

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

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



Sunday worship
19 March 2023

MOTHERING SUNDAY
LENT 4
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.

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 Crunkhurn 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

Laine Lewis...

Is asking for deep plastic trays (the type you pick up when you buy a tray of mushrooms). The trays are to be used to make Easter Gardens on Easter Saturday. Laine will be happy to receive any donations by Palm Sunday (2nd April).

Order of Service

Even in death, His mother came first.

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

Processional Hymn 429 Love is his word

Prayer for Today

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Exodus 2 Birth and Youth of Moses

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 34

- 11 Come, my children, and listen to me; **I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**
- 12 Who is there who delights in life **and longs for days to enjoy good things?**
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil **and your lips from lying words.**
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; **seek peace and pursue it.**
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous **and his ears are open to their cry.**



16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, **to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them **and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

18 The Lord is near to the broken hearted **and will save those who are crushed in spirit.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous; **from them all will the Lord deliver them.**

20 He keeps all their bones, **so that not one of them is broken.**

Colossians 3

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Sermon - Rev'd Rachel

Declaration of Faith

Intercessions

We pray for all who are ill or in need currently mentioning by name:

Angela, Susan, Laura, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Margaret & Mark, David, Carol, and Family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Ann Mayo 23rd, Mark Barber 24th, Julie Etheridge 25th.

In Memoriam:

Michelle Bishop RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Wilfred Brunt, Jacqueline James, Trevor Cale, James Daniels, Edith Hardman, Ken Court, Michael Warner, Raymond Betts, Gladys Wregghitt, Michael Hill, Lotti Goldstein, Peter Mitchell, Bob Tate, David Rogers, Carla Wilson, Donald Barber, Phyllis Mitchell, Albert Woodcock.

Nigella Greening (Priest), Jill Harrison, Barbara Russell, Margaret Durham.

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

Offertory Hymn 195 From heaven you came

Communion Hymn Baby in the basket by Bob Hartman

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Final Hymn 631 Tell out, my soul

News & Diary Dates from 19th to 26th 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 - Next meeting is on Good Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon

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

Litter Pick

Join the Church in Tuffley on **Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm at St George's** as we litter pick in the local area.

Scriptures for Sunday 26th March

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

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.

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 over £150.00 has been donated, and will be passed to the Earthquake appeal shortly. Please continue with your generosity in the weeks to come. If you can't get to St George's on a Sunday yourself to put your donation in the bucket, you could put your donation in an envelope and pop it through the Church letterbox and Glenda will pass it on. Thank you for your support.

Sun 19	MOTHERING SUNDAY		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Dot Readers: Stuart / Sylvia E Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Dianne / Erna
	1.30pm	SH	Private Let
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 20	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	5.00pm	Zoom	Lent Prayer
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 21	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 22	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 4 'From Now On'
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Zoom	Lent Prayer
Thu 23	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Day Centre
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.00pm	LC	Lent Group 4 'From Now On'
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 24	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 25	10.00am	MH	Karate
	2.30pm	St G's	CiT Litter Pick
	CLOCKS FORWARD		
Sun 26	LENT 5		
	April Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: David / Sylvia C Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Sylvia / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo Group

**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,
GB = Grange Baptist.**

St George's 100 Club

Our 100 Club draw took place last Sunday and the lucky winners were: 1st prize of £30 went to Dot Martin, the 2nd prize of £20 went to Vero Stevens and the 3rd prize of £10 went to Ann Mayo. Many thanks to all our club members, better luck in the next draw if you didn't win this time. There are spare numbers for the draw if you would like to join. Thank you, Darrell,

St George's Day Dinner 23rd April at 7.00pm

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 7.00pm 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 10th 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.

On Monday 8th May communities around the country are invited to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III. Both PCCs are inviting anyone with ideas as to how we should celebrate the day to please speak with 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

COFFEE POT this Tuesday

in **THE SMALL HALL**

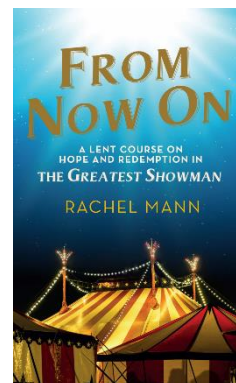
from 9.30am



FUN AND FREE TUESDAY's

at St George's

from 1.30pm until 4.30pm



Lent groups continue this week...

Wednesday 22nd March at 2.00pm

and Thursday 23rd March at 7.00pm

in the Lady Chapel



Saturday 25th MARCH

CiT Environmental Group

Litter Pick

meet at St George's at 2.30pm



UP AND COMING MEETINGS

7.00pm Wednesday 29th March

Fayre's Group to meet

in the Vicarage

**APRIL'S CROSSROADS
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 26th MARCH**

CROSSROADS

