



SIGNPOST

24 September 2017

TRINITY 15

From grumbling to gratitude

WELCOME

**We welcome Rev'd Martin Riley
to lead our services today**

**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

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in 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
205 – 179 – 161 – 47(communion) - 580**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Dick Connett RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Kenneth Burge, Marjorie Thompson, Valerie Robertshaw, Gladys Aldridge, Charles Overthrow, Ronald Perratt, Merva Arthur, Helen Rich. Allan Jones, Irene Livesey, Tony Warwick.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Ruby Jenkins 24th, Marjorie Cotterill celebrates a special birthday on 26th, Kim Westcott 1st. Darrell & Glenda Stevens celebrate a wedding anniversary on 28th.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:-

'Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ'
(*Philippians 1:27*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:-

- A further spiritual anointing for Susan Scothern through the bishop's authorisation in the Cathedral today
- Wisdom for us to care well for God's gift of creation
- God's influence for justice and peace at this time of international tensions

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

THIS AFTERNOON:

A service, in the Cathedral at 3.00pm, to authorise Pastoral Assistants across the Diocese, including our very own Susan Scothern.

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 St. George's Church, Grange Road, Tuffley on Friday, 29 September at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

NEXT SUNDAY:-

A United Harvest Praise at St Margaret's please note the start time of 10.00am

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.

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.

DIARY DATES:

OCTOBER

- Mon 2 Open the Book at Grange School – 9.00am
Speakability – SH – 10.30am – 1.30pm
Coffee Pot set up – 9.00pm
- Tue 3 Centre Management Committee – SL – 7.30pm
The Big Picture (3) –
Grange Baptist Church – 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
- 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**
Messy church planning meeting
Civic Service at the Cathedral - 3.00pm
- Mon 9 Coffee Pot set up
- Tue 10 Onset of Explore Harvest at English Martyrs
Mothers' Union – 2.30pm – SH
Social Committee – 7.30pm – SL
The Big Picture (4) –
Grange Baptist Church – 7.30pm
- Thu 12 **Morning Prayer at St George's – 8.30am**
Wedding rehearsal at St Margaret's for
Keir & Louise – 6.00pm
- Fri 13 End of Explore Harvest at English Martyrs
- Sat 14 St Margaret's Wedding for Keir & Louise – 3.00pm
- Sun 15 Winter Lunch at St George's – 12.00noon
St George's Baptism – 12.30pm
St Margaret's Baptism – 1.30pm

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

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

TODAY – White Box day

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

MONDAY 25

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Helen / Dianne / Jenny – <i>Prison Praise</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 26

9.00am	Coffee Pot – all welcome – Mike’s team – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George’s
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	The Big Picture (2) – English Martyrs Church

WEDNESDAY 27

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

THURSDAY 28

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St G’s – all welcome
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret’s
	Day Centre Willow Trust Trip– SH & SL
3.30pm	Pastoral care meeting - Vicarage
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 29

2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group at St George’s
	Harvest Supper set-up
7.30pm	Entertainers – SH

SATURDAY 30

7.00pm	Harvest Supper
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SUNDAY 1

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 1 – Trinity 16

10.00am	UNITED HARVEST PRAISE at St Margaret’s	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George’s	
	Deacon	Derek
	Chalice	Derek / David
	Servers	David / Roger
	Intercessions	Sarah
	Readers	Rosie / Dot
	Sides	Sylvia E / Dot
	Coffee	Sylvia E / Mac

Readings at the Communion – Year A

Exodus 17: 1-7;

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-1-6;

Philippians 2:1-13;

Matthew 21:23-32

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

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Exodus 16:2-15 God's people moan, and God listens

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Prayer: Lord you provide all we need, and so much more. Help us always to be grateful. Amen.

Psalm 105: We say together the words in **bold**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; **it flowed through the desert like a river.**

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. Praise the LORD!

Philippians 1:21-30 Strive together for the Gospel

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Prayer: Lord thank you for strength to live fully for you, whatever trials we face. Amen

Matthew 20:1-16 True forgiveness

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Prayer: Lord thank you for heaven, the same amazing gift to each of us, that