

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

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



Sunday worship
22 January 2023

EPIPHANY 3
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.

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.

APCMs...

It was agreed at the joint PCC meeting APCMs will be held at both St George's and St Margaret's on the **21st May 2023**. Please ensure reports are with Glenda as soon as possible.

Open the Book

Would you like to be part of an Open the Book team going into schools (whether or not you were part of one before the pandemic)? With all three local schools (Grange Primary, Harewood Infant and Harewood Junior) asking about Open the Book, this feels like a good time to re-launch! We are going to do this by creating a new Church in Tuffley Team, which is open to all. **Please let Rachel know if you are interested in being part of the team**, or if you would like more information about Open the Book (info also available here: www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book)

Order of Service

Sharing life – giving joy

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



Processional Hymn 144 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Prayer for Today

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Isaiah 9

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord **and to seek his will in his temple.**
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; **in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.**
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head **above my enemies round about me;**
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an Oblation with great gladness; **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; **have mercy upon me and answer me.**
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**
- 11 Hide not your face from me, **nor cast your servant away in displeasure.**
- 12 You have been my helper; **leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

I Corinthians 1 Divisions in the Church

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4 Galilee Ministry Begins

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles' ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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:

None that we know of this week.

In Memoriam:

Mike Mumby RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Yvonne Halling, Edith Wilkinson, Bill Lane, Violet Badham, Eve Stephens, Zacary Evans, Rachel Smith, Doris Lee, Ernest Creese, Brian Ellis, Sylvia Barnard, John Hyett, James Clarke, Eileen Stevens, Louisa Gabb, Ernest Phillips, Cyril Bevan, Gerald Evans, David Dyer, David Wilkins, Philip Jordan.

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

Offertory Hymn 28 A man there lived in Galilee

Communion Hymn 195 From heaven you came

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final Hymn 72 Bind us together, Lord

News & Diary Dates from 22nd to 29th 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 22	EPIPHANY 3		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Joceline / Lynne Intercessions: Paul
Mon 23	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 24	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 25	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 26	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 27	2.00pm	St G's	Funeral for the late Michael Mumby RIP followed by burial at St M's & a reception at St G's
	2.30pm	CCA	Quiet Prayer Group
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 28	10.00am	MH	Karate
	2.30pm	See Notice	CiT Environmental Litter Pick
Sun 29	EPIPHANY 4 / CANDLEMAS / PRESENTATION OF CHRIST in the TEMPLE		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Roger Readers: Jonathan T / David Intercessions: Linda
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Private let

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, GB = Grange Baptist, St B = St Barnabas, CCA = Christchurch, Abbeydale

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!



Please meet at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th January at **St Michael's Church, Tuffley (by Robert Raikes Ave shops)**
Please note change of meeting point.

Children and families outreach conversation

Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the open conversation in May about our children and families' outreach. Arising from that conversation, and since then, we have seen many exciting developments across the benefice; Fun and Free Tuesdays, the teddy bear zip-wire event, Messy Christingle, Nativity Fun etc. Now feels like a good time to have another open conversation, to review and reflect, and to think about future possibilities.

In particular it would be good to reflect on the following questions: What is working well, especially on a Tuesday, and what might we want to further develop/change? Families have generally said Saturday mornings are a good time; what do we have the vision, energy and capacity to offer on a Saturday morning and how regularly? We have a small group of secondary school students (Y7s) regularly coming along on a Tuesday, is there anything else we might do to engage with this age group?

Everyone is very welcome to come along on Tuesday 31st Jan at 7.00pm for this conversation in St George's Lady Chapel. If you are unable to come, but have thoughts on the questions above, please do let Rachel or Laine know.

St George's Church Centre Management...

...are looking for new recruits. A couple of places on the committee need to be filled if we are to maintain a working quorum, we meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the Softley Lounge every other month. Our next meeting is on 14th February at 7.00pm, which will also be our AGM when elections to the committee need to be made. Currently meetings last about an hour. If you are interested and would like some more information or have questions, please speak to me as soon as it's convenient for you. Many thanks, Darrell

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

Centre. 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 see Rachel or Susan.

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

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 MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham)
TINNED FRUIT,
TINNED RICE PUDDING,
TINNED CUSTARD,
PACKET INSTANT MASH,
PACKETS OF BISCUITS,
SMALL JARS COFFEE,
SHOWER GEL,
DEODORANT,
TOOTHPASTE
SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES,
NAPPIES SIZEs 5 AND 6 AND BABY WIPES.
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**

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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