

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**7 May 2023**

**EASTER 5**  
**AND CORONATION**  
**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.

**Order of Service**

**Jesus - the way, truth and life**

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

**Processional Hymn** 13 All for Jesus

**Prayer for Today**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen



**Scriptures for 7 May**

**Acts 7 The Stoning of Stephen**

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

**Psalms 31**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; **deliver me in your righteousness.**  
2 Incline your ear to me; **make haste to deliver me.**  
3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; **guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.**  
4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, **for you are my strength.**  
5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, **for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.**  
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.'**

**1 Peter 2 The Living Stone and a Chosen People**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' <sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', <sup>8</sup> and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## The National Anthem

### John 14 Jesus the Way to the Father

<sup>1</sup> 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### 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.

### Anniversaries of Death

Annie Monaghan, Richard Wright. Paul Mayne, Gilbert Smith, Edwin Allen, Valerie Dyer, Susan Michell, Harry Young, James Beck, David Kent, Edward King, Albert Grech, Barbara Williams, Dudley Harben, Roy Alderton, Janet Freeman.

**Offertory Hymn** 565 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

**Communion Hymn** 437 Make me a channel of your peace

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Final Hymn** 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

## News & Diary Dates from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

#### Coronation tea party 2.00pm until 4.00pm

A few people have expressed interest in gathering on the afternoon of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Christian Aid week

This annual event starts on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May and continues until Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

There are two events, that I know of, which are linked to this... There's a celebratory service at St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May starting at 1.00pm which will last about 40 minutes.

There is also a Concert at St Barnabas Church on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.00pm featuring 'Ukraina', a Ukrainian Choir and the Gloucester and District Christian Choir. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Christian Aid and the Ukrainian Church Refugee Fund. Refreshments will be available during the interval. Oh, and we'll have a bucket out at the back of St George's for any donations you might like to make to Christian Aid.

Sun 7	EASTER 5		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Joceline / Sylvia E <b>Intercessions:</b> Paul <b>Coffee:</b> Dianne / Erna
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 8	BANK HOLIDAY		
			No Brownies
			No Rainbows
			No Guides
Tue 9	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union with Elizabeth Reay
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 10	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Cttee
Thu 11	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion

	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 13	10.00am	MH	Karate – tbc
Sun 14	<b>EASTER 6</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Jonathan T / Lynne <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M <b>Coffee:</b> Sue / Linda
	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.**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 3.30pm to 4.45pm

**Grange Baptist Church** on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

### 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.

### 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

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### Deanery Synod

There are also elections for two representatives for each church for the Deanery Synod. The forms should be in the porch or at the back of church if you would like to nominate someone or wish to stand yourself.

### Holiday Club

We are hoping to run a Holiday Club for children from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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!

### Scriptures for 14<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6

**Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:7-18**

**1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21**

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.00am at Holmleigh Park High School TBC**



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at 2.30pm**  
**in the small hall**



**10.00am SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 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!!**