

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

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



Sunday worship
28 May 2023

PENTECOST
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 Mike 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.

Welcome to the Revd Mark Watson

As many of you will know, Mark and Helen Watson moved into St George's parish towards the end of last year, and it has been a joy to welcome them. Mark is a retired priest, who served in Chester and Gloucester Diocese before moving to the Isle of Wight, where he was Vicar of Freshwater and Yarmouth for nearly twenty years. I am delighted that Mark has been willing to apply for 'permission to officiate' (meaning he will be authorised by the Bishop to take services) and that he is happy to cover services across the benefice. We look forward to benefitting from his ministry and wisdom.

Order of Service

Receive the Holy Spirit

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



Processional Hymn 428 Love divine, all loves excelling

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scriptures for 28 May

Acts 2 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalms 104

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, **and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan **which you have made to play in the deep.**
 29 All of these look to you **to give them their food in due season.**
 30 When you give it them, they gather it; **you open your hand and they are filled with good.**
 31 When you hide your face they are troubled; **when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.**
 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the earth.**
 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; **may the Lord rejoice in his works;**
 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; **he touches the mountains and they smoke.**
 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; **I will make music to my God while I have my being.**
 36 So shall my song please him **while I rejoice in the Lord.**
 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.**

I Corinthians 12 Spiritual Gifts

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy

Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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:

Margaret Barber 1st, Katie Brown 3rd, Derek Kingscote 4th, Sylvia & David Chamberlain celebrate a wedding anniversary on 29th

In Memoriam:

Joan Betts RIP

Banns of Marriage:

3rd calling at St George's for:

Jason Marlon Ellis & Shellon Onica Benjamin

Anniversaries of Death

Terry Overthrow (priest), Jean Evans, Pam Blewitt, Eunice Parkes, Michael Spiers, Janet Farr, David Fox, Judith Fox, Dave Mills, Barbara Wilkinson, Bert Woodward, Marian Rackham, Audrey Bayliss.

Offertory Hymn 476 O Breath of Life

Communion Hymn

Veni Creator recorded choir version

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
 who fulfilled the promises of Easter
 by sending us your Holy Spirit
 and opening to every race and nation
 the way of life eternal:
 open our lips by your Spirit,
 that every tongue may tell of your glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 666 The Spirit lives to set us free.

Scriptures for 4th June (TRINITY)

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31, Psalm 8,
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

News & Diary Dates from 28th May to 4th June

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. 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 on 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!

SPRING (PENTECOST) FUN EVENT

On Saturday 3rd June, we'll be holding the next 'fun' event for children and families, 9.30am until 11.00am at St George's. The theme will be Pentecost, and therefore 'birthdays' since Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Church. If you are free to help you will be very welcome. Please talk to Rachel or Laine for more information.

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.

Evening Prayers will be held on Mondays (unless it is a Bank Holiday) and Tuesdays.

The next **Monday** meeting will be via the Internet using Zoom on **5th June**. The next **Tuesday** meeting will be on **30th May** when we shall meet in person in the Lady Chapel. Both meetings commence at 5.00pm.

*** 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 – 7th July from 3.30pm until 4.45pm

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

Sun 28	PENTECOST		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Dot Readers: David / Linda M Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sylvia / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo let
Mon 29	Spring Bank Holiday		
Tue 30	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 31	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	3.30pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Joan Margaret Betts RIP
Thu 1	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 2	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 3	9.30am	St G	Pentecost Fun Event
	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 4	TRINITY		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Dot/Paul Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Kath/Stella
	12.30pm	St M's	Baptism of Efa Nina Webb
	5.30pm	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, LC = Lady Chapel,
GB = Grange Baptist,**

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: -

A rabbit hutch with straw, cat litter and bowls. If interested, please ring Sue on 01452 504749.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm – Were almost there, I have a cast of performers who are ready to entertain you; all we need now is for you to support those who are practising on your behalf. Tickets are available **NOW!** at £5.00 each, please bring your own food and drink. In our current absence Margaret Barber has offered to take charge of selling tickets on our behalf. All proceeds from the evening will go towards St George's Church. Thank you, Darrell.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10th June at 10.00am this has been delayed by 1 week due to Spring Pentecost Fun happening on 3rd June. See you there.

100 CLUB

Our next draw is on Sunday 11th June, please make sure that you see your collector to ensure that you are fully paid up and therefore in the draw.

THURSDAY CLUB

This lunch club meets on a Thursday at 10.30am in St George's Centre if you would like a freshly cooked hot meal this is the place for you. To check on the current waiting list, please contact Marlene, on 01452 528998 for more information. Transport to the club can be arranged if required

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)

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!

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).

