



## 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.

We welcome the Rev'd Canon George Mitchell who is leading our services today

### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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

#### PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Generous God  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
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 573 – 666 – 575 – 539 - 19

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion that,  
in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

### **IN MEMORIAM:-**

Geoff Butter, Loraine Morgan, Margaret Emery,  
Joseph Blewitt RIP

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

Frank Boulton, Eileen Huggins, Gordon Lewis,  
Norman Hacker, Baby Stanley, Ken Dobbs,  
Bertha Wakefield, Fraser MacDonald, Thomas James,  
Leslie Clayton, Deborah Cox, Evelyn Mackie,  
Paul Whittle, Bill Wooton, Charles Jude, Marion Russell,  
Comfort Woodcock, Valerie Nicastro.

### **BIRTHDAYS:-**

Philip Brown 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure in a field which someone found and hid, then in his joy goes and sells all he has and buys that field' (*Matthew 13:44*)

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

other members of the Church in Tuffley – those who worship at Grange Baptist church and English Martyrs

- love and support for all who experience life as a struggle, or who find their lives are empty of meaning
- all the people of Yemen who are suffering from the cholera epidemic and civil war and looming famine

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*

### **MARGARET EMERY**

Margaret died peacefully on Monday night, after a long struggle with disability and a short stay in hospital. Everyone is invited to attend her funeral and celebration of her life, at St George's, the church she loved so dearly, on Monday 7 August at 2.30pm.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to make and serve teas and coffees in the hall after the service. If you can help please see Glenda. Thank you.

### **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.

### **HELEN OUR PIONEER...**

...is still wanting to get to know everyone, and will welcome any invites for coffee! Tel 07729 615 993.

### **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.

### **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.

## DAY CENTRE:-

We give thanks to God for the new cook who will join the team from the Autumn.

## DIARY DATES: - AUGUST

- Mon 7 St George's funeral  
for the late Margaret Emery RIP 2.30pm
- Wed 9 Awesome August 1 at 3.00pm - Vicarage  
St George's Singing Group practice 7.00pm
- Thu 10 Awesome August 2 at 7.00pm - SL
- Fri 11 Gardening Club at 7.30pm – MH
- Sat 12 PCC Away Day and lunch at the Vicarage
- Sun 13 Messy church planning meeting  
**Famous Five Summer Tea at 4.30pm - MH**
- Tue 15 Songs of Praise & Strawberry Tea  
at 2.30pm - Duke of Beaufort Court
- Wed 16 Awesome August 2 at 3.00pm - Vicarage  
Taize Service – Gloucester Cathedral at 7.30pm  
See poster on noticeboard
- Thu 17 Awesome August 3 – 7.00pm - SL
- Sat 19 **Angie's Community Choir  
at St George's at 7.30pm**
- Sun 20 **St George's Baptisms at 12.30pm & 1.30pm**  
Teddy Bears' Picnic at 3.00pm
- Wed 23 Awesome August 3 at 3.00pm - Vicarage
- Thu 24 Awesome August 4 at 7.00pm – SL
- Wed 30 Awesome August 4 at 3.00pm - Vicarage

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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 – 12.00noon.

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

**TODAY – White Box day**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**MONDAY 31 St George’s Centre Care & Cleaning month begins**

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

**TUESDAY 1**

9.00am	Coffee Pot – all welcome – Mike’s team – MH
9.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St George’s</b>
7.30pm	Centre Management Committee - SL

**WEDNESDAY 2**

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee - SL

**THURSDAY 3**

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer at St G’s – all welcome</b>
10.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St Margaret’s</b>
10.30am	<b>NO</b> Day Centre – SH & SL
7.00pm	Awesome August 1 – SL

**FRIDAY 4**

	<b>NO</b> Entertainers
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**SATURDAY 5**

**SUNDAY 6**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**SUNDAY 6 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

10.30am	<b>FAMILY PRAISE</b> at St Margaret’s	
10.30am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b> at St George’s	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	<b>Joceline Joceline / David David / Brenda + Pat Sarah / Mark S Darrell / Glenda Margaret / Glenda</b>
5.00pm	<b>EVENSONG</b> at St Margaret’s to include prayers for healing	

**Readings at the Communion – Year A**

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;**

**Psalm 97; 2**

**Peter 1:16-19;**

**Luke 9:28-36**

***Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering***

**Genesis 29:15-28**

**Jacob shows how much he loves Rachel**

- 15 Jacob had stayed with his uncle Laban for a whole month. Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"
- 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.
- 17 Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.
- 18 Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."
- 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."
- 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.
- 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."
- 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.
- 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.
- 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)
- 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"
- 26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.
- 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.
- 28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as wife.

Prayer: *Lord thank you that true love has no bounds. Amen*

**Psalm 105**

**A call to remember all God has done**

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- 9 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,
- 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."
- ...  
45 Praise the Lord!

## Romans 8:26-end

### Who can separate us from the love of God?

- 26 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.
- 27 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.
- 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- 29 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.
- 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
- 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
- 32 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?
- 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- 34 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.
- 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
- 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
- 39 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.

Prayer: *Father thank you that you cause everything to work together for the good of those who love you, and that nothing can separate us from your love shown in Jesus, who lived and died and lives again praying for us with groans too deep for words. Amen*

## Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

### Five more pictures of the kingdom of Heaven

- 31 Jesus told the people another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
- 32 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."
- 33 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."
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- 44 "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.
- 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

- 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and  
sold all that he had and bought it.
- 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that  
was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every  
kind;
- 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and  
put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
- 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will  
come out and separate the evil from the righteous  
50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there  
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered,  
"Yes."
- 52 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."

Prayer: *Lord help us treasure your kingdom so much that it  
grows continually in us for the blessing of all  
around. Amen*