

SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of
St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon
 Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
 'Growing God's Kingdom'

A very warm welcome to everyone and especially if this is your first time with us. Please do stay for refreshments after the service at St George's

Diary Dates for 30th July to 6th August

Sun 30	TRINITY 8 August Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Jonathan/Joceline Intercessions: Linda Coffee: Sylvia /Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 31	2.00pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Barbara Julie Alexander (Bean) RIP
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 1	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 2	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Committee
Thu 3	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 5	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church cleaning
Sun 6	TRINITY 9		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Linda M / Derek Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Stella /Kath
	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, Crem = Crematorium

Foundation Safeguarding Training

Lynne is generously offering to lead us through the online Foundation Safeguarding Training on Mon 31st July from 7.00pm until 8.30pm and Sun 6th August from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. This is training that all PCC members, pastoral visiting group members, and children's work helpers are asked to do by the C of E. For these sessions we would like to prioritise the Holiday Club volunteers, but anyone else is welcome too. Please sign up, or let Rachel or Lynne know, if you would like to attend either session. You can also do this training independently online.

Intercessions

We pray for: Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Sheila, Johanna, Steve, Bert.

In Memoriam: Barbara Alexander RIP.

Anniversaries of Death: Ruby Lodge, Paul Whittle, Valerie Nicastro.

If you would like your birthday/anniversary mentioned in Signpost, please see Glenda

Hymns at St George's:

1. God is love, let heaven adore him 217
2. God is working his purpose out 221
3. Remembrance by Matt Redman - video
4. All my hope on God is founded 19

Holiday Club

There will be a briefing for all Holiday Club volunteers on Tuesday 15th August at 1.30pm at St George's.

Summer Fun Day: Many thanks to the considerable number of people who braved the elements and seemed to have fun, at our recent Summer Fun Day! Thank you, helpers both inside and out, hope you've dried off! There are still some expenses to pay out yet but something around £600 was an unexpected bonus from the day.

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), TINNED RICE PUDDING, PACKET MASH, SHAMPOO
 Thank you!

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley,



COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to
Solomon in a dream by night; and God
said, "Ask what I should give you." And
Solomon said, "You have shown great and
steadfast love to your servant my father
David, because he walked before you
in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart towards you; and you
have kept for him this great and steadfast
love, and have given him a son to sit on
his throne today. And now, O LORD my
God, you have made your servant king in
place of my father David, although I am
only a little child; I do not know how to
go out or come in. And your servant is in
the midst of the people whom you have
chosen, a great people, so numerous they
cannot be numbered or counted. Give
your servant therefore an understanding
mind to govern your people, able to
discern between good and evil; for who
can govern this your great people?"
It pleased the Lord that Solomon had
asked this. God said to him, "Because
you have asked this, and have not asked
for yourself long life or riches, or for the
life of your enemies, but have asked for
yourself understanding to discern what is
right, I now do according to your word.
Indeed I give you a wise and discerning
mind; no one like you has been before
you and no one like you shall arise after
you."

Or **Genesis 29:15-28**

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion over
me.

Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance upon
your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we
do not know how to pray as we ought, but
that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too
deep for words. And God, who searches
the heart, knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for
the saints according to the will of God.
We know that all things work together for
good for those who love God, who are
called according to his purpose. For those
whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn
within a large family. And those whom
he predestined he also called; and those
whom he called he also justified; and those
whom he justified he also glorified. What
then are we to say about these things? If
God is for us, who is against us? He who
did not withhold his own Son, but gave
him up for all of us, will he not with him
also give us everything else? Who will
bring any charge against God's elect? It
is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was
raised, who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us. Who will
separate us from the love of Christ? Will
hardship, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written, "For your sake we are
being killed all day long; we are accounted
as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all
these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us. For I am
convinced that neither death, nor life, nor
angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.*

Jesus put before the crowd another
parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like
a mustard seed that someone took and
sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all
the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and
make nests in its branches." He told them
another parable: "The kingdom of heaven
is like yeast that a woman took and mixed
in with three measures of flour until all of
it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure hidden in a field, which
someone found and hid; then in his joy
he goes and sells all that he has and buys
that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one pearl of great value, he
went and sold all that he had and bought
it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a net that was thrown into the sea and
caught fish of every kind; when it was full,
they drew it ashore, sat down, and put
the good into baskets but threw out the
bad. So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come out and separate the
evil from the righteous and throw them
into the furnace of fire, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have
you understood all this?" They answered,
"Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore
every scribe who has been trained for the
kingdom of heaven is like the master of a
household who brings out of his treasure
what is new and what is old."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



The op'-ning of your word gives light.