

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

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



Sunday worship
13 March 2022

LENT 2
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 2nd Saturday of the month. Next meeting will be on 9th April 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

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

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

CiT Refresh & Litter Pick

Refresh: Because of the closure of St Barnabas roundabout St Barnabas Church will host Refresh online the 16th March via their Facebook page and YouTube. **Litter Pickers** will meet at **The Podsmead Hub** in Scott Avenue at 2.30pm on Saturday 19th March.

Order of Service

Jesus – The Compassionate Saviour

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



Processional Hymn 617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Genesis 15 God's Covenant with Abram

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

Psalm 27

I The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, **they stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, **and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord **and to seek his will in his temple.**
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; **in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head **above my enemies round about me;**
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; **have mercy upon me and answer me.**
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**
- 11 Hide not your face from me, **nor cast your servant away in displeasure.**
- 12 You have been my helper; **leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me, **the Lord will take me up.**
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; **lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.**
- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, **for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out violence.**
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord **in the land of the living.**
- 17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; **wait patiently for the Lord.**

Philippians 3

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13 The Lament over Jerusalem

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and

tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Sermon – Robert Kingston (Gloucester Street Pastors)

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, Tess and Bill and Family

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sarah Kingscote 14th.

In Memoriam:

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

Anniversaries of Death:

John Sugden, Dorothy Tudor, Marion Lane, Ken Holder, Richard Dean, Charles Cook, Heather Hutson, Olive Young, Frank Chinn, Wilfred Brunt, Jacqueline James, Trevor Cale, James Daniels.

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

Offertory Hymn 51 I O Lord my God

Communion Hymn 45 As the deer pants for the water

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt
the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 249 Great is thy faithfulness

News & Diary Dates from 13 to 20 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 are 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 10.00am 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 from Monday to Thursday. Please do consider coming along and making St George's 'A house of prayer'. See the diary for confirmation of dates and times.

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*.

Sun 13	LENT 2 April Crossroads deadline		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Dot/David Intercessions: Derek
Mon 14	12.30pm	Zoom	LENT Daily Prayer
	3.30pm	SL	Mission Group
	4.30pm	St G's	LENT Evening Prayer
	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
	4.30pm	St G's	LENT Evening Prayer

	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 16	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	1.00pm	SH	Diocese – Domestic Abuse
	2.00pm	LC	LENT 2
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	4.30pm	St G's	LENT Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SL	GAGS Committee
	7.30pm	See notice	Refresh
Thu 17	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	Crem	Funeral for the late Irene Preece RIP
	12.30pm	Zoom	LENT Daily Prayer
	4.30pm	St G's	LENT Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	LC	LENT 2
Fri 18	3.30pm	St B	Messy Church
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 19	2.30pm	CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick meet at the Podsmead Hub, Scott Ave	
Sun 20			LENT 3
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Sylvia C/Stuart Intercessions: Susan
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

**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
St B = St Barnabas**

Hearing Aid batteries

Does anyone use brown label batteries for their hearing aids? Jonathan has a number left over having changed his hearing aids. First come first served!

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.

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 from 10.00am to 12.00noon** - please do come along if you can. *Mike and Rachel*

Preparing for our APCMs

Our APCMs will take place on Sunday 15th May at 12.00noon for St George's and after Evensong at St Margaret's.

What do you need to be doing now?

If you usually prepare a report, you need to write it now and email it to Glenda.

Think about if you would like to be one of the PCC members or, who you might like to nominate to be a member of the PCC. This also applies to Churchwarden nominations.

Ukrainian flag



We have ordered a Ukrainian flag, which should be flying at St Margaret's by the time you read this. It will be the largest flag we have flown to date; a nine-footer. We intend to fly it for some while now, and as appropriate in the future, as a mark of solidarity, bearing in mind there is quite a large Ukrainian community here in Gloucester. It is costing about £105: would anyone like to sponsor this? *If so, please speak to Jonathan or Hans.*

St George's Entertainers

We are looking for some new blood for our little group, we are planning a Pantomime for November 2022 but don't really have enough members currently for a cast. If you are interested, please see Mike Mumby or Linda Brown to let them know. Thank you, *Darrell*

The Charter Band

We have just restarted rehearsals in St George's Centre on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. We have lost some of our members over the past two years and would like to ask if you or a family member would like to join us at our next rehearsal in the small hall. Thank you, *Darrell*

Margaret Rowell RIP

It would have been Margaret's 93rd birthday today. Her family have chosen today to scatter her ashes and those of her husband, Peter at sea nr. Portsmouth at 12.00noon.

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, PACKET 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).

