

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

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



Sunday worship
30 April 2023

EASTER 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 now. We shall let you know when the facility is restored.

Order of Service

Jesus came to give abundant life

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



Processional Hymn 74 Blessed Assurance

Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Scriptures for 30 April

Acts 2

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; **therefore can I lack nothing.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures **and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul **and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; **you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.**
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

1 Peter 2

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10 Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his

own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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:

Derek & Sarah Kingscote celebrate a wedding anniversary on 1st.

In Memoriam:

Betty Gibbons RIP

Anniversaries of Death

Wendy Gillard, Alan Trenfield, Alan Smith, Paul Mayne, William Saunders, Gillian Cox, Charles Bell, Lewis Powell, Royston Bodimeade, Ronald Ellis, Elsie Hyett, Dennis Macey, Ronald Mouldsdales, Ronald Cole, Joan Webb, Hazel Morgan, Gilbert Smith, Dennis Baker, Jack Crawford, Charles Badham, John Bruton, Annie Monaghan, Richard Wright.

Offertory Hymn 17 All heaven declares

Communion Hymn 305 I danced in the morning

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 573 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

News & Diary Dates from 30th April to 7th May

Charles III and Camilla's Coronation

You are warmly invited to join members of St Barnabas Church on **Saturday 6th May** for the Coronation of Charles III and Camilla.

Doors will open at 10.45am for what Rev Sarah Todd believes is an 11.00am start.

Everyone is invited to bring something to share for lunch. If you are interested to see the Coronation at St Barnabas, please speak to Rachel.

Monday 8th May

Coronation tea party from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

A few people have expressed interest in gathering on the afternoon of Monday 8th May to celebrate the Coronation. We will, therefore, have an informal tea party with drinks and cake in the Vicarage between 2.00pm and 4.00pm - drop in anytime.

| Sun 30 | EASTER 4 | | |
|--------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| | 9.00am | St M's | Parish Communion |
| | 10.30am | St G's | Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Dot / Stuart Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Sylvia / Dot |
| | 10.30am | GB | Messy Church |
| | 4.30pm | SH | Charles Igbo let |
| Mon 1 | BANK HOLIDAY | | |
| | | | No Brownies |
| | | | No Rainbows |
| | | | No Guides |
| Tue 2 | 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 |
| | 8.00pm | MH | Karate |
| Wed 3 | 8.15am | Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| | 3.30pm | MH | Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm |
| Thu 4 | 10.30am | St M's | Parish Communion |
| | 10.30am | SH/SL | Thursday Club |
| | 6.30pm | MH | Clubbercise Zumba |
| | 7.30pm | SH | Charter Band |
| Sat 6 | CORONATION DAY | | |
| | 10.00am | MH | Karate - tbc |
| Sun 7 | EASTER 5 | | |
| | 10.30am | St G's | Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Joceline / Sylvia E Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Dianne / Erna |
| | 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, GB = Grange Baptist.**

Communion arrangements

At the joint PCC meeting in November, it was agreed that the current Communion distribution arrangements would be reviewed at the May meeting (16th). If you have any strong feelings about keeping to the practice of the priest intincting (dipping) all the wafers, or about returning to everyone receiving the wine straight from the chalice, please let Rachel or a PCC member know. Bishop Rachel and Robert are content for us to make the arrangements that best fit locally, whilst stating that there are two practices which must not take place: the use of individual cups (as this is against Canon Law in the CofE) and the practice of multiple people intincting their own wafers.

Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm

Let us entertain you...

Everything is falling into place for this evening of words, music and who knows what else!! The list of acts is growing but I've still got a few more names on my list to approach, so don't feel left out just yet, but if you do, please speak to me soon. Tickets will be on sale shortly at £5.00 each, please bring your own food and drink. As you know there are supplies of glasses and plates etc in the kitchen. All proceeds from the evening will go towards St George's Church. Cheers Darrell

Online Morning Prayer

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.

Questions box

As outlined in April's Crossroads, during May there will be a 'questions box' at the back of both St George's and St Margaret's. You are invited to put any questions into the box related to church and/or faith. Maybe you wonder why we do something in a certain way during a service, or maybe there's something you'd like to ask about Christianity, or the worldwide Christian Church... no question is silly, and you don't need to put your name to it! We will answer these questions in the notice slot, and/or on Signpost, or we will think about them in more depth during the sermons in June.

Elections to our PCCs

On the assumption that there are no resignations from the current St George's PCC, ideally three members need to be elected from St George's new Electoral Roll to make the total PCC membership up to its maximum of nine plus ex-officio members.

At St Margaret's on the same assumption that there are no resignations, three members also need to be elected from St Margaret's new Electoral Roll to make the total PCC membership up to its maximum of six plus ex-officio members.

Electoral Roll

If your name does not appear on the Electoral Roll, you will not be eligible to vote at our APCM or able to be elected for the PCC. The Electoral Roll will be displayed on the notice board from Sunday 23rd April 2023 to Sunday 14th May 2023. If you wish your name to the list, forms can be obtained from the table at the back of church or me, Margaret Barber. Completed forms to be handed to me, Glenda, or a Churchwarden. Thank you, Margaret

Holiday Club

We are hoping to run a Holiday Club for children from Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th August at St George's. Could you let Laine or Rachel know please if you would be available and willing to help with this, either for a full morning (9.00am until 12.30pm) or for part of the morning each day. There will be a variety of roles such as helping on the welcome desk, preparing, and serving a simple snack, being with a group of children etc - whatever you feel comfortable with, there will be a place for you. Thank you!

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 – 5th May from 3.30pm until 4.45pm

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting – **TODAY** at 10.30am.

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,
BABY WIPES
NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND 6
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 every Tuesday
in THE SMALL HALL
from 9.30am



FUN AND FREE TUESDAY's

ARE BACK!! at St George's

Tuesdays in term time from 1.30pm

Could you be a helper? See Rachel



CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick

Saturday 6th May

10.00am at Holnleigh Park High School TBC



Tuesday 9th May

at 2.30pm

in the small hall



10.00am SATURDAY 13th MAY
(Please note change of date)

Come along and join our merry band of duster flickers, Hoover movers and cobweb shifters

no experience needed

THERE MAY EVEN BE CAKE!!



**Annual
Parochial
Church
Meeting**

SUNDAY 21st MAY
after your normal service