

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**8 January 2023**

**EPIPHANY**  
**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.

**If you are feeling unwell, please could you stay at home.** Thank you.

**For your own comfort...**

Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

**Please note...**

**The 10.00am Communion Service on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January has been cancelled.**

**Fun & Free Tuesdays** begin again this Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> January) as a drop-in for toddlers, pre-school, school aged children, and their families from 1.30pm until 4.30pm in the Main Hall at St George's. Please do let your families, friends and neighbours know about this - there are leaflets at the back of St George's Church that you are welcome to take. Thank you so much to all those who were able to help with this drop-in time last year; your time and energy are much appreciated! New helpers are always very welcome, please let Rachel or Susan know if you are interested.

**ONLINE:**

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**

**Overwhelmed with joy**

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



**Processional Hymn** 724 We three kings of Orient are

**Prayer for Today**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Readings**

**Isaiah 60 The Ingathering of the Dispersed**

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Psalms 72**

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, **and your righteousness to the son of a king.**
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously **and your poor with justice.**
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, **and the little hills righteousness for the people.**
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, **deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, **from one generation to another.**
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, **like the showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, **and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 8 May his dominion extend from sea to sea **and from the River to the ends of the earth.**
- 9 May his foes kneel before him **and his enemies lick the dust.**

**Ephesians 3 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles**

<sup>3</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was

given to me for you,<sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,<sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.<sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:<sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.<sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Matthew 2 The Visit of the Wise Men**

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**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, Laura, Lynne, Daphne, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Helen, David, Carol and Family, Rob.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Sue Winter 11<sup>th</sup>.

**In Memoriam:**

Mike Mumby RIP

**Anniversaries of Death:**

John Hall, Alan Berryman, Evelyn Shuker, Brian Click, Hilary Reynolds, Gilbert Holder, Greta Welch, Sarah MacAlpine, Ken Walden, Marion Slater, Cyril Curtis, Ruby Hopson, Donald Underwood, Peter Shields, Hilda Morgan, Doris Green, Lily Yates, John Tarbox, Keith Elias, Raymond Manley, Percy Judge, Charles Hawkins, Lionel Chiswell.

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

**Offertory Hymn** 552 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**Communion Hymn** Every star should sing a carol

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by  
your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final Hymn** 243 Go, tell it on the mountain

**News & Diary Dates 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**\*\*\* 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

Next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 3.30pm until 4.45pm

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.

**APCM:**

2022 is past, so thoughts should be turning towards reports on the activities your group were part of during 2022. These reports are compiled into a Reports and Accounts document by Glenda, which is then presented at benefice APCMs. No date is confirmed yet for our APCM meetings but please consider writing your report soon whilst happenings remain fresh in your memory and email them to Glenda (no PDFs please) who will put the

final report together. If you can't email it please give Glenda enough time to word process it. Thank you.

Sun 8	<b>EPIPHANY</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia E <b>Readers:</b> Linda M / Stuart <b>Intercessions:</b> Sylvia C
	tbc	MH	Child's Party
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise
Mon 9	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 10	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 11	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 12	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	<b>NEW! Clubbercise Zumba</b>
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 13	<b>February Crossroads deadline</b>		
Sat 14	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 15	<b>EPIPHANY 2</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Derek / Dot <b>Intercessions:</b> Susan
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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

**Rob Taylor:** Many of our congregations will remember Rob Taylor, the husband of Jan Taylor who was a Curate here in the early to mid-1990s. As a Reader Rob took part in our services from time to time although he was attached to St Barnabas. Rob and Jan lived in St George's Close before moving back to the Forest of Dean area. Sorry to write that Rob is currently receiving palliative care in hospital and is on the final part of his journey on earth. Please pray for Rob, his family and his friends, Rob will appreciate it.

❖ 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 MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham) TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, PACKET INSTANT MASH, PACKETS OF BISCUITS,**

**SMALL JARS COFFEE,  
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, Thursday & 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).



**PCC MEETING**  
**7.00pm on Tuesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**Small Hall**