

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

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



Sunday worship
10 April 2022

PALM SUNDAY
HOLY WEEK
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,

The Standing Committee, on the 5th April, reviewed the current benefice Covid arrangements in order to love and protect one another as best we can.

Rachel and the Committee would very much appreciate it if we could all continue wearing masks in our church services, and observing social distancing.

Also, if you are feeling unwell, please could you stay at home. We will review the situation again at the joint PCC meeting on the 17th May.
Thank you.

***** 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 will be on **Good Friday 15th April from 10.00am until 12.00noon with Messy Easter.**

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

Order of Service

Glorious Arrival



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

Processional Hymn 583 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Prayer for Today

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 50

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 39

⁹ 'Deliver me from all my transgressions **and do not make me the taunt of the fool.**'

¹⁰ I fell silent and did not open my mouth, **for surely it was your doing.**

¹¹ Take away your plague from me; **I am consumed by the blows of your hand.**

¹² With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you consume our beauty; **truly, everyone is but a breath.**

¹³ Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; **hold not your peace at my tears.**

¹⁴ For I am but a stranger with you, **a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.**

¹⁵ Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, **before I go my way and am no more.**

Philippians 2

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human

form,
8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 22 & 23

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. 22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

The Dispute about Greatness

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 28 "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; 29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." 33 And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

Purse, Bag, and Sword

35 He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said,

"No, not a thing." 36 He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. 37 For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." 38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. 45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

47 While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" 49 When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Peter Denies Jesus

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. 55 When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56 Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" 59 Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Mocking and Beating of Jesus

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴ they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵ They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Jesus before the Council

⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷ They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰ All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Jesus before Pilate

²³ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³ Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵ But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Jesus before Herod

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Jesus Sentenced to Death

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken

place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had

taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, 51 had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. 55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sermon - Rev'd Rachel

Declaration of Faith

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn 620 Such love

Communion Hymn 82 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Final Hymn 14 All glory, laud and honour

News & Diary Dates – 10 – 17 April

HOLY WEEK READING. In her new book *Women of Holy Week: An Easter Journey in Nine Stories* Paula Gooder uses her extensive biblical expertise to retell the events of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension through the eyes of nine women she imagines accompanying Jesus during these momentous days. Accompanied by nine colour illustrations, each story brings to life the tension, drama and shock of the events of Holy Week, banishing any over-familiarity and helping readers enter into the Passion narrative in a deeper, more meaningful way. I really enjoyed this short book which vividly brings to life these women's encounters with Jesus in his final days on Earth.

Sarah Kingscote.

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:

Oakley Byrne 14th, Dawn Dolphin 15th.

In Memoriam:

Terry Westwood RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Mary Bulman, William Wilson, June Addis, John Perris, Madeline Baxter, Joshua Webb, Charles Speke, Emma Bassett, Josephine Beard, Margaret Winstone, Yvonne Gladwin, Joan Alderton, Patricia Fivash, Albert Spiers, Henry Andrews, William Speck, Francesco Gallo, David Cohen, Keith Stephens, Gerald Halford, Mick Summerell, Terrence Raybould, Edith Robins, Hedley Ringrose (priest), Robert Mayo, Myra Waite,

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

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 10	PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Jonathan T / Susan Intercessions: Paul
Mon 11	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
Tue 12	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by Stations of the Cross at 10.30am
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	2.30pm	SH	Mother's Union with Mark Cummings of Radio Gloucestershire
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
Wed 13	May Crossroads deadline		
	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 5
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	4.30pm	LC	Lent Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SH	Gardening Club Committee
Thu 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	12.30pm	Zoom	Lent Daily Prayer
	7.00pm	St G's	Parish Communion
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 15	GOOD FRIDAY		
	10.00am	St B	Easter Messy Church
	1.00pm	GB	Holy Communion
	1.30pm	From GB	Church in Tuffley Walk of Witness
	3.00pm	EM	All are welcome to English Martyrs
Sat 16	8.30pm	St M's	Easter Vigil
Sun 17	EASTER DAY		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: David / Dot Intercessions: Derek

**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,
St B = St Barnabas GB = Grange Baptist,
EM = English Martyrs.**

❖ 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).



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?

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 as well.

Thank you

Rachel and Paul would like to say a huge thank you for your best wishes and cards for our first anniversary. The service of blessing was very special, and we had a lovely meal with family and friends afterwards. A few photos may be seen on the St George's screens before the service!

ADDITIONAL SERVICES THIS HOLY WEEK

TUESDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will follow the **PARISH COMMUNION** at **St George's**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm PARISH COMMUNION
at **ST GEORGE'S**

GOOD FRIDAY

Church in Tuffley WALK OF WITNESS
1.30pm from Grange Baptist

EASTER EVE

8.30pm EASTER VIGIL
at **St Margaret's**



9.00am Parish Communion
at **St Margaret's**
10.30pm Parish Communion
at **St George's**



9.00am Parish Communion at **St Margaret's**
10.30am Parish Communion at **St George's**
10.30am Family Praise at **St Margaret's**

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