

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

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



**Sunday worship**  
**14 May 2023**

**EASTER 6**  
**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**

**The Spirit of truth is with you**

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



**Processional Hymn** 698 To the name of our salvation.

**Prayer for Today**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Scriptures for 14 May**

**Acts 17 Paul in Athens**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." <sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

**Psalms 66**

- 7 Bless our God, O you peoples; **make the voice of his praise to be heard,**  
8 Who holds our souls in life **and suffers not our feet to slip.**  
9 For you, O God, have proved us; **you have tried us as silver is tried.**  
10 You brought us into the snare; **you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**  
11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; **but you brought us out into a place of liberty.**  
12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, **which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**  
13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; **I will sacrifice oxen and goats.**  
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, **and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**  
15 I called out to him with my mouth **and his praise was on my tongue.**  
16 If I had nursed evil in my heart, **the Lord would not have heard me,**  
17 But in truth God has heard me; **he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**  
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, **nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

### I Peter 3 Suffering for doing right

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### John 14 The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

*Sermon - Revd. 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:

Linda Medwell 18<sup>th</sup>, Gloria Wiggall 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Banns of Marriage:

1st calling at St George's for Jason Marion Ellis & Shellon Onica Benjamin.

### Anniversaries of Death

Margaret Woollen, Susan Michell, Mary Jenkyn, Raymond Wilson, Barbara Bayliss, Alan Holder, Olive Davis, Peter Minall (priest), Charlie Wild, Henry Venour, Margaret Dunn, Dorothy James, Olive Collier, Tracey Eroglu, Russell Heard.

**Offertory Hymn** 35 A new commandment.

**Communion Hymn** 10,000 reasons by Matt Redman

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Final Hymn** 104 Christ triumphant.

**Readings for Easter 7, 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Acts 1 6-14, Psalm 68 1-10, 32-35,**  
**1 Peter 4 12-14 & 5 6-11, John 17 1-11**

### News & Diary Dates from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May

Sun 14	EASTER 6		
	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
Mon 15	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 16	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
	7.00pm	Tbc	PCC meeting
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 17	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	St M's	Interment of Ashes for the late Eileen Stevens
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.30pm	GB	Refresh
Thu 18	ASCENSION DAY		
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 19	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 20	10.00am	MH	Karate
	7.00pm	St B	Concert featuring 'Ukraina', a Ukrainian Choir and the Gloucester and District Christian Choir. Collection in aid of Christian Aid and the Ukrainian Church

			Refugee Fund.
Sun 21	<b>EASTER 7 / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee & APCM <b>Crucifer:</b> Jayne <b>Readers:</b> Stuart / Susan <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek <b>Coffee:</b> Stella / Kath
	1.00pm	St G's	Baptism
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong followed by APCM

**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,**  
**St B = St Barnabas**

### CHRISTIAN AID week 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May

The bucket is out at the back of St George's. As you know we don't do the envelopes, as we did in the past, so please put your donations in the bucket and we'll make sure that they are passed to Christian Aid. Thanks

### PCC meeting...

There will be meeting of the PCCs at St George's Church Centre on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**

### 'Refresh'...

Join others from the Church in Tuffley for a time of praise & worship at Grange Baptist Church on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

### 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.

### LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm - 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 are available **NOW!** 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. Thank you, Darrell.

### \*\*\* 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 3.30 – 4.45pm

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

### 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.

### Holiday Club

We are hoping to run a Holiday Club for children Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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 (9am-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!

❖ 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**



**UP AND COMING MEETINGS**  
**7.00pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**PCC in small hall**  
**7.00pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Fun Day Group in the Vicarage**

**REFRESH**  
**Meets at**  
**Grange Baptist**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**



**APCMs**  
**Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**



**CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick**  
**Saturday 27th May at 2.30pm**  
**Grange Baptist**  
**Saturday 3rd June at 10.00am**  
**Holmleigh Park High School**