

# SIGNPOST

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

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



Sunday worship  
21 May 2023

## EASTER 7 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY 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

### Eternal life is to know God and Jesus Christ

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



**Processional Hymn** 636 The Church's one foundation

### Prayer for Today

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

## Scriptures for 21 May

### Acts 1 The Ascension of Jesus

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

### Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Psalm 68

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; **let those that hate him flee before him.**
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; **as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; **let them make merry with gladness.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. **The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.**
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, **God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, **but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, **when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, **at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; **you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; **in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.**
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; **make music in praise of the Lord;**
- 33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens **and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.**

34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, **whose power is above the clouds.**

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, **the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people! Blessed be God.**

### **I Peter 4 Suffering as a Christian**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

### **I Peter 5**

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### **John 17 Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**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:**

Gloria Wiggall 21<sup>st</sup>, Joceline Blunt 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Banns of Marriage:**

2<sup>nd</sup> calling at St George's for:

Jason Marion Ellis & Shellon Onica Benjamin

### **In Memoriam:**

Joan Betts RIP

### **Anniversaries of Death**

Tracey Eroglu, Russell Heard, Gordon Aston, Judith Ford, Betty Boulton, Margaret Mills, Olga Ralphs, Ernest Marns, Lucy Wreford, William Willerton, Evelyn Chaloner, James Kemp, John Harrison, Cyril Anderson, Kathleen Lord, John Wilkinson.

**Offertory Hymn** 105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

**Communion Hymn** King of Kings (Hillsong) & Abba, Father, let me be.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Final Hymn** 762 You are the King of Glory

### **News & Diary Dates from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **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. 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.

**We shall be starting Evening Prayers on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

Mondays will be via the Internet using Zoom starting **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** and on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** we will meet in person in the Lady Chapel, both at 5pm.

### **Spring (Pentecost) Fun Event**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we'll be holding the next 'fun' event for children and families, 9.30-11am at St George's. The

theme will be Pentecost, and therefore 'birthdays' since Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Church. There will be a planning meeting for this event on Monday 22nd May at 2.30pm at the Vicarage - all welcome! Please talk to Rachel or Laine for more information.



**Litter Pickers** please note we start at a new time, 11.30am at Grange Baptist Church. All welcome to come and help keep Tuffley tidy.

### 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.

### Holiday Club

We are hoping to run a Holiday Club for children Tuesday 22nd - 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 (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!

### \*\*\* 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### 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.

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 of Ksenia Rose Gajewska
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong followed by APCM
Mon 22	10.00am	SH	Aphasia Now
	2.30pm	V	Pentecost Fun Event
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 23	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free Tuesday
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.00pm	V	Fun Day meeting
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 24	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 25	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 26	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 27	10.00am	MH	Karate
	11.30am	GB	Litter Pick
Sun 28	<b>PENTECOST</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish communion followed by coffee
	10.30pm	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo let

**St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,  
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall,  
SL = Softley Lounge, V = Vicarage,  
LC = Lady Chapel, GB = Grange Baptist.**

### 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 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)**  
New **TINNED TOMATOES,**  
New **TINNED VEGETABLES,**  
**TINNED MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham)**  
**TINNED FRUIT,**  
**TINNED RICE PUDDING,**  
**TINNED CUSTARD,**  
**PACKET INSTANT MASH,**  
New **BOTTLES OF SQUASH,**  
**SHAMPOO,**  
**DEODORANT,**  
**TOOTHPASTE,**  
**SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES,**  
**BABY WIPES,**  
**NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND 6**  
Thank you!

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Fun Day Group in the Vicarage

**QUIET PRAYER GROUP**

**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**at 2.30pm**

Venue to be confirmed



**CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am**

**Grange Baptist**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.00am**

**Holmleigh Park High School**