



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	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 Today we welcome Phoebe Rose Hyett to the Lord's Family	
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am service
190 – 620 – 646 – 574 (HC) - 343

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living
bread, and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Granville Collett, Elsie West, Joan Allen, Terry Waite,
Kevin Easterby, Richard Clarke, Heather Merrett,
Marion Jenkins, Mark Hopkins, Andrew Kelly, Joan Mercer,
David Cleveland, Doreen Taylor, Marjorie Treece,
Iris Turner, Sandra Everidge, Nicholas Capper.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Roger & Brenda Meadows celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on 24th
If you would like a birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please tell Glenda.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

The Kingdom of God has come near; so repent and believe the Good News!" *(Mark 1:15)*

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- The bereaved and the injured from the Florida school killing
- the Democratic Republic of the Congo: for the bereaved, the injured and those who have fled due to the conflict; for long-term peace
- the lonely and isolated in our community

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.

Please note Only unopened items can be accepted. Thank you.

LENT READING:

It's not too late. Don't forget to have a look at the selection of books on the table by the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to borrow any of them. Just return them to church when you have finished with them.

Lent Groups: Please let us all aim if at all possible to make this part of our Lenten discipline and joy this year. 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)

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

There is an article in February's Magazine asking if you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes in fact anything that would entertain an audience. I have put a list up in St George's porch so if you would like to perform please add your name to the list and I will come and talk with you about how you would like to entertain. For more information please read the article in February's Crossroads. Thank you, Darrell

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 Christchurch, Abbeydale on Friday 23rd February at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Please note there will not be a meeting in March because of Easter.

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 11.45am. 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.

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 St George's church, please take one or two. Thank you.

COMING SOON:- FEBRUARY

Mon 26 Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Roger / Sue
Aphasia-Now – 10.00am – 1.00pm – MH

Lent Group at 12 St George's Close – 7.00pm

Tue 27 Coffee Pot – Jill's team

Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am

Wed 28 Lent Group at the Vicarage – 3.00pm

'Refresh' at English Martyrs – 7.30pm

Finance meeting – 7.30pm – SL

MARCH

Thu 1 Morning Prayer – V- -8.30am

Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am

Authorised Leaders Away Day – 11.30am

Railway Society – 12 Ryelands – 7.30pm

Fri 2 Women's World Day of Prayer – v.t.b.c.

Sat 3 Messy church – 10.00am – 11.30am

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

9.00am	Staging to be taken down
	Coffee after the 10.30am service and we celebrate Pauline's 90th birthday with cake

MONDAY 19

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with Dianne / Sue
10.00am	Aphasia - Now – SH
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides - MH
7.00pm	Lent Group at 12 St George's Close

TUESDAY 20 – March Crossroads print -off

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

WEDNESDAY 21

3.00pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH

THURSDAY 22

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
9.00am	March Crossroads collating – MH
9.15am	Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia / Jenny / Dianne / Susan
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 23

2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group - Christchurch, Abbeydale
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 24

12 noon	Tuffley Church Leaders, 31 Birchwood Fields
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SUNDAY 25

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
4.30pm	Private let of SL
6.00pm	Youth Alpha at English Martyrs

SUNDAY 25 – LENT 2

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Jonathan Jonathan / Roger Roger / Sylvia E Paula Paul Sylvia E / Mark S David / Angela Margaret / Glenda

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;

Psalms 22;

Romans 4:13-25;

Mark 8:31-end

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday readings 18 February 2018

Repent and believe!

Genesis 9:8-17 God promises “never again”

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’

¹²God said ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷God said to Noah ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and

Prayer: Lord God of the Universe, thank You for Your promise of everlasting mercy. Amen

Psalm 25:1-9 Prayer for protection and pardon

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- ³ Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- ⁵ Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- ⁸ He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Peter 3:18-end

Saved through Christ's resurrection

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Prayer: Lord thank You for rescuing us through baptism into Your resurrection. Amen

Mark 1:9-15 God's Kingdom comes

Jesus is baptised

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Jesus is tempted

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Jesus starts his ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Prayer: Lord your clarion call is enticing and clear. Help us to be constant and clear in our answer. 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 Holy Spirit. Amen.