



SIGNPOST

23 July 2017

TRINITY 6

PREPARING FOR HARVEST

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

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| <p>9.00am 10.30am</p> | <p>PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's PARISH COMMUNION followed by prayers for healing at St George's</p> | |
| | <p>Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee</p> | <p>Susan Susan / Dot Dot / Sylvia E Derek Jill / Sylvia C Rose / Sue Ray / Millie / Eva</p> |

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Creator God,
 you made us all in your image:
 may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do;
 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 led us to the living water:
 refresh and sustain us
 as we go forward on our journey,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Ruth MacKellar, Frances Manning, Hubert (Bob) Hill,
Reginald Summers, Hazel Mumby, Dorothy Arnold,
Trevor Watts, Mary Friday, Frank Boulton, Eileen Huggins,
Gordon Lewis.

BIRTHDAYS:-

Bert Welch 23rd, Philip & Linda Brown celebrate a wedding anniversary on 25th.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:-

"The one who sows good seed is the Son of Man... and the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father" (*Matthew 13:24, 43*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:-

- our Churchwardens and Benefice Administrator as they faithfully serve our churches week by week
- our Mayor, Steve Morgan, as he serves the city in his year of office, and Grange ward as councillor
- the ongoing needs of the Grenfell Tower fire survivors

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

OUR THANKS to local cleaning company Kleen Shine (telephone 503962) who've kindly given the St George's windows a complimentary clean - twice!

QUIET PRAYER GROUP:-

We are a group of people from a number of different churches who meet about once a month to share a time of quiet prayer and contemplation together. The next meeting is at Christchurch, Abbeydale on Friday 28 July at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

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 box at back of St George's Church which is open most weekday mornings.

PHOTOS BOARD AT THE BACK OF ST GEORGE'S:-

Thank you photographers who've continued to provide pictures capturing some magic moments at recent events – please everyone look and enjoy!

AWESOME AUGUST: - please see separate flier

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.

FAMOUS FIVE SUMMER TEA:-

Don't forget to add your name to the list in the porch if you would like to take tea with us on Sunday 13 August at 4.30pm in the small hall; cost just £5.00 per head; there will be a raffle and a cake sale too.

ANGIE'S COMMUNITY CHOIR...

...will be singing in St George's Church on Saturday 19 August at 7.30pm; tickets are just £5.00 each and are available now from Darrell and Glenda. There will be a bar and a raffle too. Proceeds from the concert will be split between the James Hopkins Trust, St George's Church and Angie's Community Choir.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC:-

Sunday, 20 August at 3.00pm

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.

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

DIARY DATES: - 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
[Awesome August evening session 1](#)
7.00pm – Softley Lounge
Wed 9 St George's Singing Group practice
[Awesome August afternoon session 1](#)
3.00pm - Vicarage
Thu 10 [Awesome August evening session 2](#)
7.00pm – Softley Lounge
Fri 11 Gardening Club – 7.30pm – MH
Sat 12 PCC Away Day and lunch at the Vicarage
Sun 13 Messy church planning meeting
Famous Five Summer Tea – 4.30pm - MH
Tue 15 Songs of Praise & Strawberry Tea 2.30pm at
Duke of Beaufort Court
Wed 16 [Awesome August afternoon session 2](#)
3.00pm - Vicarage
[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 Bears' Picnic – 3.00pm](#)
Wed 23 [Awesome August afternoon session 3](#)
3.00pm - Vicarage
Thu 24 [Awesome August evening session 3](#)
7.00pm – Softley Lounge
Wed 30 [Awesome August afternoon session 4](#)
3.00pm – Vicarage
Thu 31 [Awesome August evening session 4](#)
7.00pm – Softley Lounge

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

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

TODAY

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
| 11.45am | Prayers for healing – Lady Chapel |

MONDAY 24

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| 10.00am | Aphasia-Now – SH & SL |
| | Coffee Pot set up |

TUESDAY 25

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| 9.00am | Coffee Pot – all welcome – Mike’s team – MH |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion at St George’s |

WEDNESDAY 26

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| 3.30pm | Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH |
| 7.30pm | Benefice Standing Committee in the Vicarage |
| 7.30pm | Scars across Humanity at the Cathedral See note on page 2 |

THURSDAY 27

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer at St G’s – all welcome |
| 9.00am | August Crossroads collating – MH |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion at St Margaret’s |
| 10.30am | Day Centre – SH & SL |
| 1.00pm | Private let of Centre until 4.00pm – MH |
| 7.30pm | Charter Band – SH & SL |

FRIDAY 28

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| 2.30pm | Quiet Prayer Group at Christchurch, Abbeydale |
| 7.30pm | Entertainers – MH |

SATURDAY 29

SUNDAY 30 – White Box day

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
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SUNDAY 30 – TRINITY 7

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| 9.00am 10.30am | PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret’s PARISH COMMUNION at St George’s | |
| | Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee | Sylvia C Sylvia C / David David / Pat Sarah Linda M / Paul Sylvia E / Dot Malcolm / Dot |

Readings at the Communion – Year A

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

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

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Preparing for harvest

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob's ladder to heaven

- 10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.
11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.
12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;
14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.
15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."
16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!"
17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."
18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.
19a He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Prayer: *Lord thank you that the ladder to heaven runs through our hearts: how awesome! Amen*

Psalm 139

David invites God to search his heart

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
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23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8:12-25

Groaning for our adoption

- 12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh --
13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we
are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs
with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may
also be glorified with him.
18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to
us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing
of the children of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of
its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in
hope
21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to
decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the
children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in
labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the
first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not
hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

Prayer: *Father God, help us to anticipate eagerly the glorious
redemption we hope for. Amen*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *Two sowers went to sow*

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good
seed in his field;
25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and
sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.
26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the
weeds appeared as well.
27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where,
then, did these weeds come from?'
28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said
to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'
29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would
uproot the wheat along with them.
30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at
harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first
and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the
wheat into my barn."
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36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his
disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the
parable of the weeds of the field."
37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the
Son of Man;
38 the field is the world and the good seed are the children
of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil
one,
39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest
is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire,
so will it be at the end of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect
out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,
42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Prayer: *Lord help us grow in goodness as we prepare for harvest.
Amen*