>
Thu 10	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Zoom</b>	<b>Lent Daily Prayer</b>
	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>St G's</b>	<b>Lent Evening Prayer</b>
	7.00pm	<b>LC</b>	<b>Lent I Kings Speech film reflections</b>
Fri 11	10.30am	Crem	Funeral for the late Roy Hughes RIP
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sun 13			<b>LENT 2 Deadline for April Crossroads</b>
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Roger <b>Readers:</b> Dot/David <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,  
LC = St George's Lady Chapel**

**MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall  
SL = Softley Lounge, Crem = Crematorium**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### 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 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.** 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

#### Cleaning Morning at St George's

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, it would be really good to have St George's Church clean and tidy once again. This happens quickest and easiest with many people coming together, '*many hands make light work*' and so we will have a cleaning morning on **Saturday 19th March 10.00am until 12.00noon** - please do come along if you can. Mike and Rachel

## 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

## FOODBANK

❖ 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 MILK (Not Chilled) LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, (Not Chilled) TINNED FISH, PACKETS OF INSTANT MASH, PACKET PASTA 'N SAUCE, FRAY BENTOS PIES, POT NOODLES, 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).



## WEEKLY SERVICES

Every week on a Tuesday

**10.00am Said Holy Communion at St George's**

Every week on a Wednesday

**8.15am Morning Prayer on ZOOM**

Every week on a Thursday

**10.30am Parish Communion at at St**

**Margaret's**

**all are welcome**

## COFFEE POT

each Tuesday

in St George's Centre

from 10.00am onwards

## Finding A Voice: King's Speech

Lent Course 1

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**2.00pm at the Vicarage**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.00pm at the Vicarage**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's**

**10.30am Parish Communion at St George's**

**followed by coffee in the Softley Lounge**

## 100 CLUB DRAW

Takes place next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Please make sure that your dues are up to date**

## A Reminder

for **APRIL's Crossroads**

**our deadline is...**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Benefice Mothering Sunday Service**

**at St George's with Bishop Rachel**

## LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm**

**St George's Centre**

**Bring your own food and drink**

**This is an alternative quiz with a raffle**

**Proceeds to St George's Centre**