



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

10.30am	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Joceline Joceline / David David / Pat+ James Sylvia C Rosie / David Sylvia E / Dot Sylvia E / Mac
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's with prayers for healing	

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
Please see service sheet

Hymns at the 10.30am service
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Sheila Eagles, Barbara Walford, Eunice Leary
Don Underwood, Joan Middleton, John Hyett RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Ian Whittle, Dorothy Grover, Doris Maddock,
Noah Phare, Wilfred Griffiths, Lilian Gee,
Alistair Ferney, Pauline Halford, Edward Mitchell,
Mildred Smith, William Jeffroy (priest), John Davis,
Michael Townsend, Hilda Robinson, Eva Greenwood,
Dorothy Welford, Granville Collett, Elsie West,
Joan Allen, Terry Waite, Kevin Easterby Richard Clarke,
Heather Merrett.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Margaret Whittle 5th, Susan Wilbur 9th, Pat Mitchell 11th and
remembering Marian Rackham 7th.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

“Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold
together” (*Colossians 1:17*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- safety and support for children who run away from home, estimated at 100,000 a year in the UK
- care staff as they support people in their own homes and in residential settings
- the police force as they investigate crime and establish sources of evidence for trials

FOODBANK:

This month, Universal Credit is being rolled out in Gloucester. From experience elsewhere, the Foodbank is expecting a significant rise in need for food parcels. Please give generously. Particular items needed include corned beef, long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned fish and toiletries. Thank you.

SHROVE TUESDAY:

Pudding Social Evening a Church in Tuffley event at English Martyrs – free fun social evening, including pancakes, bring your own puddings. Book your places on list in St George’s church porch by Sunday 4 February.

FAITH & LIGHT

Brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for worship followed by refreshments and some fun/craft activities. On the first Sunday of the month at 3.00pm in the English Martyrs Church. Today: decorating heart boxes!

ALADDIN PANTOMIME:-

The St George’s Entertainers present the pantomime Aladdin in the Centre on Friday 16 February at 7.30pm and Saturday 17 February at 2.30pm & 7.30pm. Tickets now available from the Parish Office between the hours of 9.00am and 11.30am on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at a cost of £5 for adults and £3 for children.

A REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS:

Yes, it’s that time of year again!

St George’s and St Margaret’s Annual Reports from January 2017 until December 2017 should be in the parish office by Sunday 25 March at the very latest. Two reports already received, thank you.

CHARITY CONCERT in aid of Gloucester Foodbank

The Salvation Army invite you to a concert on Sunday 25 March at 6.30pm featuring Elisabeth Fleming (vocal), Mandy Scott (euphonium), Philip Webb (vocal), Gloucester SA Band (Clifford Matthews), Gloucester SA Songsters (Philip Webb). Freewill Donation.

HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER:-

To cover the cold winter period, Gloucester City Mission with Emmaus Gloucester has started a temporary shelter now available every night until end of March. However they need a further £9000 to cover costs. All donations much appreciated. Please see St George's church noticeboard for details.

THANK YOU:-

I would like to say a big thank you for the tea on Sunday 28 January. The lemon drizzle cake was wonderful, I took it with me on Monday evening to share with friends and it was greatly appreciated. Once again many thanks to you all for a job well done. Roll on the next one!!!
MARGARET WHITTLE. (Next tea Sunday 22 April 2018!)

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraising tea, the sum of £250.00 was raised for St George's.

COMING SOON:- FEBRUARY

- Mon 12 Coffee Pot set up
Pantomime dress rehearsal – 7.00pm
- Tue 13 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
March Crossroads deadline
Coffee Pot – Mike's team – all welcome
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
Mothers' Union – 2.30pm – SH
Pantomime rehearsal - t.b.c.
Pancake & Pudding Party - see note on page 2
- Wed 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Gardening Club Committee – 7.00pm – SL
Ash Wednesday Service at St George's 7.00pm
- Thu 15 **Morning Prayer - 8.30am - V**
Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am
Pantomime stage check & rehearsal t.b.c.
- Fri 16 **Aladdin Pantomime – 7.30pm**
- Sat 17 **Aladdin Pantomime – 2.30pm**
Cathedral Evensong at 4.30pm includes prayers for the church in Tuffley
Aladdin Pantomime – 7.30pm
- Sun 18 Pantomime staging down
St Margaret's Baptism of Phoebe Rose Hyett at 12.30pm
- Mon 19 Open the Book at Grange with Dianne / Sue
Aphasia- Now – 10.00am – SH & SL
Lent Group at 12 St George's Close – 7.00pm
Coffee Pot set up – 9.00pm
- Tue 20 Coffee Pot – Jill's team – all welcome
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
- Wed 21 March Crossroads print off – 9.00am
Lent Group at the Vicarage – 3.00pm
- Thu 22 **Morning Prayer – 8.30am – V**
March Crossroads collating – 9.00am
Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia / Jenny / Dianne / Susan
- Fri 23 Quiet Prayer Group at Christchurch, Abbeydale – 2.30pm

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 noon

TODAY

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 5

10.00am	Speakability – SH
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Hans / Mike / Laura <i>Lazarus friend of Jesus</i>
3.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Don Underwood RIP
2.00pm	Private let of Centre – MH
5.00pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 6

9.00am	Coffee Pot – A Team - MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Centre Management Committee – SL

WEDNESDAY 7

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	St George's Singing Group practice in church
7.15pm	Deanery Synod

THURSDAY 8

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
9.15am	Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia / Dot / Jill / Rose <i>The beautiful Gate / On the Road to Damascus</i>
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
10.30am	Forest of Dean Cremation for the late John Hyett RIP followed by a Celebration of Life at St Margaret's Church
12.30pm	
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL
9.00pm	Pantomime preparation – carpet layout

FRIDAY 9

12 noon	Crematorium funeral for the late Joan Middlecote RIP
	Pantomime preparation – staging to go up
7.30pm	Entertainers – SH

SATURDAY 10

	Staging to be finished
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SUNDAY 11

	Coffee / Cake Sale after the 10.30am service
1.00pm	Pantomime rehearsal

SUNDAY 11 – 1 before LENT

9.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Susan Susan / Roger Roger / Mark + Paula Derek Sarah / Derek Darrell / Glenda Ray / Millie

Readings at the Communion – Year B

2 Kings 2:1-12;

Psalm 50:1-6;

2 Corinthians 4:3-6;

Mark 9:2-9

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

Sunday readings 4 February 2018

God in Creation

Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 God's wisdom

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

*Prayer: Wisdom of God, You rejoice in all your creation;
and we rejoice in You. Amen*

Psalm 104 Honouring God's creation and preservation of the world

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, you are very great.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

Colossians 1:15-20**Christ, supreme over all**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, you hold all things together; you have reconciled us to God. We bow in adoration.
Amen*

John 1:1-14**The Word becomes flesh**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the living God, help us so to accept and receive you, that you live more and more fully among us. Amen