

**This week's news  
for St George's, Tuffley  
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

**5 August 2018**

**TRINITY 10**

**Food for Life**

**WELCOME**

We specially welcome Andrew Hill who will take the first half of our service at St George's today.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Bruce or one of our Churchwardens, (Mike or Sylvia E at St George's) (Jonathan at St Margaret's) or the welcomers. 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	FAMILY PRAISE includes thanksgiving for Jonah Gangeswaren at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Joceline
	Chalice	Joceline & David
	Servers	David & Sylvia E +
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Pat
	Readers	Dot & Paul
	Welcomers	Rose & Sue
	Coffee	Malcolm & Dot
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

**PRAYER FOR TODAY:**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year B**

Please see service sheet

**HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service  
29 – 82 – 411 – 285(HC) – 252**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**

Bill Wooton, Charles Jude, Marion Russell,  
Comfort Woodcock, Valerie Nicastro, Charles Day,  
Malcolm Medcraft, Jeffrey Taylor, Brian Stait,  
Barbara Pearce, Noel Willetts, Mary Bullard, Pat Limbrick.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

None that we know of; if you would like a birthday or anniversary mentioned in this news sheet please tell Glenda.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> calling at St George's -**

Martin James Cullis & Wendy Rodger

**3<sup>rd</sup> calling at St Margaret's –**

Nicholas Edward James Hall & Alice Mary Brazington

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:**

- Families coping with long -term illness or disability
- God's leading on our planning for Messy Church and other activities with families
- Good harvests throughout the world especially in those places prone to extreme weather conditions

**OFFERINGS AT SUNDAY SERVICES:**

For a trial period that started on 1 July we have a collection plate at the back of the church for those who wish to place their gift as they arrive, rather than passing the plate while we're singing a hymn. Thank you.

**SPONSORED LEARNING OF BIBLE-VERSES:**

Please take this home and have instructive fun learning some key Bible verses to help sponsor our young people for the 'Soul Survivor' camp this summer.

We have till 12 August!

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSES MEMORY CHALLENGE:**

Genesis 1:1, 2 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the seep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters"

Philippians 2:5-11 [please look it up!]

**LIFE CHANGES "SPRINGBOARD" GROUP:**

Make the most of later life! Come and join our new group at Tuffley Library starting Thursday 9 Aug at 2.00pm. Supported by Age UK. More details – see poster at back of church.

**ST MARGARET'S CLEAR UP SESSION**

The limewashing is finished and we are having a clearing up session on Monday 6 August from 10.00am - 1.00pm. There will be plenty to do, getting things shipshape and the kettle will be on the boil. All welcome!

**REMEMBRANCE 100:**

King George V asked that 4 August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, should be observed as a national Day of Prayer; 100 days later the war ended. We're invited to join churches across the country in 100 days of prayer from 4 August 2018, for peace and reconciliation. Please collect a daily prayer guide from back of church.

**TAIZE SERVICE – Monday, 6 August – 7.30pm at Gloucester Cathedral:**

You are warmly invited to join us for this special service around the Labyrinth.

**SUNFLOWER SHOW:**

Get your sunflower ready for 12 August - the show of the year!

**ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO ON SATURDAY 18 AUGUST?**

Then please join the team to collect donations for the church, at Rikenel Car Park, by kind permission of the NHS Sign up at back of church or see Mike Brammer for details.

There will be a **PARISH PICNIC for all**, the theme being a **VICTORIAN TEA PARTY** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm on the green at St George's. Do come and bring your friends.

**ST GEORGE'S SUMMER TEA: Sunday 26 August - 4.30pm**

Come and enjoy a summer tea with sandwiches, scones, jam and cream followed by trifle, cheesecake and a selection of cakes with the bottomless teapot all for just £6.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in St George's porch. Thank you.

**GLOUCESTER AMATEUR GARDENING SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW:**

Is on 1 September: please consult the booklet at back of St George's church for details of classes and entry forms.

**COMING SOON:- AUGUST**

- Mon 13 Centre floor stripping & polishing week  
**Awesome August – 7.00pm – 8.00pm - SL**
- Tue 14 Coffee Pot – Jill's team – 9.00am – 11.30am  
**Joint PCC planning meeting – 6.00pm – V**
- Wed 15 **Awesome August – 2.00pm – 3.00pm - V**
- Sun 19 **St George's Baptism – 12.30pm**  
**Parish Picnic with Songs of Praise at St George's starting at 3.00pm**
- Mon 20 Centre floor stripping & polishing week  
**Awesome August – 7.00pm – 8.00pm – SL**
- Tue 21 Coffee Pot – Mike's team – 9.00am – 11.30am  
**Songs of Praise-Duke of Beaufort Court -2.00pm**
- Wed 22 August / September Crossroads print-off  
**Awesome August – 2.00pm – 3.00pm - V**

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,  
V = Vicarage, O = Office, \* St Margaret's

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**TODAY**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**MONDAY 6**

10.00am	Speakability – SH
9.00am	Supporting Young People Group – MH
	Coffee Pot set up – MH
7.00pm	<b>Awesome August – SL</b>

**TUESDAY 7**

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

**WEDNESDAY 8**

10.00am	<b>GDPR meeting – V</b>
2.00pm	<b>Awesome August – V</b>
3.30pm	<b>Slimming World also at 5.30pm &amp; 7.30pm-MH</b>
4.00pm	<b>Joint Standing Committee – V</b>
5.30pm	<b>St Margaret's Festival Planning – V</b>
7.00pm	<b>St George's Singing Group practice</b>

**THURSDAY 9**

8.15am	<b>Morning Prayer – V</b>
9.00am	<b>Authorised Leaders Meeting – V</b>
10.30am	<b>Parish Communion at St Margaret's</b>
10.30am	<b>No Day Centre – SH &amp; SL</b>

**FRIDAY 10**

7.30pm	<b>Gardening Club – MH</b>
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**SATURDAY 11**

10.00am	<b>Messy Church Celebration &amp; Planning – V</b>
2.00pm	<b>Private let of Centre – MH</b>

**SUNDAY 12**

	Coffee & Prize draw after the 10.30am service
2.00pm	<b>Private let of Centre – MH</b>

**SUNDAY 12 – TRINITY 11**

9.00am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's</b>	
10.30am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION at St George's</b>	
	Deacon	Sylvia C
	Chalice	Sylvia C & Roger
	Servers	Roger & Mark + Paula
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Rosie
	Readers	Sarah & Joceline
	Welcomers	Sylvia E & Dot
	Coffee	Margaret & Glenda

**Readings at the Communion – Year B**

2 Samuel: 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;  
Psalm 130;  
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2;  
John 6: 35, 41-51



*Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering*

Sunday 5 August 2018

Saved by the Bread of Life

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, <sup>12</sup>and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

*Prayer: Lord, when our will is weak and human nature strong, give us wisdom and courage to be faithful to you, to seek peace in your forgiveness and love. Amen.*

**Psalm 51**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; •  
**according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.**
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness •  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults •  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned •  
**and done what is evil in your sight,**
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence •  
**and righteous in your judgement.**
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, •  
**a sinner when my mother conceived me.**
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me •  
**and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.**
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; •  
**wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, •  
**that the bones you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Turn your face from my sins •  
**and blot out all my misdeeds.**
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, •  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence •

**and take not your holy spirit from me.**

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation •

**and sustain me with your gracious spirit;**

**Ephesians 4.1-16 Unity in the Body of Christ**

<sup>4</sup>therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' <sup>9</sup>(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Prayer: Loving God, we give thanks for your graceful gifts of humility, gentleness, unity and love. We pray that through you our unique callings and gifts will be lived out to build the church of Christ as one body and one bread. Amen*

**John 6.24-35**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the bread of life which sustains, redeems and grants us eternal life through faith. Give us grace to embrace your love for us and to be the community of God we are called to be. Amen*