

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**5 February 2023**

**3 before LENT**  
**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.

**Toilet facilities at St Margaret's...**

Unfortunately, the toilet at St Margaret's is not usable at the moment. We shall let you know when the facility is restored.

**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](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book))

**St George's Church Centre Management...**

...are looking for new recruits. To maintain a working quorum a couple of places on the committee need to be filled. We meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the Softley Lounge every other month. Our AGM is on 14th February at 7.00pm. Any questions please speak to Darrell.

**Order of Service**

**Jesus – fulfiller of God's law**

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



**Processional Hymn** 99 Christ is the world's light

**Prayer for Today**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

**Readings**

**Isaiah 58 False and True Worship**

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

**Psalm 112**

- 1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord **and have great delight in his commandments.**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land, **a generation of the faithful that will be blest.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, **and their righteousness endures for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; **gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**
- 5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending **and order their affairs with justice,**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; **the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**

- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; **their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear, **until they see the downfall of their foes.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; **their head will be exalted with honour.**

### **I Corinthians 2 Proclaiming Christ Crucified**

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

### **The True Wisdom of God**

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' <sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

### **Matthew 5 Salt and Light**

<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

### **The Law and the Prophets**

<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the

scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

### **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, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Helen, David, Carol and Family.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Margaret Whittle 5<sup>th</sup>, Pat Mitchell 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **In Memoriam:**

Ivor Panting, Rob Taylor, Daphne Reeves, Jean Reeves RIP

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

Martyn Gabb, Constance Jones, Lily Alderton, Mark Jones, Doreen Sharp, Wilfred Griffiths, Joan King, Doreen Parish, Eunice Booker, Edward Cripps, Doris Spirit, John Cole, Hilda Dennis, Eileen Critchley, James Martin, Frederick Welford, Agnes Mercer, Noah Phare, Thomas Turner, Walter Franklin, Valerie Riselli, Ian Whittle, Dorothy Grover, Doris Maddock.

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

**Offertory Hymn** 35 A new commandment

**Communion Hymn** 332 I, the Lord of sea and sky

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Final Hymn** 419 Lord, the light of your love

### **News & Diary Dates from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **\*\*\* 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 is on 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 3.30pm until 4.45pm

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**FAYRES:** Thank you to all those who gave us feedback, we have taken on board much of what was brought to our attention. So, with the PCC's approval we propose to hold another Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 9th December** from 11.00am until 3.00pm and hope that you will offer your help to donate, run a stall and generally help on the day and perhaps even join our little group. We will also propose holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday 15th July from 12.00noon until 4.00pm based on having fun and games and food. **Please note the correction to my date error in last week's Signpost.**

**FUN & FREE TUESDAY:** Fun and Free Tuesdays is a drop-in for toddlers, pre-school, school aged children, and their families from 1.30-4.30pm in the Main Hall at St G. Please do let your families, friends and neighbours know about this; there are leaflets at the back of St G 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.

**Shrove Tuesday**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2023**  
 Pancakes, Puddings & Praise Social Evening

The Church in Tuffley presents a (free) fun  
 Family social evening.  
 Pancakes & puddings provided – bring your favourite  
 pancake filling.  
 Tea, Coffee & Soft drinks provided.  
 In English Martyrs Church Parish Hall  
 247 Tuffley Lane, GL4 0NX  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm  
 To book your place – please fill in the sign-up sheet.  
 For more information, please speak to Rachel

Sun 5	<b>3 before LENT</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Jayne <b>Readers:</b> Sylvia C / Paul <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek <b>Coffee:</b> Kath / Stella
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 6	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 7	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 8	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 9	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	1.00pm	St G's	Funeral of the late Jean Reeves RIP
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 10	tbc	St M's	Interment of Ashes of the late Margaret Bruton RIP
Sat 11	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 12	<b>2 before LENT</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Dot <b>Readers:</b> Sylvia E / Stuart <b>Intercessions:</b> Laine <b>Coffee:</b> Darrell/Glenda
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise

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

### 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, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, NAPPIES SIZE 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**

### 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**



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**at 2.30pm**

**in the small hall**



**UP AND COMING MEETINGS**

**7.00pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Church Centre Management Committee**

**in the small hall for**

**AGM and Business meeting**

**7.00pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Connections meeting**

**in the Vicarage**



**Will meet at English Martyrs**

**at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**CiT Environmental Group**

**Litter Pick**

**meet at English Martyrs at 2.30pm**