

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

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



Sunday worship
19 February 2023

I 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.

Sincere thanks to Darrell

This week Darrell stood down as Chair of the Centre Management Committee after many years of dedicated service in this role. We must pay tribute to him and say sincere thanks for all the time, energy and talent he has given so generously over the years - it really is appreciated and valued by us all.

Confirmation

We will be gathering for a few confirmation sessions soon as we have at least one candidate for confirmation in the benefice. If you would be interested in either being confirmed, or coming along to the sessions out of interest (if you've already been confirmed, or if you're not sure about confirmation) please do speak to Rachel or Laine.

Shrove Tuesday
21st February 2023

Pancakes, Puddings & Praise Social Evening

To help English Martyrs estimate catering requirements, **if you are attending the evening, but haven't told Rachel please see her today.**

Order of Service

Jesus is the Glory of God

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



Processional Hymn 105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Prayer for Today

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Exodus 24

¹² The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalms 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult, **and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?**
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the Lord and against his anointed:**
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder **and cast away their cords from us.**'
- 4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; **the Lord shall have them in derision.**
- 5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath **and terrify them in his fury:**
- 6 'Yet have I set my king **upon my holy hill of Zion.**'
- 7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; **he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.**
- 8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance **and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron **and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'**
- 10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; **be prudent, you judges of the earth.**

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, **lest he be angry and you perish from the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.**
12 Happy are all they **who take refuge in him.**

2 Peter 1 Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17 The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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:

Roger & Brenda Meadows celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 24th.

In Memoriam:

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

Anniversaries of Death:

Granville Collett, Elsie West, Joan Allen, Terry Waite, Michael Haynes, Kevin Easterby, Richard Clarke, Heather Merrett, Irene Preece, Marion Jenkins, Mark Hopkins, Andrew Kelly, Joan Mercer, David Cleveland, Doreen Taylor, Marjorie Treece, Iris Turner, Sandra Everidge, Dinah Freke, Nicholas Capper, Tom Tranter, Pamela Whitmore, Margaret Price.

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

Offertory Hymn 295 How lovely on the mountains

Communion Hymn 17 All heaven declares

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 762 You are the King of Glory

News & Diary Dates from 19th to 26th 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.

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. Stuart Mitchell

Open the Book: Thank you very much to those who have expressed interest in being part of a Church in Tuffley Open the Book Team. There is a training morning on 6th March in Tewkesbury which would be good for us to attend if possible - please let Rachel know if you can make that time and we can arrange transport together.

Sun 19	I 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
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 20			Half Term Week
Tue 21	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	EM	Pancakes, Puddings and Praise Social Evening.
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 22	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	St G's	Service with Ashing
Thu 23	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 24	2.30pm	St G's	Quiet Prayer Group
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 25	10.00am	MH	Karate
	2.30pm	EM	Tuffley Litter Pick
Sun 26	LENT I		
	March Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Dot / Derek Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Glenice/Hilary
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Charles 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.
EM = English Martyrs**

Explore Easter: We are hoping to offer Explore Easter for all the local schools again, the week commencing 20th March. If you might have any time that week to help for an hour or more, please could you put it in your diary, and we'll have a sign-up sheet closer to the time. Both David Crunkhorn and I are really grateful for the support you are able to give to this - don't worry if you can't physically come along and help - prayer support is equally needed! Rachel

Tuffley Litter Pick: Litter Pickers please meet at English Martyrs Church at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th February.

Feedback on hymns at St George'

You may have noticed that the style of the hymns has changed over the last few weeks/months. We would really appreciate any feedback, questions or comments you have about the choice of hymns, the style of music, the style of video/words on screen, or anything else you'd like to mention - please speak to Rachel or Sylvia, or write your comments on a comments card on the entrance table and put into the box.

St George's Church Centre Management

...we managed to get a new recruit for our committee last Tuesday, but we couldn't elect a new Chair or Deputy Chair; so, we will continue with our current committee for now. Glenda was re-elected to be the St George's Centre Secretary and Treasurer. We meet next, on Wednesday 12th April at 7.00pm in the Softley Lounge. If you would like to be a committee member, please speak to Glenda.

Turkey And Syria Earthquake Appeal

We will continue to have a bucket for donations at the back of St George's until further notice. Many of our congregation were most generous with their donations last week, which we will pass on to the appropriate fund in due course. Thank you for your support.

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).



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 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm

To book your place – please fill in the sign-up sheet.

For more information, please speak to Rachel.

COFFEE POT this Tuesday

in George's Centre

from 9.30am

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

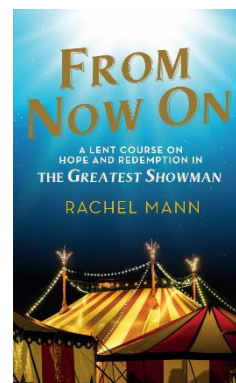


See this film at the Vicarage
on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.00pm
and on Thursday 23rd February at 7.00pm



QUIET PRAYER GROUP
FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY
at 2.30pm

Here in St George's Lady Chapel



Lent groups start...

Wednesday 1st March at 2.00pm
and Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm
sign up Today!!