

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

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



**Sunday worship
8 May 2022**

**EASTER 4
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.

Online Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer on Wednesday at 8.15am will continue to be online on Zoom. **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.

For your diaries - Church in Tuffley Jubilee Picnic
To celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee we are joining the other churches in Tuffley for a picnic at **2.00pm on Friday 3rd June in Randwick Park**. Watch this space for further information.

Order of Service

Jesus – the voice of eternal life

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



Processional Hymn 13 All for Jesus

Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 9 Peter in Lydda and Joppa

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; **therefore can I lack nothing.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures **and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul **and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; **you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.**
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow Me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Revelation 7 The Multitude from Every Nation

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne

and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John 10 Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Sermon – Derek Kingscote

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, Clare, Tess & Bill & Family.

Anniversaries of Death:

Edwin Allen, Valerie Dyer, Susan Michell, David Kent, Harry Young, James Beck, Edward King, Albert Grech, Barbara Williams, Dudley Harben, Roy Alderton, Margaret Woollen.

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

Offertory Hymn 303 I cannot tell

Communion Hymn 434 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good
shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise
again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 673 Thine for ever! God of love

*** 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 on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month.

Next meeting - 20th May from 3.30 until 4.45pm

Grange Baptist on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting 29th May at 10.30am.

THANK YOU TO PCC MEMBERS

This afternoon (8th May), all current PCC members and their partners are invited to the Vicarage (garden if nice weather!) for a gathering from 3.00pm to give thanks for the generous giving of their time and talents. There will be light refreshments and drinks.

News & Diary Dates 8 – 15 May

Sun 8	EASTER 4			
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion	
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion & followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Stuart/Susan Intercessions: Linda M	
	3.00pm	Vicarage Garden Party for PCC members		
Mon 9	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now	
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies	
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows	
	7.15pm	MH	Guides	
Tue 10	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion	
	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot	
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union with Barry Simon-St Kenelm	
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers	
Wed 11	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer	

	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Cttee
	7.00pm	St G's	Living in love and faith
Thu 12	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 13	Crossroads deadline		
	2.00pm	MH	Footlights
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 14	1.00pm	MH	Private Party
Sun 15	EASTER 5		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Dot/David Intercessions: Paul
	followed by St G's Annual Parochial Church meeting		
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong followed by the Annual Parochial Church meeting

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall,
SL = Softley Lounge**

Living in love and faith

St George's are hosting a deanery run course, **Living in Love and Faith, on a Wednesday evening at 7.00pm** for five consecutive weeks **beginning on 11th May.** This is a course that has been devised for parishes and deaneries across the CofE, to help us to reflect on what it means to be human and what it means to be living our lives in love and faith together.

St Catherine's on London Road will also run this 5 week course on **Tuesday mornings at 10.30am starting on the 7th June.** For more information, see the separate flyer in church, or speak to Rachel.

Gloucestershire 'Read with me' appeal for volunteers

Read With Me is a Gloucestershire organisation, set up to ensure that in the future every child will move to secondary school able to read well.

If a child is unable to read well at age 7, they do less well at school. They will suffer reduced employment / earning opportunities which could lead them to experience greater difficulties in later life.

The statistics are not good

200,000 children per year will leave primary school unable to read well.

25% of five years olds struggle with basic vocabulary.
96% of primary school teachers are concerned about pupil's speech and language.

Volunteers hear each child read twice a week for 10/15 minutes which helps improve communication and social skills and confidence.

We hear 1500 children a week but urgently need to be able to provide this support to 5,000 children.

How can you help?

We ask volunteers give one or two hours a week. Full training and support are provided with regular social occasions.

If you can help, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please let us know if you have any questions by contacting either myself Julie Jenner at julie@readwithme.org.uk or by calling me on 07765800231 my usual working hours are Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 8.00am until 2.00pm and Thursdays 11.00am until 1.00pm or you can contact our Founder, Linda Cohen, at linda@readwithme.org.uk

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

APCMs

The annual meetings at both churches will be held next **Sunday, 15th May, after the services.** These meetings are to celebrate and give thanks for the life of the churches in 2021 and to elect churchwardens for the year, and PCC members. Please do stay for these meetings, and before then, do consider whether you might be able to be on the PCC - sign up via the list in the porch at St G and via forms at St M on the font. The annual report can be viewed online on the benefice website, or do take a hard copy today and please remember to bring it with you next week!

Christian Aid week is from 15th until 21st May

At St George's there will a bucket at the back for church for your donations. You probably remember the delivering and collecting of envelopes ceased during lockdown so, having a bucket at the back of church seemed the way forward. Our bucket will remain there all week and most probably not removed until after the morning Communion service on Sunday 22nd May, I'm sure no one will mind!

Reaching children and families

Everyone is invited to be part of a conversation thinking about how the two churches are reaching children and families in our community, and considering what more we might be doing - we hope to put together a short term plan with dates for events over Spring/Summer. Please do come along to be part of the conversation on Monday 23rd May at 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

Refresh & Litter Pick

Grange Baptist Church will be hosting 'Refresh' on **Wednesday 18th May starting at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

Litter Pickers will meet at Grange Baptist Church on **Saturday 21st May at 2.30pm**

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, PACKET INSTANT MASH, PACKET PASTA 'N SAUCE, FRAY BENTOS PIES, SMALL JARS COFFEE, POT NOODLES, plus 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).



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

Tuesday 10th May

MOTHERS' UNION

2.30pm in the Softley Lounge



**JUST A LITTLE
Reminder**

For JUNE's Crossroads

Our deadline is...

Friday 13th May!



Sunday 15th May

after the morning service at St George's

after Evensong at St Margaret's