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LETTER FROM OUR VICAR

Dear friends

**“O Lord, save the Queen...
... and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee”.**

This ‘responsory’ is from the Book of Common Prayer. We pray it during our fortnightly Evensong service at St Margaret’s.

We’ve just celebrated our patronal festival for this saint who was also Queen of Scotland. A queen who was known for her piety and good works, and especially for improving the lives of the poor and for developing unity in worship across the land.

And what of our own Queen Elizabeth? She became queen the year I was born. For over sixty years she has consistently demonstrated her Christian faith and courageously spoken of how Christ guides her life. She invites a Christian leader to spend time with her family every weekend at Balmoral in the summer holidays. She attends church services almost every week, and often talks about the Sunday sermon over lunch. She regularly invites her chaplain to Buckingham Palace for fellowship. And – have you noticed? – in her annual Christmas message to the nation and commonwealth she always talks about Jesus.

The national anthem we sang again at our Remembrance ceremony outside St George’s is a prayer:

God save our gracious queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God Save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God Save the Queen.

Ever wonder whether God answers prayer? I reckon there’s plenty of evidence God has answered this one.

Make a date this Christmas, to hear her message.

Meanwhile, keep praying for her life and example and for her influence on our leaders, our nation and the commonwealth at this time.

God bless you all as we celebrate again the wonder and the hope of Emmanuel, God with us

BRUCE

[The information for this article came from a “London Institute of Contemporary Christianity” November magazine article by Mark Greene. Watch out for their new book, ‘The Servant Queen’, due out at the time of her 90th birthday in April 2016].

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

St Margaret's

Lewis John Vallender

St George's

Theodore Christopher Wadley

FUNERALS

St George's

Cynthia Gillian Woodruff RIP

Jeanne Elizabeth Bradford RIP

Henry John Terrett RIP

Crematorium

Tyson Lee Pegler RIP

Anthony Richard Williams RIP

THE PEACE

On Thursday 29th October Revd Canon Hugh Broad took our 10.30am service at St Margaret's. At the Peace, Hugh asked us all to join hands and to make a circle around the candles of Remembrance. This was very moving and worked very well and would be suitable whatever the number of congregation. This would mean no one would be left out. One United Peace.

Thank you Hugh for a lovely united way of sharing the Peace. Those present after the service all remarked what a lovely way for all to share the Peace. We all went away with reflections.

INVITATION
to Afternoon Tea including (Teacakes and Crumpets)
with The Famous Five
on Sunday 24 January 2016
from 4.30pm onwards just £5.00 each
If you are able to join us, please sign up
when the list is put up in the porch.
We look forward to seeing you at 4.30pm

TUFFLEY TOGETHER

The Anglican Baptist and Catholic churches in Tuffley are delighted to be working together. The monthly Friday-afternoon quiet prayer group is well-established. We're producing a joint Christmas greetings card with service details for local residents. And we're planning a special joint celebration service on Tuesday 19th January, 7.30pm at Grange Baptist church, during the week of prayer for Christian unity. The church leaders are meeting regularly; let us have any suggestions for further activities together

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards St George's Flower Fund in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please use the envelopes that are at the back of the church.

Fill out the information on the front of the envelope, enclose your donation, seal the envelope and hand it to a Churchwarden no later than...

Sunday 20 December 2015

THANK YOU

MORE PRAYER TOGETHER

Anyone up for regular morning prayer together in St George's church (probably on a Wednesday) from January?

If so, please see Bruce.

NEED LEGAL ADVICE?

Did you know that the Salvation Army runs a free legal clinic every Thursday in Gloucester? Among other things advice can be sought on housing, access to children, setting up a business, benefits and criminal matters. Interpreters in Urdu, Gujarati and Polish are available. Operating for the last five years the clinic is run by Wallis Solicitors Ltd, a local law firm whose principal belongs to the Salvation Army.

This is the poem that Sally read out at the celebration for the life of Cynthia Woodruff her mother.

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes; love and
go on.

"DISCOVERING" ST MARGARET'S

As I write, I have just finished applying to Heritage Lottery Fund for a major grant towards reroofing St Margaret's. I have been at it, on and off, since August. It has been a more complex process than when we applied unsuccessfully to the Roof Repair Grant scheme at the beginning of this year. HLF insist (rightly, many would say) on a strong element of getting more people to experience and understand the heritage. In other words, not just reroofing, but something for people. So, it's the St Margaret's Reroofing and Discovery project.

It's surprising how little we know about St Margaret's. It's a simple church on plan, but when you start asking questions, there's a lot more to it. If you had asked me before 10th November, I'd have said the nave and chancel were built about 1220 and the tower and porch were later, perhaps 1450. So, what happened on 10th November, you ask?

To lead the discovery project we need a building archaeologist/historian of real calibre to look very carefully at the church and to piece together every particle of evidence, physical or documentary, to get our understanding on a completely different

footing. David Newton, our surveyor, put me in touch with Dr Jerry Sampson of Glastonbury, famous for his work on the West front of Wells Cathedral, Bath Abbey, St Mary Redcliffe and many other prestigious churches.

Jerry and his son David visited the church on 10th November to get a feel for the building, so that a Discovery project can start to take shape. It soon became clear that the building history is more complex than we thought. With bright lights raking the masonry surfaces, masons marks, ancient graffiti and even a few traces of mediaeval wall decoration could be seen. More significantly, question after question arose about evidence of earlier use of stones, unexplained junctions and offsets and so on. I soon realised how little I knew about the church I have attended every week for the last 25 years!

One thing Jerry confirmed is that the tower was definitely intended to carry a stone spire. This is proved by the 'squinch' masonry visible in the four corners at the top of the tower. A number of late mediaeval churches in Somerset were prepared for spires in this way: in each case either the idea went out of favour or the money ran out, or a combination of both.

Our project will involve local schools as far as possible and the results should be of real value for those studying geology, building techniques, social history and so on. Let's hope HLF warms to the idea!

JONATHAN

LAST MONTH'S QUIZ ANSWERS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

1. Cotswold Farm Park; 2. Imjin River; 3. Table Top Tombs;
4. Robert Raikes; 5. Badminton Horse Trials; 6. The Pickwick Papers;
7. 790; 8. Albert Warehouse; 9. Down Ampney;
10. St John the Baptist, Cirencester.

These quizzes and their answers are provided by Peter Hutson

**ADVENT GROUPS:
TO SHARE AND REFLECT TOGETHER ON THE MEANING
OF THE SEASON...**

No need to sign up - just turn up - and enjoy!
Weekly for four weeks
Morning group starts on Tuesday 24 November in Softley
Lounge at St George's centre
Evening group starts on Thursday 26 November 7pm in
the vicarage
More details in weekly Signpost

CHRISTMAS MORNING AT ST MARGARET'S

For many years we have had a 9.00am Sung Eucharist and a 10.30am Family Praise on Christmas Day at St Margaret's. The PCC has agreed to try something different this year as an experiment.

We will have a new combined Family Service at 10.00am, based very much on what we do at Family Praise, but, we hope, with something for everyone. This will be followed by a short and simple communion for those who wish to stay, and for whom Christmas Day would not be complete without sharing the Eucharist. The aim is that the service, including the communion, will not last more than an hour, so people can get home in good time for their festivities. On the other hand 10.00am may be a more popular starting time than 9.00am.

The intention is to advertise the service as much as possible, and we hope that the results will be well received. If successful, this could become a regular feature not only of Christmas Day, but perhaps of other major festivals. Please pray for God's blessing on this initiative.

JONATHAN

COFFEE POT...



...is in St George's Centre

**EVERY TUESDAY from
9.00am until 12.00noon**

**with GOOD TEA/COFFEE
and FRIENDLY SURROUNDINGS
as well as COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

PRAYER TREE

Over the last few years I have tried to make a prayer tree for St Margaret's without success so now I have given up and have purchased one which I hope will be more successful and easier to use.

GLORIA



February magazine material should be with the editor by
WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY
at the very latest.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Which monarch was the first to make the annual broadcast to the nation?
2. In which film was the song "White Christmas" first featured?
3. In Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' which is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?
4. What is the Welsh for Christmas?
5. What did Santa Claus win in 1964?
6. Which of Santa's reindeer shares its name with an electrical retailer?
7. Which Eastenders' character had a baby on Christmas Day?
8. In which country did the Poinsettia originate?
9. The plant *Viscum Album* is better known as which Christmas decoration?
10. Which rock singer starred in the film "Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence"?
11. Which female character left "Coronation Street" on Christmas Day 1987?
12. Which seasonal job was first filled by James Edgar in 1890?
13. With which seasonal product did J C Hall make his millions?
14. Who composed "The Christmas Oratorio"?
15. In which film did Judy Garland sing "Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas"?
16. What is myrrh?
17. What name is given to the four week period leading up to Christmas?
18. Who discovered Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean?
19. In which fictional land is it always winter but never Christmas?
20. Which fruity sauce is a usual accompaniment to the Christmas turkey?

PETER

(Answers to this quiz will appear in our February issue of Crossroads)

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS

Are currently rehearsing an adaptation of the Fairy Tale...

Sleeping Beauty

Princess Beauty is cursed by the evil witch Maleficent - who declares that before the sun sets on Beauty's 16th birthday she will die by pricking her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel. To try to prevent this, the King and Queen seek the help of three good-natured; but not too bright fairies.

All will be revealed on
Friday 19th February and Saturday 20th February 2016

Put the dates in your diary now!

Other information will be made available in the New Year.

BISHOP RACHEL VISITS TUFFLEY

Our new bishop came to see our new vicar recently. Walking round part of the parish, they passed some youngsters at the Holmleigh Parade, who asked "are you Christians?" What gave them that idea I wonder? They then popped in to the Pike; where Bruce was embarrassed by one customer who told the bishop " e's always in 'ere". O dear; there seems to be no secrets in Tuffley!

Bishop Rachel picked up that both the church and community have lots of energy; and she seemed excited about our future!

PLEASE NOTE

*This is a double issue of Crossroads
covering December & January.
February Crossroads will be available on
Sunday, 31 January 2016*

ALONE AT CHRISTMAS?

If you're aware of anyone who might appreciate company on Christmas Day, please tell Glenda at the office ASAP.



**St George's Day Centre
Every Thursday**

10.30am – 2.30pm

If you are lonely and would
like to meet new friends
then come and join us!
A hot meal is available, and
transport can be arranged



Contact Hans Rackham on 01452 528939

The speaker at our November meeting was Liz Curtis who entitled her talk "Mothers' Union and the Talent Tree". She began by saying that she was a words person so she took the letters of Mothers' Union and suggested ideas that they made her think of.

- M mothers, Mary, meetings, men.
 - O overseas, offering.
 - T tea, talents, talking, training, Twitter, time.
 - H help, hospitality, holidays.
 - E education, emergency fund.
 - R Roundabout [diocesan MU newsletter], resources, risk
 - S selling, sharing.
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- U union with Christ, universal, useful.
 - N nurture, natter.
 - I inform, indoor members, "I" can, idiot [we like to laugh].
 - O outreach, ordering.
 - N now, nothing without prayer.

Liz then continued by giving us all a blank paper leaf to write a gift or talent on and these were then stuck on to a blank outline tree shape.

Finally Liz led us in a short time of quiet reflection.

Our next meeting on December 8th at 2.30pm in the small hall will be our Christmas Social. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

SARAH KINGSCOTE

A man goes into a Post Office and asks for some new Christmas stamps. The clerk behind the counter asks, "Which denomination?" The man thinks for a minute, then says, "Give me 6 CofE, 2 Baptist and 4 Catholic."



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone...

It's me again, JoJo, I've got so much to tell you this month. I had quite a shock a little while ago, my Mum and Auntie Jill had gone out together, where? I don't know. Apparently somewhere called Coffee Pot, I think. Anyway that funny machine you talk into rang and as I was the only one in the house, well, what could a body do, but talk into it (well when I finally got it off its stand thing).

It was Misty my cuzz, she was in a bit of a state, I can tell you. She was talking so fast I couldn't understand what she was saying. Something about two felines living next door to her and they were ganging up on her. They wouldn't let her go out into her own garden so she had to run the gauntlet every time she went out. I told her it's her garden and she had every right to go out there. But Misty is so timid (not like her Mum) I think that she's afraid of her own shadow. They even went into her house and pinched her food, the cheek of it. Mind you I must confess that there is a big cat that comes into my house and eats my food!

Recently my Mum has taken to closing the door because it's so windy. The only problem with that is that I can't get in either. Misty was saying that she hasn't seen anything of next doors cats; apparently they were taken to that place where horrible things get done to you. Now Misty can go out without being set upon, she's still very wary though. I don't think she can believe her luck.

My Mum keeps saying about taking me to have my toe nails clipped and a pill shoved down my neck. If I see that box coming into the house I think that I'll hide. It will probably mean Misty will have to go as well. If I've got to go so can she. It's bad enough having big pills

shoved down your neck without everything else. I think that it's about time I called it a day as my paw is beginning to ache. I will let you know how Misty is getting on with her bravery, he's very good at hissing at the two cats but she doesn't frighten them! Maybe she should give them a good swipe.

This is all for now, so until the next time...

Your friend
JOJO



FROM ST MARGARET'S

Well Hello everyone it's me again, little Miss Perfect who does her cleaning with her friend Kath at our lovely little Church, St Margaret's of Whaddon.

We heard the news that Gerald Hyett of Pound Farm had had an accident and had broken his leg, he was checking his cattle that are on Robinswood Hill, he was telling everyone to mind the ruts as it was very slippery, then he slipped and fell over and he felt his leg go. It doesn't take much for an accident to happen, so we are all wishing Gerald a very speedy recovery.

Kath and I have been doing our cleaning at St Margaret's; I have done the brass and Kath has been cleaning the furniture. We said that as it was coming up to Remembrance Sunday we had to make a special effort. Gloria said she would do the flower arrangements. She was as good as her word and when we went into church and saw the arrangement, it was beautiful, lovely greenery and silk poppies; it was stunning with poppy petals surrounding the pedestal.

Our service was taken by Bruce with me, myself serving. This is a special service and I didn't want to make any mistakes, which I can do quite easily. But on that day I didn't, the remembrance bit of our service was shared between Jonathan and Marilyn Mowatt. It was beautifully said and Hans brought his player with him so that we could have the Last Post played. We had a few more people at this Service. I think that we all felt good after the service as it is always so emotional. Then we went home to watch the Cenotaph Service on the TV.

Well, my friends that's about all from St Margaret's so it's Goodbye from Kath and the number one moaning Minnie.

JILL PONTER



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Harry, how does this machine work? I see my Mum using it and her talks to Auntie Marg. Well Mist, let me see you pick up the top thing and you put it to your ear. Not that way up, the other way. Oh I see Harry, and what do me next? You have to ring Auntie Marg's number and then you can speak to JoJo. But Harry I don't know the number!

I do Mist, Willow told me which numbers to press, here let me do it for you. See now you hear it ringing the other end. Oh yes, isn't it funny. Oh hello JoJo, it's me Misty, how are you, yes he's here. JoJo says how are you? And have you still got your paper and pen? Tell her yes, I have and thanks for the treats she sent us. She said that they came from Auntie Lynne and if we are very good she will send, MM us some more. Oh thanks, JoJo, hear from you again I hope, bye for now.

Well JoJo how are you, I know when my Mum speaks to your Mum you are listening in, just like me. Jo it's non-stop here - in and out, some days she's gone for ages and ages and when I go out she is

calling for me to go in, but I don't want to go in when she calls. So I just go to the den with Luna. It's super; Luna has the most perfect biscuits, mm mm, lovely. What JoJo, your Mum won't let you go out, what do you mean? My Mum just opens the door and I just pop out, she keeps the door open for a while, just to see if I want to come back in, but then she shuts it. Mind you I keep my eye on the door just in case I want to go back in. Do you know JoJo I haven't seen Star and Princess for ages and ages. My Mum said that they had to go and seen the animal doctor and I haven't seen them since. What JoJo, no I don't think so, my Mum said that they wouldn't be around for a while, but you never know, Jo, they may just turn up like the proverbial bad pennies. Then watch out! Oh dear I'm not looking forward to that at all. What JoJo, Harry has been so good looking after me; he lets me sit in the corner of the den. What do you mean JoJo you haven't got a den and you don't have to share your biscuits? JoJo that's brill, my Mum gives my biscuits to every feline going! They come round, give her a pleading look and she's sunk! Then my biscuits go down the neck of some other cat. It ain't fair! It just ain't fair Jo. What you have to change paws, why's that JoJo? Oh your one paw is getting tired, I know just how you feel, my paw is doing the same, hang on just changing paws myself. Ah that's better, my ear was getting hot as well show's how much talking we've been doing, doesn't it. What, you can hear your Mum talking to Jennynextdoor, JoJo who's Jennynextdoor? Oh I see Jenny lives next door to you and every now and then she has little people staying. I've got little people next to me Jo, I can hear them playing when I go over to Ian's garden. The other cats can't see me; I just look from my hiding place. What JoJo, your Mum's come back in. OK JoJo, I'll let you go now, speak to you soon; yes I'll give Harry your best, bye.

Harry, JoJo said Tata for now and she'll speak to you again, Harry what happens next. Mist just put the thing back where you found it. Not that way up! The other way up Mist. That's it. Harry I'll get used to it in time. I'll give our JoJo another ring when I can. Where's Yasmin these days? Is she still in a mood with you? What did you do that you shouldn't have? Harry you don't need to look like that, I know you. Oh well thank you for showing me how to use that machine thing. I'll give you a kiss for your birthday. It's today. Harry on yer bike! Say Tata and bye for now folks and it's bye for now from me Misty, Bye!

ST GEORGE'S FUNDRAISING LUNCH - 24 APRIL 2016

The Famous Five are preparing lunch for you; Vegetable Soup, Roast Beef and all the trimmings, Fruit Crumble, Coffee and Mints. The cost will be £13.50. If you would like to join us you can pay in instalments; £5.00 by the end of January; a second £5.00 by the end of February; with the balance payable by the end of March. See Glenda for further details.

As you know neither Summer nor Christmas Fayres are organised for St George's any more so we, the Famous Five, see the lunches and teas that we provide as being our attempt to raise much needed funds. We do thank you most sincerely for your support over the years and hope that you will continue to support us and our ventures in the future.

FAMOUS FIVE

Dates for your diary
Don't miss out

NOVEMBER – CHARITY FOCUS – PHILIPPINE TRUST

Sun 29			ADVENT /White Box Sunday
	9.00am	*	Matins
	10.30am		Eucharist
	4.00pm		Messy Christingle
Mon 30	7.30pm		Benefice Communications

DECEMBER – CHARITY FOCUS – PHILIPPINE TRUST

Tue 1	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
	10.30am		Advent Group (2) – SL
Thu 3	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	7.00pm		Advent Group (2) – V
	7.15pm		Deanery Synod at St Lawrence, Barnwood
	7.30pm		Railway Society – 12 Ryelands
Fri 4	7.30pm		Gardening Club Christmas Party – MH

Sat 5	2.00pm		Private let of Centre
Sun 6			ADVENT 2
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / choir
	4.00pm	*	Evensong
Mon 7	2.00pm		Speakability – SH
Tue 8	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
	10.30am		Advent Group (3) SL
	2.30pm		Mothers' Union – SH
Wed 9	7.00pm		Choir
Thu 10	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	7.00pm		Advent Group (3) – V
Sat 12	1.00pm		Private let of Centre – MH
Sun 13			ADVENT 3
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist/Choir followed by coffee / 100 club draw/ choir
	2.00pm		Private let of Centre – MH
Mon 14	7.30pm		Grange School Carol Service – St G's
Tue 15	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – A team
	9.30am		Eucharist
	10.30am		Advent Group (4) – SL
	7.30pm		St G's PCC meeting – V
Wed 16	10.00am		Duke of Beaufort Court Service
	2.30pm		St M's PCC meeting – V
Thu 17	9.30am		Harewood School Carol Service – St G's
	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	12 noon		Day Centre Christmas Lunch – MH
	1.30pm		Harewood School Carol Service – St G's
	7.00pm		Advent Group (4) – V
Fri 18		*	Tuffley Primary School Carol Services
	7.00pm		Carol Service – St G's
Sat 19	10.00am		Messy Christmas
Sun 20			ADVENT 4
	10.30am		Family Eucharist
	6.00pm	*	Carol Service – St M's
Mon 21	10.00am		Oaks Children's Centre Carols – St G's

Tue 22	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – A team
	9.30am		Eucharist
Wed 23	11.30am		Blood Donor Session until 8.30pm – MH
Thu 24			CHRISTMAS EVE
	4.00pm		Crib Service
	11.30pm		Midnight Service
Fri 25			CHRISTMAS DAY
	10.00am	*	Family Service / Eucharist with Bruce
	10.30am		Said Eucharist with Ian Bussell
Sun 27			CHRISTMAS 1 / White Box Sunday
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee
Tue 29	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
	1.00pm		Private let of Centre – MH
Thu 31	10.30am	*	Eucharist

JANUARY

Sun 3			EPIPHANY SUNDAY
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / choir
	4.00pm	*	Evensong
Mon 4	11.30am		Speakability – SH
Tue 5	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
Wed 6			EPIPHANY
	7.00pm		Choir
Thu 7	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	7.00pm		Prayer / Bible Study
Sat 9	10.00am		Private let of Centre – MH
	10.00am		Messy Epiphany
Sun 10			BAPTISM OF CHRIST
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist / Choir followed by coffee / choir
Tue 12	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – A team
	9.30am		Eucharist
	2.30pm		Mothers' Union meeting – SH
	7.30pm		Social Committee – SH

Wed 13			FEBRUARY CROSSROADS DEADLINE
Thu 14	10.30am	*	Eucharist
Sun 17			EPIPHANY 2
	10.30am		Family Eucharist followed by coffee
	12.30pm		St G's Baptism of Zachariah Richmond & Madeleine Richmond
	4.00pm	*	Evensong
Tue 19	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH all welcome – A team
	9.30am		Eucharist
Wed 20	9.00am		February Crossroads print off
Wed 20	10.00am		Duke of Beaufort Court Service
	1.30pm		February Crossroads collating – SH
Thu 21	10.30am	*	Eucharist
Sun 24			EPIPHANY 3
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist
Tue 26	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
Thu 28	10.30am	*	Eucharist followed by coffee
Fri 29	2.30pm		Quiet Prayer Group
Sun 31			EPIPHANY 4 / White Box Sunday
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee
	6.00pm	*	Special service

FEBRUARY

Mon 1	11.30am		Speakability – SH
Tue 2	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome – B team
	9.30am		Eucharist
Thu 4	10.30am	*	Eucharist
Sun 7			PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharis followed by coffee / prize draw
	4.00pm	*	Evensong

(M) See article in magazine

(*) Service or event at St Margaret's Church

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,

MR = Meeting Room, V = Vicarage, O = Office

REGULAR LETS OF ST GEORGE'S CENTRE

Every Mon except Bank Holiday and 1 st Monday of the month when Speakability meet from 11.30am – 2.00pm	10.00am	Aphasia-Now	SH & SL
Every Mon from 1.00pm until	2.30pm	George's Little Friends	MH
Every Mon of term time	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.10pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Every Tues of term time	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	SH
2 nd Tues of month	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	5.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	7.00pm	Slimming World	MH
Every 4 th Weds	7.00pm	GAGS Committee	SL
Every Thurs except August	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
Every Thurs of term time	6.00pm	Beavers	MH
	7.15pm	Scouts	MH
Every Thurs except August	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH & SL
Every Friday except August	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Every 4 th Friday	7.30pm	GAGS Club	MH

One Christmas Eve, Pete and Jane were driving their Russian friend Rudolph back to his house. The weather outside was frightful. Jane asked Pete, "Do you think that's sleet or rain out there?"

"It's rain, Jane" said Pete.

"I think it's sleet, Pete," said Jane.

Rudolph chimed in, "It's definitely rain, Jane."

"No, I really think it's sleet, Rudolph" said Jane.

"Don't argue with the expert, Jane," said Pete.

"What do you mean, Pete?" asked Jane.

Pete replied, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, Dear."

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST GEORGE'S:	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
	(1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Sundays)	
	Family Eucharist	10.30am
	(3 rd Sunday)	
ST MARGARET'S:	Eucharist	9.00am
	(2 nd , 4 th Sundays)	
	Family Praise	10.30am
	(1 st Sunday)	
	Evensong	4.00pm
	(1 st , 3 rd Sunday)	
	(6.00pm in summertime)	
	Special Service	6.00pm
	(5 th Sunday)	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

ST GEORGE'S:	Eucharist (Tuesday)	9.30am
ST MARGARET'S:	Eucharist (Thursday)	10.30am

There are often additions to the weekly timetable –
Please refer to the Signpost, the weekly leaflet for details.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Arrangements for Centre Bookings, Baptism, Banns and Marriages can be made between 9.00am and 12noon on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning on 01452 307456.

One Christmas, a mother asked her young daughter if she could name two of Santa's reindeer. "Rudolph and Olive," replied the young girl confidently. "Rudolph and Olive?" said the mother, quizzically. "Are you sure?" "Yes, mommy, Rudolph and Olive, like in the song." The song?" asked the mother. "What song?" The girl sang, "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. Olive the other reindeer...."