

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**2 April 2023**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**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.

**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.

**Holy Week Highlights**

**Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**St George's:** Family Worship at 10.30am with Shorty the donkey

**St Margaret's:** Palm Sunday Benefice Communion at 5.00pm

**Holy Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Lent Evening Prayer via Zoom at 5.00pm

**St Margaret's:** Candlelit Compline at 7.30pm

**Holy Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St George's:** Parish Communion at 10.00am

Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Lent Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel at 5.00pm

**Holy Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Lent Evening Prayer via Zoom at 5.00pm

**Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Margaret's:** Parish Communion at 10.30am

**St George's:** Benefice Agape Meal at 7.00pm

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Messy Church at **St Barnabas** at 10.00am

Walk of Witness from **English Martyrs** at 1.00pm

**St George's:** Post Walk Refreshments at 2.00pm

Holy Communion at 2.30pm

**Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**St George's:** Easter Fun from 9.30am until 11.00am

**St Margaret's:** Easter Vigil at 8.00pm

**Easter Day Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Margaret's:** Easter Parish Communion 9.00am

**St George's:** Easter Parish Communion 10.30am

**St Margaret's:** Easter Family Praise 4.00pm

**Order of Service**

**The King has come - HOSANNA**

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



**Processional Hymn**

**Prayer for Today**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. Amen

**Readings**

**Isaiah 50**

**The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication**

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens, awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**Psalm 31**

- 9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; **my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.**
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; **my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; **when they see me in the street, they flee from me.**
- 12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; **I have become like a broken vessel.**
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is on every side; **they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.**
- 14 But my trust is in you, O Lord. **I have said, 'You are my God.'**
- 15 'My times are in your hand; **deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, **and save me for your mercy's sake.'**

## Philippians 2

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Luke 19

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' <sup>34</sup>They said, 'The Lord needs it.' <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' <sup>40</sup>He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

## 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:

None that we know of this week

## In Memoriam:

Michelle Bishop RIP

## Anniversaries of Death:

Betty Lewis-Walker, Steven Ricketts, Pamela Hill, Sybil Parker, Mary Watters, Pauline Dee, Henry Barnes, Roy Hunter, Robert Townsend, Stan Davis, Irene Cole, Eddy Prior, Annie Judge, Lee Parsons, Edna Taylor, Dulcie Bone.

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

## Offertory Hymn

## Communion Hymn

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Final Hymn

## News & Diary Dates from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April

Sun 2	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>DEADLINE DAY FOR ALL ANNUAL REPORTS</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Palm Sunday Family Worship with donkey followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Linda M / Derek <b>Intercessions:</b> Sylvia C <b>Coffee:</b> Joceline
	5.00pm	St M's	Palm Sunday Benefice Communion
Mon 3	<b>Holy Monday</b>		
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	St M's	Candlelit Compline
Tue 4	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>		
	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Stations of the Cross
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 5	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>		
	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Michelle Bishop RIP
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thu 6	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>		
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	7.00pm	St G's	Benefice Agape meal
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 7	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Church in Tuffley events</b>		
	10.00am	St B	Messy Church
	1.00pm	EM	Walk of Witness from English Martyrs
	2.00pm	St G's	Hot Cross Buns
	2.30pm	St G's	Holy Communion

Sat 8	<b>HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER EVE</b>		
	9.30am	St G's	Easter Fun for all the family until 11.00am
	8.00pm	St M's	Easter Vigil
Sun 9	<b>EASTER DAY</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Easter Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Easter Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Roger <b>Readers:</b> Paul / Dot <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek <b>Coffee:</b> tbc
	4.00pm	St M's	Easter 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, St B's = St Barnabas,  
EM = English Martyrs. Crem = Crematorium.**

### **Lent Prayers – Online & In Person**

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, please speak to Rachel for more detail. **Lent Prayers will be via the Internet using Zoom on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> April, both at 5.00pm. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April we will meet in person in the Lady Chapel at 5.00pm**

### **Turkey And Syria Earthquake Appeal**

Our collection bucket is still out at the back of St George's. To date you have been so generous that almost **£250.00** has been donated, and will be passed to the Earthquake appeal shortly. Please continue with your generosity in the weeks to come. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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** - Next meeting on Good Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.

**Stations of the Cross, Via Dolorosa or Sorrowful Way:** 10.30am on Holy Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April in St George's Church. Join us as we walk the fourteen steps with Jesus,

as he carries his cross – a cross that has been 2000 years in the making. At each station there is a short Bible reading, a reflection and short prayers. The service should last no longer than an hour.

### **St George's Day Dinner 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm**

Enjoy a meal, with a choice of two main courses plus a vegetarian option and a selection of puddings. The cost will be £15.00 (which is being subsidised by the Social Committee). The evening will start at 6.30pm with a sherry reception in the small hall and the evening will close with some community singing. Speak to Sylvia Evans to book your place.

### **Let Us Entertain You: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Yes, another evening of entertaining is planned for your jollification. If you would like to take part, please speak to me as soon as possible before I seek you out myself and I'll put you in front of the microphone. I have a few names already but am looking for more. Cheers Darrell

### **Charles III and Camilla's Coronation will take place**

on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, and we have been invited by Rev Sarah Todd of St Barnabas to view the event in St Barnabas Halls, (further information to follow), but should we do something on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** it is a Public Holiday, so if you have any thoughts as to: Should we do something, or not; please let your thoughts be known to Rachel or Darrell as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### **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,**  
**TOOTHPASTE,**  
**SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES**  
**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 THE SMALL HALL**

**from 9.30am**

**Agape**

**Maundy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**Join us for our Benefice Agape Meal at 7.00pm**

**Please let Rachel know as soon as possible if you are coming**



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
at 2.30pm  
in the small hall**



**UP AND COMING MEETINGS  
7.00pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Centre Management Committee  
in the Softley Lounge**



**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL  
at 6.30pm**

**in St George's Centre  
£15.00 a head**

See Sylvia Evans for more information



**QUIET PRAYER GROUP  
FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
at 2.30pm**

**in St George's  
Lady Chapel and Small Hall**



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick  
meet at Holmleigh Park School  
at 10.00am**



**10.00am SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY  
(Note change of date)**

**Come along and join our merry band of duster  
flickers, Hoover movers and cobweb shifters  
no experience needed**