



WELCOME

Signpost is the weekly newsletter for
St George's, Tuffley with
St Margaret's, Whaddon

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Bruce or one of our Churchwardens, (Mike or Sylvia E at St George's) (Malcolm or Mike at St Margaret's) or the stewards. Please join us for coffee in the small hall 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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Susan Susan / Dot Dot / Mark Sylvia C David / Rosie Brenda / Roger Dianne / Anne
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St George's today we welcome Matthew Anthony Clift, Oliver Macauley Clift & Rosie Ella Cole to the Lord's Family	
1.30pm	BAPTISM at St George's today we welcome Melissa Jayne Jones to the Lord's Family	
3.00pm	TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC at St George's	

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year A

Please see insert sheet

**We welcome James as our organist
at the 10.30am service**

**Hymns at 10.30am
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Margaret Emery, Joseph Blewitt, Richard Parsons RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Beatrice Martin, Freda Turner, David Brownjohn, Esme Ashton, Agatha Glas, Violet Meadows, Paul Chaffe, Dennis Evans, Gertrude Howell, Laura Martin, Gladys Hail, David Bradford, Chris Neale.

BIRTHDAYS:-

Darrell Stevens special birthday today, also remembering our friend Peter Hutson who would have celebrated a special birthday today, Rose Hail 24th, Mike Brammer celebrates a special birthday on 25th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

3rd calling at St George's

Phillip Neal Martin & Georgina Rodgers

Douglas Sebastian James & Emily Natasha Bliss

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:-

Jesus said 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' (*Matthew 15:28*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:-

- continuing de-escalation of tension between North Korea and the US
- foster carers looking after children and young people struggling with emotional pain, mental ill-health or relationship issues
- local homes and carers helping vulnerable adults live more independently in the community.

Please continue asking God for a new music leader at St George's who will embrace all that is good and develop our worship in ways that connect with new as well as current worshippers.

OUR PIONEERING PRAYER:-

Lord help us grow more compassionate in serving our community, more confident in sharing the good news of Jesus, and more creative in reaching out to new people, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

THANKS...

...to all who contribute to Foodbank. Sadly, more food is needed to cover summer holidays for families in temporary need. Do put your contributions into the box at back of St George's Church which is open most weekday mornings.

AWESOME AUGUST!

Please sign up – or just turn up! Details at back of church. This is also a great opportunity to explore, for those who may be interested in confirmation.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LOOK OUT!

We are pleased to let you know that we have started a session on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am at St George's, which includes Bible teaching, prayer, craft and fun. Come along and find out more.

RE: SUMMER TEA - WELL DONE YOU ALL!

And – on behalf of the whole church family – a very big **THANK YOU** - now, put your feet up. God bless you.
BRUCE

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Come and join us in St George's Church gardens there will be fun and games for all ages. Please bring your own picnic; soft drinks can be provided; all are welcome but don't forget to bring your Teddy Bear.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

To Katie Brown on being offered a place at Worcester University. Love from all your family and friends.

DIARY DATES:

AUGUST

Wed 30 **Awesome August (4) at 11.30am – Vicarage**
Finance meeting – 7.30pm SL
Thu 31 **Awesome August (4) at 7.00pm - SL**

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1 Gardening Club Show preparation
Sat 2 Gardening Club Show – to be opened at 2.00pm
by Father Gerry Walsh of English Martyrs Church
Tue 5 **St Margaret's PCC – 7.30pm – V**
Wed 6 **St George's PCC – 7.30pm – V**
Thu 7 **Singing Group practice– 7.00pm - church**
Railway Society – 7.30pm – 12 Ryelands
Fri 8 Gardening Club- 7.30pm – MH
Sat 9 Historic Churches Ride & Stride
Messy church – Jesus choosing disciples
Sun 10 **100 Club Draw / St G's Baptisms**
Tue 12 Mothers' Union – 2.30pm – SH

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and Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12.00noon.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR BAGS WITH YOU AT ALL
TIMES IN CHURCH**

TODAY – Darrell’s special birthday

3.00pm	Teddy Bear’s Picnic – see page 3
	Coffee after the 10.30am service

MONDAY 21 St G’s Care & Cleaning month

	NO Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 22

9.00am	Coffee Pot – all welcome – Mike’s team – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George’s
1.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Joe Blewitt RIP

WEDNESDAY 23

9.00am	September / October Crossroads print-off
9.00am	Tuffley Church leaders ‘away day’
3.00pm	Awesome August (3) – V
3.30pm	Slimming World also 5.30pm & 7.30pm - MH

THURSDAY 24

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St G’s – all welcome
9.00am	September / October Crossroads collating
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret’s
10.30am	NO Day Centre – SH & SL
7.00pm	Awesome August (3) – SL

FRIDAY 25

7.30pm	Entertainers – MH
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SATURDAY 26

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SUNDAY 27 – White Box Day

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
11.45am	Prayers for healing at St George’s

SUNDAY 27 – Trinity 11

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret’s	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George’s	
	Deacon	Susan
	Chalice	Susan / David
	Servers	David / Sylvia E
	Intercessions	Linda M
	Readers	Pat / Susan
	Sides	Jayne / Linda
	Coffee	Sylvia E / Mac

Readings at the Communion – Year A

Exodus 1:8-2:10;

Psalm 124;

Romans 12:1-8;

Matthew 16:13-20

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

20 August 2017 Persevering in prayer and faith

Genesis 45:1-15 Joseph reveals himself to his brothers

1 Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest.

7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Prayer: *Lord thank you for using even the evil actions of Joseph's brothers to achieve your saving purposes. Amen*

Psalms 133 Our unity brings God's blessing

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

4 For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32 God has gifted and called us all

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Prayer: *Thank you Lord that even our disobedience brings Your mercy. Amen*

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman

21 Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Prayer: *Lord help us persevere in prayer with faith. Amen*

Creed: Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.