



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

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
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:

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Gladys Mitchell, Alan Trenfield, Alan Smith,
William Saunders, Gillian Cox, Charles Bell, Ronald Ellis,
Elsie Hyett, Dennis Macey, Ronald Mouldsdale,
Ronald Cole, Joan Webb, Hazel Morgan, Dennis Baker,
Jack Crawford, Charles Badham.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Daphne Reeves 3rd

Derek & Sarah Kingscote celebrate a wedding anniversary on
1 May.

Helen McGeoch celebrates one year as Tuffley Pioneer on 1 May

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (*John 15:5*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

- For the spirit of love for those we find most difficult
- For Tony Minter the Grange Baptist minister as he prepares to move on; and the whole church as they listen to God for the future
- For the spirit of courage to bring and proclaim the good news among all in Tuffley

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!

LEPROSY MISSION MEETING

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

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 with all donations to Christian Aid. Nibbles provided & drinks available at the bar. All welcome.

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.

ST GEORGE'S DAY FUNDRAISING TEA

Thank you to all who supported the tea, we are pleased to announce that the sum of £200.00 was raised for St George's Church. Thank you.

I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' for the St George's Day tea last Sunday. The sandwiches were sublime, I'm sure everyone who attended enjoyed their afternoon. For those who didn't, you missed a treat. When is the next one? Margaret Whittle.

Next tea is on Sunday, 26 August 2018.

RIVER TRIP FROM RUNNYMEDE TO WINDSOR

On Wednesday 23rd May and time in Windsor (three days after the Royal Wedding). Contact Gloria 01452 812195.

HELEN, our Pioneer...

...is collecting glass jars for the next Messy church, entitled Pentecost Partytime. If you have an empty jar or two please give to Helen or leave in the Parish Office before 5 May. Thank you.

A 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

REMINDER

How's your sunflower growing?

COMING SOON:-

MAY

- Mon 7 May Day Bank Holiday
Coffee Pot set –up
- Tue 8 Coffee Pot – Mike's team
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
Open the Book at Harewood
with Sylvia, Jill, Rose and Jenny
A Special Promise & God's Friend
Day Centre Trip to Highfields Garden Centre
Ascension Day Service – 7.00pm
- Sat 12 **Beetle Drive – 6.00pm**
- Sun 13 June Crossroads deadline

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

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TODAY

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

MONDAY 30

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Mike and Laura - <i>'Goodbye at Last'</i>
10.00am	Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
5.00pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 1

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Jill's team - MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
12.30pm	St Margaret's funeral for the late Lionel Davis RIP followed by burial
6.30pm	Cubs

WEDNESDAY 2

11.00am	Crematorium funeral for the late Charles Speke RIP
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH
4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee – V

THURSDAY 3

8.15am	Morning Prayer - Please note new time
	NO Open the Book at Harewood
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
7.30pm	Railway Society – 12 Ryelands

FRIDAY 4

7.30pm	Entertainers – MH
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SATURDAY 5

10.00am	Messy church
12.30pm	Interment of Ashes at St Margaret's for the late Charles Speke RIP

SUNDAY 6

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 6 – Easter 6

10.30am	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Derek
	Chalice	Derek / David
	Servers	David / Mark +
	Organists	Paula
	Intercessions	Paul
	Readers	Joceline / t.b.a.
	Sides	Dot / Karen
	Coffee	Millie / Ray
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

1 John 5:1-6;
 Psalm 98;
 Acts 10:44-end;
 John 15:9-17



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday readings 29 April 2018

Serve the Lord

1 John 4: 7 - end God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Prayer: *Father, help us to see you in others, and to love them as you have loved us. Amen*

Psalm 22 verses 26 - 28 and 30 - 32

Refrain

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

My vows will I pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those that seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

Refrain

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations shall worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth,

before him shall bow all who down to the dust.

Refrain

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come:

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

"These things the Lord has done".

Refrain

Acts 8; 26 - end Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south* to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

Prayer: *Dear Holy Spirit, give us the courage and wisdom to speak to others of the good news of Jesus. Amen.*

John 15; 1 - 8 Jesus the True Vine

¹⁵ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.

² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, the true Vine, train us as your branches and tend us that we may do your will. Amen.*