



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 Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Jonathan Jonathan / Roger Roger / Sylvia E Paula Paul Sylvia E / Mark S David / Angela Margaret / Glenda

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
 by the prayer and discipline of Lent
 may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
 and by following in his Way
 come to share in his glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
 Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am service
642 – 29 – 626 – 150(HC) - 695

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God,
 you see that we have no power of ourselves to help
 ourselves:
 keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
 and inwardly in our souls;
 that we may be defended from all adversities
 which may happen to the body,
 and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the
 soul;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Ronald Jones RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Nicholas Capper, Tom Tranter, Ruby Jones, Ethel Voyce, Tony Eagles, Heather Kent, Jim Ralphs, William Turner, Ann Cole, Eric Lane, Queenie Hibberd, Dorothy Sawyer, Alfred Evans, Ruth Stocks, Dave Thomas, Queenie Ellis, Katherine McQueer, Evelyn Stevens, Rowland Jones, Esme Adams.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Glenice Boots 1st, Jeanne Wilson celebrates a special birthday 1st, Jill Dowles 4th

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"If you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it" (*Mark 8:35*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- the women's world day of prayer, focusing on the goodness of God's creation, prepared by the women of Suriname in South America
- our messy church next Saturday, with its theme "Second chances"
- just wages for exploited poorest workers, and the Fairtrade movement set up to bring about change

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. **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: still space! Do come and enjoy. If you need transport, contact the leader/host)

LIVE LENT: Do continue using the "Let your light shine" booklet and be refreshed each day. (£2 donation welcome)

CROSSROADS: magazine for March now available. Please collect yours. And buy one for a friend – spread the good news around!

We want your views! Please get your response in this week to help us further develop the magazine well.

And contributors – please note early copy deadline of 6 March for the April magazine!

FAITH AND LIGHT (GLOUCESTERSHIRE):

Next meeting Sunday, 4th March 2018. This is a Christian Association that brings together people with special needs of all ages, their families and friends for some worship followed by refreshments and some fun/craft activities, this month decorating crosses. Meetings are at 3pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0NX. For further details please contact Fr Gerry gerry.walsh@cliftondiocese.com or 01452 412702.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

A representative from Alzheimer's Society will be joining us at St George's on Saturday 24 March from 10 till 11.30am, to speak about dementia and answer questions. The aim is to help us grow in understanding of this far-too-prevalent condition. This is for those who want to be able better to recognise symptoms among folks close to us and those we

look out for (and indeed ourselves perhaps), and better to see how we might respond and provide support. Everyone is most welcome to join us. Put it in your diary. And bring a friend.

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

There is an article in February's Magazine asking if you can sing, dance, play and 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

THANK YOU:

Wow! What a day! 17 February, my 90th birthday. Two Pantomime shows! Many, many cards from well wishers and even a birthday cake from the Entertainers. Today, Sunday, I hope to continue the celebrations with a special lunch with my lovely family. My overwhelming feeling is of the love and care from the Entertainers group on my birthday and from the church family. Thank you all so much. (We even had an earthquake on the day, was that the cave genie?) Pauline

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.

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.

HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER:-

To cover the cold winter period, Gloucester City Mission with Emmaus Gloucester have 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:- MARCH

Tue 6 **APRIL CROSSROADS DEADLINE**

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12 noon

TODAY – White Box day

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
4.30pm	Private let of Softley Lounge until 6.30pm
6.00pm	Youth Alpha at English Martyrs

MONDAY 26

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Roger / David – <i>Be like me</i>
10.00am	Aphasia - Now – MH
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides trip out to Skill Zone
7.00pm	Lent Group at 12 St George's Close
7.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 27

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Jill's Team – MH
	NO Parish Communion at St George's
6.30pm	Cubs – MH

WEDNESDAY 28

3.00pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH
7.30pm	Refresh at English Martyrs
7.30pm	Finance meeting – SL

THURSDAY 1 – Jeanne's special birthday**Last day for £10 notes as legal tender**

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
	NO Open the Book at Harewood
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
11.30am	Authorised Leaders Away Day in Rudford
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL
7.30pm	Railway Society – 12 Ryelands

FRIDAY 2

	Women's World Day of Prayer at St George's
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SATURDAY 3

10.00am	Messy church
12 noon	Private let of Centre – MH

SUNDAY 4

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

SUNDAY 4 – LENT 3

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Joceline Joceline / Dot Dot / Mark+ James Susan Jill / Sylvia C Linda / Jayne Glenice / Stella
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Exodus 20:1-17;

Psalm 19; 1

Corinthians 1:18-25;

John 2:13-22

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

Sunday readings 25 February 2018

God's Great Promise

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.'

³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Prayer: Lord thank you for being faithful to your covenant promise, and including us too as descendants of Abraham. Amen

Psalm 22.23-end

(we sing the refrain together):

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!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

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.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

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".

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Romans 4.13-end God's Promise Realized through Faith

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22Therefore Abraham's faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 23Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Prayer: Lord God, you raised our Lord Jesus from the dead for our justification. Help us believe and trust in you even as Abraham did. Amen

Mark 8.31-end Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Prayer: Lord help us be ready to lose our lives for You. Amen