

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

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



Sunday worship
5 March 2023

**Lent 2
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

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.

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

Order of Service

God sent His Son that we might be saved.



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

Processional Hymn 19 All my hope on God is founded

Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Genesis 12 The Call of Abram

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; **from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; **he who watches over you will not sleep.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel **shall neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; **the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, **neither the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; **it is he who shall keep your soul.**
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, **from this time forth for evermore.**

Romans 4 The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3 Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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:

No birthdays or anniversaries that we know of this week

In Memoriam:

Daphne Reeves, Peter Spiers, Marion Marks RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Evelyn Stevens, Rowland Jones, Esme Adams, Edward Willis, Walter Evans, Janet Kilmister, Tony Newman, Frank Hayward, Jessica Adkins, Albert Crowther, Terrence Rue, Joyce Foreman, Elizabeth Garrett, Barbara Seyers, Ronald Bufton, Albert Hindley, Edward Jenkyn, Joan Heath, Aldwyn Claridge.

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

Offertory Hymn 314 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Communion Hymn 334 I watch the sunrise

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt
the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 636 The Church's one foundation

News & Diary Dates from 5th to 12th March

*** 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 Good Friday, 7th April 2023 from 10.00am until 12.00noon

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting on 26th March 2023 at 10.30am.

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 by via the Internet using Zoom on **Monday 6th March & Wednesdays 8th March**, both at 5.00pm. **Tuesday 7th March** we will meet in person in the Lady Chapel at 5.00pm

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.

Litter Pickers...

Free at 10.00am on Saturday 4th March? Then why not come along and join the students at Holmleigh Park School as they litter pick the area around the school.

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| Sun 5 | LENT 2 | | |
| | 10.30am | St G's | Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Joceline/Jonathan T Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sue/Linda |
| | 5.00pm | St M's | Evensong |
| Mon 6 | 5.00pm | MH | Brownies |
| | 5.00pm | Zoom | Lent Prayer |
| | 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 |
| | 5.00pm | LC | Lent Prayer |
| | 6.30pm | MH | Cubs & Beavers |
| | 8.00pm | MH | Karate |
| Wed 8 | 8.15am | Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| | 2.00pm | LC | Lent Group 2 'From Now On' |
| | 3.30pm | MH | Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm |
| | 5.00pm | Zoom | Lent Prayer |
| Thu 9 | 10.30am | St M's | Parish Communion |
| | 10.30am | SH/SL | Day Centre |
| | 10.30am | Crem | Funeral for the late Marion Marks RIP |
| | 6.30pm | MH | Clubbercise Zumba |
| | 7.00pm | LC | Lent Group 2 'From Now On' |
| | 7.30pm | SH | Charter Band |
| Sat 11 | 10.00am | MH | Karate |
| Sun 12 | LENT 3 | | |
| | 9.00am | St M's | Parish Communion |
| | 10.30am | St G's | Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Roger Readers: Lynne / Paul Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Joceline |
| | 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, LC = Lady Chapel,
V = Vicarage, Crem = Crematorium**

St George's 100 Club

12th March is the next draw day, so please make sure that you have paid your collector ASAP to remain in the draw. Thank you

Turkey And Syria Earthquake Appeal

Even more earthquakes this past week in Turkey and Syria so, we will continue to leave the bucket out at the back of St George's. You continue to be most generous with your donations over the last few weeks, please continue with that generosity for the weeks to come. Thank you for your support.

St George's Entertainers

We met last Friday and held our AGM, now the planning for how the group moves forward begins. Moving forward would be much easier with more members, if you are interested or know someone who might have an interest in entertaining folks, we meet each Friday evening in St George's Centre at 7.30pm, you will be made most welcome.

Let Us Entertain You

Yes, another evening of entertaining is being planned for Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm. If you would like to take part, please speak to me as soon as possible and I'll put you in front of the microphone. Cheers Darrell

FOODBACK

❖ 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

COFFEE POT this Tuesday

in THE SMALL HALL

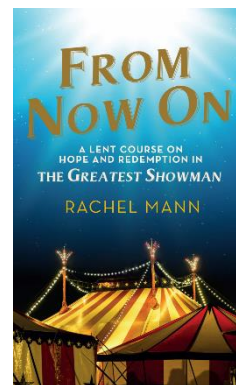
from 9.30am



FUN AND FREE TUESDAY's

at St George's

from 1.30pm until 4.30pm



Lent groups continue this week...
Wednesday 8th March at 2.00pm
and Thursday 9th March at 7.00pm
in the Lady Chapel



UP AND COMING MEETINGS

7.00pm Tuesday 14th March

Joint PCC

in the small hall



Will meet at St George's
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th March



19th March



Saturday 25th MARCH

CiT Environmental Group

Litter Pick

meet at St George's at 2.30pm