



**We welcome The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar  
who is taking our 10.30 service today  
Sandra is the Church of England's officer for "life  
events"**

**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 at St George's</b>	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	<b>Derek Derek / Roger Roger / Brenda + Paul Sarah / Pat Hilary / Laura Dianne / Anne</b>
5.00pm	<b>EVENSONG at St Margaret's</b>	

**PRAYER FOR TODAY:**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year A**

Please see insert sheet

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

**Hymns at 10.30am  
489 – 474 – 35 – 620 (communion) 573**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Sarah (Celia) Hatch RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Leslie Garrett, John Weaver, Norman Holmes, Susan Miles, Dennis Wright, George Woollen, Edward Addis, Kenneth Burge, Marjorie Thompson.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jill Ponter 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ruby Jenkins 24<sup>th</sup>, Sylvia & David Evans celebrate a wedding anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you would like a birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please tell Glenda.

**VERSE FOR THE WEEK:**

“Jesus said, forgive not just seven times but seventy times seven!” (*Matthew 18:22*)

**THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:**

- the work of our Street Pastors in the city centre on Friday nights
- the despairing, those contemplating suicide – for help in their hour of need
- hope for long-term refugees living in camps in the Middle East

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*

**FOODBANK:**

Thank you everyone who contributes regularly or from time to time by adding items to the box in St George's. Currently the top five needs are:

*Tinned rice pudding*

*Long life fruit juice (not chilled)*

*Tinned cold meat (corned beef/ham)*

*Long life milk*

*Toiletries*

**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.

**100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS – 10 September 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> Hilary Brammer £30.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Clift £20.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Meadows £10.00

Well done to all our winners - next draw December 2017

**REFRESH:**

Our monthly meetings resume on Wednesday, 27 September, 7.30pm at Grange Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome including all who came to Alpha.

**HARVEST SUPPER – 30 September 2017- 7.00pm**

Sherry Reception at 7.00pm, Meal at 7.30pm – Beef Pie or Vegetable Quiche, served with peas, carrots and potatoes followed by Apple Pie & Custard. A gluten free option can be ordered in advance, all for £9.00 and followed by St George's entertainers. Please bring your own drinks. Places limited to 80 so please get your ticket from Sylvia Evans now.

### **SUNDAY LUNCH:**

Come and join Jilly & Margaret for lunch at St George's Centre on Sunday, 15 October 2017.

*Starter:* Melon Balls, *Mains:* Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables *Pudding:* Apple Pie & Custard. (Vegetarians catered for if pre-ordered)

The total cost of the meal is £10.00 with a £5.00 deposit payable on booking. All profits to St Margaret's Church. Places are limited so please reserve your seat with Jilly Ponter on 01452 417648. Please bring your own drinks.

### **BRIAN WOODRUFF'S 12 HOUR ORGAN MARATHON**

Friday 20 October 2017 – Please see poster on noticeboard

### **THE BIG PICTURE:**

You, the Bible and God's big plan – series resumes on Tuesday 19 September 7.30pm at English Martyrs for 6 weeks

### **VICARAGE:**

Apples and Damsons available – please take what you can eat!

### **DIARY DATES:**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- Tue 26 Big Picture (2) at English Martyrs – 7.30pm  
Wed 27 Gardening Club Committee – SL – 7.00pm  
Tuffley church 'Refresh' at Grange Baptist-7.30pm  
Thu 28 **Morning Prayer at St George's – 8.30am**  
Day Centre Willow Trust Trip  
Pastoral meeting – 3.30pm  
Fri 29 Quiet Prayer Group – St George's – 2.30pm  
Sat 30 Harvest Supper – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

#### **OCTOBER**

- Sun 1 **UNITED HARVEST PRAISE  
at ST MARGARET'S – 10.00am**  
Mon 2 Open the Book at Grange School – 9.00am  
Speakability – SH – 10.30am – 1.30pm  
Tue 3 Centre Management Committee – SL – 7.30pm  
Big Picture (3) at English Martyrs – 7.30pm  
Wed 4 **St George's Singing Group practice – 7.00pm**  
Thu 5 **Morning Prayer at St George's – 8.30am**  
Open the Book at Harewood School – 9.00am  
Tuffley Festival meeting – SH & SL – 3.30pm  
Railway Society – 7.30pm  
Fri 6 Gardening Club – MH – 7.30pm  
Sat 7 **Messy Harvest – 10.00am**  
Diocesan Readers Service – Cathedral – 4.30pm  
Sun 8 **HARVEST CELEBRATION  
AT ST GEORGE'S – 10.30am**  
Civic Service at the Cathedral - 3.00pm  
Tue 10 Start of Explore Harvest at English Martyrs  
Mothers' Union – 2.30pm – SH  
Big Picture (4) at English Martyrs – 7.30pm  
Social Committee – 7.30pm - SL

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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**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
11.45am	Messy church meeting

**MONDAY 18**

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Helen / Sue / Roger – <i>Mistaken for Gods</i>
10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
4.45pm	Rainbows followed by Brownies at 5.00pm, Rainbows at 6.10pm & Guides at 7.00pm
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

**TUESDAY 19**

9.00am	Coffee Pot – all welcome – Mike's team – MH
9.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St George's</b>
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	The Big Picture 1 – see page 3 for information

**WEDNESDAY 20**

3.30pm	Slimming World also 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
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**THURSDAY 21**

8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer at St George's – all welcome</b>
9.00am	Open the Book at Harewood School with Sylvia /Jill / Rose / Jenny – <i>The Centurion's Servant &amp; The Storm on the Lake</i>
10.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St Margaret's led by Revd Sarah Todd from St Barnabas</b>
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

**FRIDAY 22**

7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
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**SATURDAY 23**

2.00pm	Research & Local Services Update at Churchdown Community Centre GL3 2JH until 4.30pm. The talk will cover progress in our understanding of MS and new treatments being developed for MS. See poster on Centre noticeboard
5.30pm	Private let of Centre until 9.00pm

**SUNDAY 24 – White box day**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**SUNDAY 24 – Trinity 15**

9.00am 10.30am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's</b> <b>PARISH COMMUNION followed by prayers for healing at St George's</b>	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	<b>Sylvia C</b> <b>Sylvia C / Linda</b> <b>Linda / Jayne</b> <b>Pat</b> <b>Linda M / David</b> <b>Rose / Sue</b> <b>Margaret / Glenda</b>

Readings at the Communion – Year A

**Exodus 16: 2-15;**  
**Psalms 105:1-6, 37-end;**  
**Philippians 1:21-end;**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

***Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering***

**Exodus 14:19 to the end*****God rescues his people from Egypt***

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*Prayer: Lord we bow before your awesome power over the elements and your loving purpose of rescue. Amen.*

**Psalm 114**We say together the words in **bold**

When Israel went out from Egypt,

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,**

Judah became God's sanctuary,

**Israel his dominion.**

The sea looked and fled;

**Jordan turned back.**

The mountains skipped like rams,

**the hills like lambs.**

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

**O Jordan, that you turn back?**

O mountains, that you skip like rams?

**O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Prayer: Lord help us to welcome all, regardless of difference  
Amen*

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Prayer: Lord help us always to remember how much you've forgiven us, and to reflect it in our attitude to others. Amen*