



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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| 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 / David |
| | Servers | David / Pat + |
| | Organists | Paula |
| | Intercessions | Linda M |
| | Readers | Paul / Rosie |
| | Sides | Darrell / Glenda |
| | Coffee | Glenice / Stella |

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. AMEN

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year B

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

IN MEMORIAM:-

Raymond Betts, Lionel Davis, Emma Bassett,
Charles Speke RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Gladys Stevens, Jim Bodenham, Lilian May, Phyllis Spiers,
Pamela Ellis, Don Clift, Derek Bodimeade,
Hannah Crumpler, Ruby Grech, Norman Cowley,
Daphne Steer, Wally Jenkins, Lorraine Edwards,
Ronald Dennis, Gladys Mitchell.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Jayne Close 26th.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:-

"I am the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep" (*John 10:11*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:-

- full-time carers, especially those with no chance of a break
- our local police force
- growing resolve to reduce the use of plastics

OUT OF RESPECT for each other in approaching our worship, please would everyone be silent after the church bell has rung a couple of minutes before the service starts; and please also avoid unnecessary asides during the service. Thank you!

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. Oswald's, Coney Hill on Friday 27 April at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BIG QUIZ CHALLENGE

In the skittle alley of the Avenue Pub, Bristol Road on Tuesday 15 May at 7.00pm. This event is organised by the members of St Paul's & St Stephen's Church with £5.00 per team entry; all donations to Christian Aid. Nibbles provided & drinks available at the bar. All welcome.

LEPROSY MISSION MEETING

On Thursday 10 May at 7.30 pm in Park Street Mission Hall Park Street, Gloucester.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BUNDLES

We are in need of the following items to help families in Gloucestershire.

Adult shampoo and conditioner, maternity pads, breast pads, deodorant, nappies particularly size 1 but all sizes are needed, nappy bags, cotton wool, shower gel, bubble bath, toothbrushes and toothpaste, wipes, baby bath, shampoo, all-in-one wash, children's toiletries.

Gloucestershire Bundles is run by Dawn, one of our Messy Church and Coffee Pot mums and we know that she will appreciate anything that you can donate.

HOW IS YOUR SUNFLOWER DOING?

PRAYER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP, FOR ALL CAUGHT UP IN THE WAR IN SYRIA:

Lord of all power and might, wisdom and love,
You gave your only Son to live with the suffering and poor, to die for our sins and rise from the dead so that we may live.

In your hands justice is perfect, and mercy and righteousness meet.

We pray for all caught up in the war in Syria; for the innocent who are poisoned by its weapons and bereaved or wounded by its violence,
for those serving in our armed forces, for those who make decisions and order actions.

Be merciful to the people of Syria, bring justice in their suffering, and let new life arise where there is now destruction and fear.

We pray these prayers in the name of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

COMING SOON:-

APRIL

Mon 30 Open the Book at Grange
with Hans & Roger 'Goodbye at Last'

MAY

Tue 1 St Margaret's funeral
for the late Lionel Davis RIP

Wed 2 Crematorium funeral
for the late Charles Speke RIP
Benefice Standing Committee starting at 4.00pm
at the Vicarage

Thu 3 Railway Society starting at 7.30pm at 12 Ryelands

Sat 5 Messy church

Mon 7 May Day Bank Holiday
Coffee Pot set –up

Tue 8 Coffee Pot
Parish Communion – 9.30am
Mothers' Union – SH – 2.30pm

Wed 9 St George's Singing Group in church – 7.00pm
Gardening Club Committee – SL – 7.00pm

Thu 10 Ascension Day
Morning Prayer, 8.15am at the Vicarage
Open the Book at Harewood
with Sylvia, Jill, Rose & Jenny
'A Special Promise' & 'God's Friend'
Day Centre Trip to Highfields Garden Centre
Ascension Service, 7.00pm at St George's

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
V = Vicarage, O = Office

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

TODAY

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
| 11.45am | St George's APCM in church |
| 4.30pm | St George's Day Tea |

MONDAY 23

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| | NO Open the Book at Grange |
| 10.00am | Aphasia-Now – SH & SL |
| | NO Brownies – MH |
| 6.10pm | Rainbows - SH |
| 5.00pm | Brownies – MH |
| 7.00pm | Guides – MH |
| 7.30pm | Social Committee meeting - SL |
| | Coffee Pot set up – MH |

TUESDAY 24

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| 9.00am | Coffee Pot – Mike's Team – MH |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion at St George's |
| 6.30pm | Cubs |

WEDNESDAY 25 May – May Crossroads print off

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| 3.30pm | Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH |
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THURSDAY 26

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer – V |
| 9.00am | May Crossroads collating – MH |
| 9.15am | Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia, Susan, Roger & Dot 'In the Beginning' & 'A Sad Day' |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion at St Margaret's |
| 10.30am | Day Centre – SH & SL |
| 6.00pm | Beavers followed by Scouts at 7.15pm – MH |
| 7.30pm | Charter Band – SH & SL |

FRIDAY 27

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| 2.30pm | Quiet Prayer Group at St Oswald's Church |
| 7.30pm | Entertainers – SH |

SATURDAY 28**SUNDAY 29 – White Box day**

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
| 11.45am | Prayers for Healing |
| 3.00pm | Annual Civic Service at the Cathedral |
| 4.30pm | Private let of Small Hall until 6.30pm |
| 6.00pm | Youth Alpha at English Martyrs |

SUNDAY 29 – Easter 5

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| 9.00am | PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's | |
| 10.30am | PARISH COMMUNION at St George's | |
| | Deacon | Jonathan |
| | Chalice | Jonathan / Dot |
| | Servers | Dot / Sylvia E |
| | Organists | Paula |
| | Intercessions | Sylvia C |
| | Readers | Sarah / Sylvia E |
| | Sides | David / Angela |
| | Coffee | Sylvia E / Mac |

Readings at the Communion – Year B

1 John 4: 7-end;

Psalm 22: 25-end;

Acts 8: 26-end;

John 15: 1-8

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

The Power of Love

1 John 3.16-end *Living in love*

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment; that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Prayer: *Lord as we abide in You may Your love so live in us that it shines through in practical action for others. Amen*

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
3. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Acts 4.5-12 After Peter had healed a lame beggar, he and John have been imprisoned.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,

⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders,

⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,

¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is *"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."*

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Prayer: *Lord thank You for Peter's clear understanding and brave declaration that we are saved through Jesus alone. Amen*

John 10.11-18 Jesus the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Prayer: *Thank you Lord Jesus for willingly laying down your life for each of us and all of us. Amen*