

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

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



Sunday worship
12 February 2023

2 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.

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.

LENT DISCUSSIONS: By popular request we will be using a film again for our Lent discussions, The Greatest Showman. These will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 until 3.30pm and a Thursday evening at 7.00 until 8.30pm beginning 1st and 2nd March for five weeks in St George's Lady Chapel. The week before, 22nd and 23rd February there will be an opportunity to see the full film at those same times at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Earthquake in Turkey & Syrian

There will be a bucket at the back of St George's over the next few weeks to receive your donations towards this very urgent earthquake appeal.

Order of Service

God's Kingdom has no worries.

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



Processional Hymn 37 Angel-voices ever singing

Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Genesis I Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was

good. ²² God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalms 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, **for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 7 Who made the great lights, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 8 The sun to rule the day, **for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, **for his mercy endures for ever;**

Romans 18 Future Glory

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6 Do Not Worry

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

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, Helen, Margaret & Mark, David, Carol and Family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Pauline Deeley & Ethel Haines 17th.

In Memoriam:

Daphne Reeves, Jean Reeves, Anita Clift, Peter Spiers RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Dorothy Grover, Doris Maddock, Noah Phare, Wilfred

Griffiths, Lilian Gee, Alistair Fernie, Pauline Halford, Edward Mitchell, Mildred Smith, Iris Lewis, Roy Hughes, Willian Jeffroy (priest), John Davis, Michael Townsend, Hilda Robinson, Eva Greenwood, Dorothy Welford, Elsie West, Roger Aylward, Granville Collett, Joan Allen.

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

Offertory Hymn 662 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Communion Hymn 463 My song is love unknown

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on
earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 716 We have a gospel to proclaim

News & Diary Dates from 12th to 19th 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 1st Friday of the month.
Next meeting – 3rd March from 3.30 – 4.45pm
Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting – 26th 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.

FUN & FREE TUESDAYS: Is a drop-in for toddlers, pre-school, school aged children, and their families from 1.30 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 see Rachel or Susan.

SUGGESTION OF SETTING UP A MEN'S GROUP...

It has been suggested that we should start a men's group within our Churches'.

If there is sufficient interest, we will arrange a meeting to talk about the concept and agree on the format and frequency of further meetings.

If you might be interested in such a group, please contact me on 01452 524335 or sign the sheet at the back of St Georges Church.

Sun 12	2 before LENT		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Dot Readers: Sylvia E / Stuart Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Darrell / Glenda
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise
Mon 13	March Crossroads deadline		
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 14	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
	7.00pm	SL	Centre Management
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 15	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	V	Connections meeting
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Ctte
Thu 16	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 18	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 19	Sunday before LENT		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Susan / David Intercessions: Linda Coffee: Dianne / Erna
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptism - tbc
	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, V = Vicarage.**

**COFFEE POT this Tuesday
in George's Centre
from 9.30am**

**Shrove Tuesday
21st 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 21st February 2023 6.00pm-8.00pm
To book your place – please fill in the sign-up sheet.
For more information please speak to Rachel.

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
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



**Tuesday 14th February
at 2.30pm
in the small hall**



UP AND COMING MEETINGS

7.00pm Tuesday 14th February

Church Centre Management Committee

in the small hall for

AGM and Business meeting

7.00pm Wednesday 15th February

Connections meeting

in the Vicarage