

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

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



Sunday worship
25 June 2023

TRINITY 3
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.

Order of Service

Jesus frees us from sin and fear

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

Processional Hymn 629 Teach me, my God and King

Prayer for Today

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Scriptures for 25 June

Jeremiah 20 Jeremiah Denounces His Persecutors

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed: you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence

and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' 11 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. 12 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13 Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalms 69

8 For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

12 I put on sackcloth also and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; at an acceptable time, O God.

15 Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy and with your sure salvation.

16 Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up; let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

Roman 6 Dying and Rising with Christ

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7

For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11

So you also must consider

yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10

24 'A disciple is not above the teacher; nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear

26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find 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:

Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Sheila, Johanna, Steve.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Laura Mumby 27th, Millie Fox 30th.

Anniversaries of Death

James Vincent, Ralph Wickham, Derek Bailey, Dennis Gardner, Violet Overthrow, Sam Bowen, Theresa Harrison, Jean Spicer, Gordon Clarke, Robert Swankie, Peter Hutson, Keith Robins, Charles Le-Strange, Audrey Baker, Robert Tiley, Cecil Yapp, Ida Winkworth.

Offertory Hymn 249 Great is thy faithfulness.

Communion Hymn 67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Final Hymn 409 Lord, for the years

News & Diary Dates from 25 June to 2 July Prayer...

If anyone wishes prayer, please see Linda Medwell or put the name of the person to be prayed for in the 'Prayer book' held at the back of both churches. Thank you.

Sunday 16th July Joint Service

Archdeacon Hilary will be with us on Sunday 16th July at the 10.30am service at St George's. This will be a celebration service for the whole benefice, and it would be great if as many people as possible could be present please. As part of the service, she will be admitting the churchwardens of both churches into office for the year and again it would be wonderful if as many people as possible could be there to support and thank our churchwardens.

Church in Tuffley Litter Pick...

Litter pick has been moved to **Saturday 1st July meeting at St Michael's Church, Seventh Avenue at 11.30am.**

This change of date is due to St Barnabas hosting their Summer Fayre on Saturday 24th June.

Defibrillator training

Stuart has very kindly offered to lead CPR and defibrillator training for anyone who is interested (using videos from the British Heart Foundation) - please come along on **Monday 26th June at 2.00pm or Thursday 29th June at 7.00pm.**

Sun 25	TRINITY 3		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee. Crucifer: Roger Readers: Joceline / Jonathan Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Sylvia / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptism followed by a party
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 26	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	2.00pm	St G's	Defibrillator Training
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides

Tue 27	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free Tuesday
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 28	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	12 noon	SH	Mothers' Union Deanery Lunch
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Committee
Thu 29	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise Zumba
	7.00pm	St G's	Defibrillator Training
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 30	2.30pm	St G's	Quiet Prayer Group
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 1	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church Cleaning
	11.30am	St B	Litter Pick
Sun 2	THOMAS THE APOSTLE		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage followed by coffee. Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Derek / Sylvia C Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sue / Linda
	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, LC = Lady Chapel,
GB = Grange Baptist, St B = St Barnabas**

*** 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 3.30 until 4.45pm

Grange Baptist Church on the last Sunday of the month. Next meeting is **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 FRUIT JUICE, (Not Chilled) TINNED MEAT, (E.G. Corned Beef, Ham) TINNED CUSTARD, SHAMPOO.** 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).

