



## 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	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b> at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	<b>Derek / Roger Roger / Mark Susan Susan / Brian Hilary / Laura Sylvia E / Mac</b>
12.30pm 1.30pm	<b>BAPTISM</b> at St George's <b>BAPTISM</b> at St George's Today we welcome Zachary John Galling & Isabelle Grace Galling (12.30pm) and Theo Joshua Hayes-Streeter to the Lord's Family.	
5.00pm	<b>EVENSONG</b> at St Margaret's	

### PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; 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**      420 – 66 – 303 – 752  
Communion hymn: Spirit of God (see page 3)

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### **IN MEMORIAM:-**

Marian Rackham, Jean Minall, Geoff Butter,  
Lorraine Morgan RIP

### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-**

Kathleen Wotton, Joy Dean, Clarice Blewitt,  
Dorothy Connett, Peggy Hiam, Margaret Hopkins,  
Thomas (Pat) Parnell, Alan Wilcox, David Overthrow,  
Ruth MacKellar.

### **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES:-**

Ray Fox 19<sup>th</sup>, Bert Welch 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Mike & Hilary Brammer celebrate a wedding anniversary on  
19th

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

3<sup>rd</sup> calling at St George's  
Neil Marc Morris & Kelly Louise Bircher  
Matthew Paul Michael Goble & Miriam Elizabeth Barcham

### **VERSE FOR THE WEEK:-**

"The one who hears and understands the Word, is the one  
who bears fruit" (*Matthew 13:23*)

### **THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:-**

- local children and families as the school holidays begin
- our neighbours, especially the lonely and isolated
- those working and praying for peace in the countries of the Middle East

### **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*

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

At 11.45am at St George's we will hold prayers for healing

### **MARIAN**

I would just like to thank everyone who attended Marian's funeral at St. Margaret's on the 3 July. She certainly had a wonderful send-off. It was lovely seeing the church so full with friends and family – it was very touching!  
Thank you again. HANS

### **SCARS ACROSS HUMANITY**

**Wed 26 July 7.30pm in Cathedral** – an evening seeking to understand and help overcome gender-based violence. With author and broadcaster Elaine Storkey. Free but register beforehand. See Redcliffe College website.

### **THE DAY CENTRE**

Is again appealing for someone to join the cooking rota, starting in September. If anyone feels they can assist in overseeing the cooking of lunches every other week, do please let me know. Hans 528939

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

The subscription for Families First is now due so can you please bring £10.50 to ensure that either I or Mike Mumby has the money a.s.a.p.  
Many thanks, SYLVIA CHAMBERLAIN.

### **DIARY DATES:-**

#### **JULY**

Thu 27 Private let of Centre 1.00pm – 4.00pm – MH  
Fri 28 Quiet Prayer Group  
Sun 30 White Box day

## **AUGUST**

### **St George's Centre Care & Cleaning month begins**

- Tue 1 Centre Management Committee – 7.30pm  
Wed 2 Gardening Club Committee - 7.00pm - SL  
Thu 3 Railway Society – 12 Ryelands – 7.30pm  
Fri 11 Gardening Club – 7.30pm - MH  
Sun 13 **Famous Five Summer Tea – 4.30pm - MH**  
Tue 15 Songs of Praise & Strawberry Tea at  
Duke of Beaufort Court  
Wed 16 **Benefice Standing Committee – 7.30pm**  
**Taize Service – Gloucester Cathedral – 7.30pm**  
**See poster on noticeboard**  
Sat 19 **Angie's Community Choir at St G's – 7.30pm**  
Sun 20 **St G's Baptisms at 12.30pm & 1.30pm**  
**Teddy Bear's Picnic**  
**in St George's Gardens at 3.00pm**  
Wed 30 Gardening Club Committee – 7.00pm - SL

## **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.

## **COMMUNION HYMN FOR 10.30am SERVICE:**

### **Chorus:**

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love!

1. You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth  
through it God's voice is heard.
2. Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live His way;  
we need Your power, we need Your strength,  
following Christ each day.

We celebrate with those who have birthdays and  
anniversaries this month by singing:  
We wish you a happy birthday (three times)  
and surround you with love.  
God bless you and keep you and give you His peace.  
We wish you a happy birthday and surround you with love.

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St. George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon

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Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

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

**TODAY**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
12 noon	Private let of Centre - MH

**MONDAY 17**

9.00am	Open the Book at Grange School with Hans / Roger – <i>The Greedy Farmer</i>
10.00am	Aphasia - Now – SH
5.00pm	Uniformed groups meetings until 9.00pm Brownies at 5.30pm, Rainbows at 6.10pm and Guides at 7.00pm
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

**TUESDAY 18**

9.00am	Coffee Pot – all welcome – Jill’s team – MH
9.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St George’s</b>
3.30pm	Schools meeting at the Pike & Musket
6.30pm	Cubs – MH

**WEDNESDAY 19**

2.00pm	Messy Church team to celebrate, review and plan – V
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH

**THURSDAY 20**

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer at St G’s – all welcome</b>
10.00am	Crematorium funeral for the late Loraine Morgan RIP
10.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St Margaret’s</b>
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
6.00pm	Beavers / Scouts at 7.15pm
6.00pm	City Council meeting
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

**FRIDAY 21**

7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
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**SATURDAY 22**

12 noon	<b>Ploughman’s Lunch at 14 Randwick Road, in aid of St Margaret’s</b>
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**SUNDAY 23**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**SUNDAY 23 – TRINITY 6**

9.00am 10.30am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret’s</b> <b>PARISH COMMUNION at St George’s</b>	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	<b>Susan</b> <b>Susan / Dot</b> <b>Dot / Sylvia E</b> <b>Sarah</b> <b>Jill / Sylvia C</b> <b>Rose / Sue</b> <b>Ray / Millie / Eva</b>

**Readings at the Communion – Year A**

**Genesis 28:10-19a;**  
**Psalms 139:1-11, 23-24;**  
**Romans 8:12-25;**  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

***Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering***

**Genesis 25:19 – end*****The Lord provides - again***

- 19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.  
 21 Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.  
 22 The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.  
 23 And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."  
 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.  
 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau.  
 26 Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.  
 27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.  
 28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.  
 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.  
 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.)  
 31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."  
 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"  
 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.  
 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Prayer: Lord thank you for answering Isaac's prayer for children. Protect us from the rashness of Esau and from the bribery of Jacob. Amen*

**Psalm 119:105-112*****A tribute to God's word***

- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
 106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.  
 107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.  
 108 Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.  
 109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.  
 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.  
 111 Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.  
 112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

**Romans 8:1-11**     *Free from condemnation, free to live!*

- 1     There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2     For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
- 3     For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
- 4     so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- 5     For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
- 6     To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
- 7     For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot,
- 8     and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9     But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
- 10    But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11    If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for setting us free from condemnation and death, and giving us peace and life in the Spirit. Amen*

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**     *A sower went to sow*

- 1     That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
- 2     Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
- 3     And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.
- 4     And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
- 5     Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
- 6     But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.
- 7     Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
- 8     Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"
- 18    "Hear then the parable of the sower.
- 19    When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.
- 20    As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
- 21    yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on

account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Prayer: Lord, help us to receive the word of your kingdom well, so our lives are abundantly fruitful. Amen*