

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

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



Sunday worship
15 January 2023

BAPTISM OF CHRIST
We welcome our visiting priest
Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our visiting priest, Rev Dr Sandra Millar 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.

PCC meeting

Would all PCC members please note there will be a meeting in the Small Hall on **Tuesday 17th January at 7.00pm.**

Mike Mumby RIP

The funeral service for Mike Mumby will take place at **2.00pm on Friday 27th January at St George's followed by the burial at St Margaret's** followed by a reception at St George's. All are welcome.

Fun & Free Tuesday

Fun and Free Tuesdays is 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.

Order of Service

Righteousness fulfilled

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



Processional Hymn 16 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 42

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalms 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; **the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; **the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; **in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; **the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; **the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Acts 10 Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 3 The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Sermon – Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar

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:

None that we know of this week

In Memoriam:

Mike Mumby, Olive Palmer RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

John Bullard, George Mitchell, Doreen Williams. Walter Sparey, Margaret Gallo, Joan Middlecote, Sheila Criddy, Andrew Winter, Ada Brown, Mervyn Evans, Sheila Bell, John Webb, David Gillard, Linda Edwards, Yvonne Halling, Edith Wilkinson, Bill Lane.

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

Offertory Hymn 85 Brightest and best

Communion Hymn 752 Will you come and follow me

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 74 Blessed assurance

News & Diary Dates from 15th to 22nd 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 1st Friday of the month.

Next meeting – 3rd February from 3.30 – 4.45pm

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

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.

Sun 15	EPIPHANY 2		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Derek / Dot Intercessions: Susan
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 16	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 17	9.30am	MH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.00pm	SH	PCC meeting
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 18	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Committee
	7.30pm	St B	Refresh
Thu 19	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 21	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 22	EPIPHANY 3		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Joceline/Lynne 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, St B = St Barnabas**

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.

Know someone who:

- ❖ is without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519



Please meet at
2.30pm on Saturday 28th January at St Barnabas Church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Soon a few of us will be meeting to mull over our Christmas Fayre. We will try and pinpoint what was good, what was bad, what worked, what didn't, what we can improve on, what to do again and what not to do again. I'm sure that you will have your own thoughts about our Christmas Fayre; we would be so grateful if you would share those thoughts with us whether they be good or bad. We can't learn if we don't know how you felt about it. Catch up with me or Rachel and tell us. If it's easier for you to email me then do, ds52604@gmail.com will find me waiting for your thoughts.

I suspect that Rachel might like your comments about Christmas Services in the Benefice too. So please let her know.

Finally, what do you think we should do about the King's Coronation in May and whether or not we should have a Benefice Summer Fayre?

You can speak to me about any or all of these topics our Fayre's group will meet on Wednesday 25th January so to see me before then would be great.

Many thanks, Darrell

❖ 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!

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).



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 this Tuesday

in George's Centre

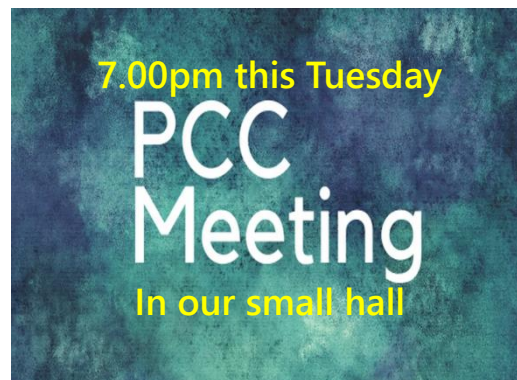
from 9.30am



FUN AND FREE TUESDAY's

at St George's

from 1.30pm until 4.30pm



**Will meet at St Barnabas
at 7.30pm
on Wednesday, 18th January**



**Sessions continue
in the main hall
this Thursday at 6.30pm**



Wednesday, 25 January