

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

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



Sunday worship
3 April 2022

LENT 5

**We welcome Rev'd Canon Michael Garland
this morning to lead our service**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to 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 Barnabas Next meeting is on Saturday 16th April from 10.00am until 12.00noon with Messy Easter.

Grange Baptist on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting is on 25th April at 10.30am.

LENT READING Have another look at the display as there are some different books, particularly Stations of the Cross by Timothy Radcliffe and also Stations of the Cross by Sara Maitland and for a more Anglican approach, Walking the Way of the Cross: prayers and reflections on the biblical stations of the cross by Stephen Cottrell, Paula Gooder and Philip North. You may prefer The Art of Holy Week and Easter by Sister Wendy Beckett.

Order of Service

For Mary, anointing Jesus' feet was a joy, whatever the cost



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

Processional Hymn 695 To God be the glory

Prayer for Today

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 43

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, **then were we like those who dream.**
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter **and our tongue with songs of joy.**
3 Then said they among the nations, **'The Lord has done great things for them.'**
4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, **and therefore we rejoiced.**
5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, **as the river beds of the desert.**
6 Those who sow in tears **shall reap with songs of joy.**
7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, **will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.**

Philippians 3

⁴ If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12 Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Sermon - Rev'd Canon Michael Garland

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 & Mark, Joyce & Martin, Andrew, Tess & Bill & Family, Doreen & Lee & Tammy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None that we know of this week

Banns of Marriage:

2nd calling at St Margaret's for

Braidy Ciaren Beham & Fleur Verity Mason

In Memoriam:

Terry Westwood RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Sybil Parker, Mary Watters, Pauline Dee, Henry Barnes, Roy Hunter, Robert Townsend, Stan Davis, Irene Cole, Eddy Prior, Annie Judge, Les Parsons, Edna Taylor, Dulcie Bone, Pamela Hill, Mary Bulman, William Wilson, June Addis.

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

Offertory Hymn 333 It is a thing most wonderful

Communion Hymn 535 O sacred head, surrounded

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Final Hymn 463 My song is love unknown

News & Diary Dates – 3 until 10 April

Explore Easter

We are opening St George's to local schools for the children to explore Easter. Can you help please? We are looking for volunteers to assist as follows; -

Mornings: Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th, and Thursday 7th April from 8.30am until 12.00noon (or an hour slot from 9.00am)

Afternoons: Tuesday 5th from 1.00pm until 3.00pm & Wednesday 6th, & Thursday 7th from 2.00pm until 3.00pm
If you are free and able to help with any of these sessions, please do come along.

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 3	LENT 5 Deadline for APCM reports		
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise & Banns of Marriage
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Sylvia C / Joceline Intercessions: Linda
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 4	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 5	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.00pm	SH	Benefice Standing Committee
Wed 6	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 4
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SH	Church Centre Management AGM followed by business meeting
Thu 7	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 5
Sun 10	PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Roger Readers: Jonathan / Susan Intercessions: Paul

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

DEC Ukraine appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the total of £450 which has been sent to the DEC.

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 - **TODAY.**

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.

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 SPAGHETTI, TINNED FISH, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED VEG, PACKET INSTANT MASH, PACKET PASTA 'N SAUCE, FRAY BENTOS PIES, SMALL JARS COFFEE, POT NOODLES, SHOWER GEL, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE & SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES.**

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).



for APCM reports it's TODAY

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 St Margaret's

all are welcome

COFFEE POT

each Tuesday

in St George's Centre

from 10.00am onwards



UP AND COMING MEETINGS

7.00pm Tuesday 5th April

**Benefice Standing Committee
in the small hall**

7.00pm Wednesday 6th April

**Church Centre Management Committee
in the small hall**

Finding A Voice: King's Speech

Lent Course week 4

Wednesday 6th April

7.00pm in the Lady Chapel

Lent Course week 5

Thursday 7th April

7.00pm in the Lady Chapel



**10.00am ST GEORGE'S
Saturday 9th April**



Sunday 10th April

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

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