

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

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



Sunday worship
20 March 2022

LENT 3
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 the signs are Covid is still with us. 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 on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Next meeting is on 9th April 2022 from 10.00am until 11.30am.

St Barnabas on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday 1st April from 3.30pm until 4.45pm.

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

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.

Order of Service

Jesus waits patiently for us to come

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



Processional Hymn 626 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Prayer for Today

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 55 An Invitation to Abundant Life

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; **my soul is athirst for you.**
2 My flesh also faints for you, **as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**
3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, **that I might behold your power and your glory.**
4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself **and so my lips shall praise you.**
5 I will bless you as long as I live **and lift up my hands in your name.**
6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, **and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**
7 When I remember you upon my bed **and meditate on you in the watches of the night.**

8 For you have been my helper **and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

9 My soul clings to you; **your right hand shall hold me fast.**

I Corinthians 10 Warnings from Israel's History

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13 Repent or Perish

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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, Pat, Tess and Bill and Family, Doreen and Lee and Tammy

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Ann Mayo 23rd, Mark Barber 24th Michael Mumby 25th. David & Kim Westcott celebrate a wedding anniversary on 27th.

In Memoriam:

Roy Hughes, Irene Preece, Terry Westwood RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

James Daniels, Edith Hardman, Ken Court, Michael Hill, Michael Warner, Raymond Betts, Gladys Wreghitt, Lotti Goldstein, Peter Mitchell, Bob Tate, David Rogers, Carla Wilson, Donald Barber, Phyllis Mitchell, Albert Woodcock, Nigella Greening (priest), Jill Harrison, Barbara Russell, Margaret Durham.

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

Offertory Hymn 738 When I survey the wondrous cross

Communion Hymn 381 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 394 Lift high the cross

News & Diary Dates – 20 – 27 March

Lent Reading

Why not take a Lent journey with Abraham through following his story in Genesis in the book "Abraham" by Meg Warner? Or you could take "A Prayer Journey Through Lent", learning about different spiritual traditions, with one of the 5 short introductory books in the series "The Way Of ..." published by SPCK. Have a look at the display on the table in church. 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 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 20	LENT 3		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Sylvia C / Stuart Intercessions: Susan
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptism of Noah Hathaway
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 21	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 22	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 23	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 3
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
Thu 24	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	LC	Lent Group 3
Fri 25	2.30pm	GB	Quiet Prayer Group
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 26	Clocks forward 1 hour tonight		
Sun 27	MOTHERING SUNDAY LENT 4 April Crossroads available		

	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion with Bishop Rachel followed by coffee Crucifer: Dot Readers: Sylvia E / Derek Intercessions: Sylvia C
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptism
	4.30pm	H	Private Let

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, GB = Grange Baptist, LC = Lady Chapel

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.

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

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.

100 Club Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the March St George's 100 Club Draw: - Margaret Barber £30: Roger Meadows £20: Mark Barber £10: Commiserations if you didn't win on this occasion better luck in our 12th June draw.

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).



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 3

Wednesday 23rd March

2.00pm in St George's Lady Chapel

Thursday 24th March

7.00pm in St George's Lady Chapel

DON'T FORGET



1 hour, next Sunday morning

SUNDAY 27th MARCH

Benefice Mothering Sunday Service

10.30am

at St George's with Bishop Rachel

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

Saturday 2nd 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