



Glory on the Mountain

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 followed at 10.00am by a special PCC meeting (1 - 2 minutes)	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's to include Geraldine Norrington's enrolment as a Mothers' Union member	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Susan Susan / Roger Roger / Mark + Paula Derek Sarah / Derek Darrell / Glenda Ray / Millie

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
Please see service sheet

Hymns at the 10.30am service
57 - 105 - 99 - 67(HC) - 511

Anthem – All that is hidden by Bernadette Farrell

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Don Underwood, Joan Middleton, John Hyett,
Ronald Jones RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Apologies for missing the following names off last week's Signpost

4 – 11 February

Martyn Gabb, Constance Jones, Lily Alderton,
Mark Jones, Doreen Parrish, Eunice Booker,
Edward Cripps, Doris Spirit, John Cole, Hilda Dennis,
Eileen Critchley, James Martin, Frederick Welford,
Agnes Mercer, Thomas Turner, Walter Franklin,

11 – 18 February

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,

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Pauline Deeley celebrates a special birthday on 17th.
If you would like a birthday or anniversary mentioned in
Signpost please tell Glenda.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

From the cloud there came a voice: "This is my beloved
Son, listen to Him!" (*Mark 9:7*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- The winter Night shelter run by Gloucester City Mission and Emmaus, as they seek to raise funds and support the homeless
- All those working to reduce crime in the city
- Adequate help and support for those moving over to Universal Credit this month

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.

LENT READING:

It's time to choose a book for reading during Lent. Have a look at the display on the table by the Lady Chapel TODAY so that you are ready for Ash Wednesday.

Lent Groups: please let us all aim if at all possible to make this part of our Lenten discipline and joy this year. (See insert for details. If you need transport, contact the leader/host)

Live Lent: Let your light shine is a booklet of short daily reflections with an introduction from our Archbishops. We commend this for everyone.

Please take a copy (£2.00 donation invited)

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 £5.00 for adults and £3.00 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. Three reports already received, thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Annual meeting of the St George's Parochial Church Council (APCM) will be held on Sunday 22 April 2018 at 11.45 am. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Roll is not eligible to vote or be elected for the PCC. The Electoral Roll will be displayed on the notice board from Sunday 11 March 2018 until the 15 April 2018. If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from me or from the table at the back of church. Completed forms should be handed to me, Glenda or a Churchwarden no later than Sunday 15 April 2018. Thank you. Margaret Barber, (Electoral Roll Officer)

St Margaret's APCM is on Tuesday 17 April. Please see Hans for a form.

MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER:

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we all be united in prayer and worship and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen

HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER:-

To cover the cold winter period, Gloucester City Mission with Emmaus Gloucester has started a temporary shelter now available every night till 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.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

Some low energy light bulbs are at the back of the church, please take one.

COMING SOON: - FEBRUARY

- Mon 19 Open the Book at Grange
with Hans / 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
- Sun 25 White Box day
Private let of Softley Lounge from
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Youth Alpha at English Martyrs Church – 6.00pm

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 – 12.00noon

TODAY

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 12

10.00am	Aphasia - Now – SH
	Coffee Pot set up
	NO Open the Book at Grange School
	NO Brownies – MH
	NO Rainbows - SH
	NO Guides - MH
7.00pm	Pantomime Dress rehearsal

TUESDAY 13 – SHROVE TUESDAY**MARCH CROSSROADS DEADLINE**

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Mike's Team – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
	NO Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Pancake & Pudding Party at English Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	Special Service for Ash Wednesday
7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee – SL

THURSDAY 15

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
	No Beavers – MH
	NO Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL
7.30pm	Pantomime stage check

FRIDAY 16

7.30pm	1st performance of the Pantomime Aladdin
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SATURDAY 17 – Pauline's special birthday

2.30pm	2nd performance of the Pantomime Aladdin
4.30pm	Cathedral Evensong includes prayers for the church in Tuffley
7.30pm	3rd performance of the Pantomime Aladdin

SUNDAY 18

9.00am	Staging to be taken down
	Coffee after the 10.30am service

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00pm	Servers Chalice Reader Intercessions	Dot Dot / Sylvia C Dot Rosie
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SUNDAY 18 – LENT 1

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Derek Derek / David Sylvia C + Paula Linda M Joceline / Paul Roger / Brenda Malcolm / Dot
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St Margaret's	
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Genesis 9:8-17;

Psalm 25;

1 Peter 3:18-end;

Mark 1:9-15

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

Sunday readings 11 February 2018

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2 Kings 2.1-12 Elijah Ascends to Heaven

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets* who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets* who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets* also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Prayer: Father God, thank you for Elisha's faithful friendship, and bold prayer. Grant us the same spirit of bold faithfulness. Amen.

Psalm 50.1-6 God the righteous judge

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken, **and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; •
our God comes and will not keep silence.
- 3 Consuming fire goes out before him •
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
- 4 He calls the heaven above, •
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful, •
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, •
for God himself is judge.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Blind to the light?

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Lord preserve us from blindness to the light of Your glory. Amen

Mark 9.2-9

Jesus' appearance is transformed

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Prayer: Lord teach us to listen. Amen

We declare our faith:

***We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.***

***We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.***

***We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.***

***We believe in one God;
Father, Son and***