

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

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



Sunday worship
15 May 2022

EASTER 5
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.

Order of Service

Love one another

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



Processional Hymn 680 This joyful Eastertide

Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Readings

Acts 11

Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148

- 1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; **praise him in the heights.**
- 2 Praise him, all you his angels; **praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you stars of light.**
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, **and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, **for he commanded and they were created.**
- 6 He made them fast for ever and ever; **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, **you sea monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, **tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars;**
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, **creeping things and birds on the wing;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, **princes and all rulers of the world;**
- 12 Young men and women, old and young together; **let them praise the name of the Lord.**
- 13 For his name only is exalted, **his splendour above earth and heaven.**
- 14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

Revelation 21

The New Heaven and the New Earth

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13 The New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By

this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 & Mark, Joyce & Martin, Clare, Tess & Bill & Family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Linda Medwell 18th.

Anniversaries of Death:

Margaret Woollen, Raymond Wilson, Barbara Bayliss, Alan Holder, Mary Jenkyn, Olive Davis, Margaret Mills, Peter Minall (priest), Charlie Wild, Henry Venour, Margaret Dunn, Dorothy James, Olive Collier, Tracey Eroglu, Russell Heard, Gordon Aston, Judith Ford, Betty Boulton, Olga Ralphs.

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

Offertory Hymn 84 Breath on me, Breath of God

Communion Hymn 332 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final Hymn 727 What a friend we have in Jesus

News & Diary Dates – 15 – 22 May

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 Friday of the month.

Next meeting will be on Friday 1st July from 3.30 until 4.45pm

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

Church in Tuffley Jubilee Picnic

To celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee we are joining the other churches in Tuffley for a picnic at **2pm on Friday 3rd June in Randwick Park**. Bring the food and drink you have prepared for you and your family and bring your deck chairs. In addition, donate some food to place on a table which will be available to anyone passing by.

How will you find us? Look for Church in Tuffley members wearing High-Viz Jackets.

APCMs

The annual meetings at both churches will be held **TODAY 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. If you haven't seen a copy of the annual report, you can view a hard copy in the church today.

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**

	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Roger Readers: Derek/Joceline Intercessions: Susan

**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
GB = Grange Baptist**

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 7pm in the Lady Chapel.

100 Club Draw

Yes, it's time again to think about paying your 100 Club fees to the end of June (or further) to your collector as the next draw will be on Sunday 12 June. Also, if you've been considering joining the club don't think about it anymore, just do it. See me and I'll let you have the details and club rules. Darrell

Christian Aid week bucket

It's out at the back of St George's Church just waiting for your donations, it will be there all week.

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.

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
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Mon 16	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 17	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.00pm	SH	PCC Meeting
Wed 18	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
	7.00pm	SH	Living in Love and Faith
	7.30pm	GB	Refresh
Thu 19	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 20	2.00pm	MH	Footlights
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 21	11.30am	St M's	Wedding of Braidy Ciaren Behan & Fleur Verity Mason
	2.30pm	Litter Pick meet at Grange Baptist Church	
Sun 22 Easter 6			

How can you help?

We ask volunteers give one or two hours a week. Full training and support is 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 and Wednesday from 8.00am until 2.00pm and Thursdays from 11.00am until 1.00pm, or you can contact our Founder, Linda Cohen, at linda@readwithme.org.uk

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, 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

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

For JUNE's Crossroads

Our deadline WAS...

Friday 13th May!



TODAY

after the morning service at St George's

AND

after Evensong at St Margaret's

**PCC
MEETING**

Tuesday 17th May

**7.00pm in the small hall
of St George's Centre**