



SIGNPOST

14 January 2018

EPIPHANY 2

The Lord's call

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	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Jonathan
	Chalice	Jonathan / Roger
	Servers	Roger / Sylvia C +
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Rosie
	Readers	Pat / Mark S
	Sides	Margaret / Mark
	Coffee	Margaret / Brenda

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B

Please see service sheet

We welcome Paula as our organist
at the 10.30am service today

Hymns at the 10.30am service

144 – 17 – 752 – 332 – Anthem: Lead me Lord - 503

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Sheila Eagles, Barbara Walford, Eunice Leary RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Peter Shields, Doris Green, Lily Yates, Brian Click, John Tarbox, Keith Elias, Percy Judge, Charles Hawkins, Lionel Chiswell, John Bullard, George Mitchell, Doreen Williams, Walter Sparey, Margaret Gallo, Sheila Criddy, Andrew Winter, Ada Brown, Mervyn Evans, Sylvia Bell, John Webb, David Gillard, Linda Edwards.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Paul Ellis 18th.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth? ...come and see!” (*John 1:46*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- those made homeless in the Grenfell Tower fire still living in temporary accommodation
- Grange school after their recent Ofsted inspection
- a concerted response to reduce our use of plastics

FOODBANK:

Thank you to all who bring items regularly. They are particularly in need of: tinned cold meat e.g. corned beef, long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned fish and toiletries.

THE BENEFICE WINTER TEA...

...will take place on Sunday 28 January from 4.30pm onwards. Please book the date now and sign up on the list in St George's Church porch. Thank you.

A REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS:

Yes, it's that time of year again!

Annual reports from January 2017 until December 2017 should be in the parish office by Sunday 25 March at the very latest. Thank you for your help in this matter.

HEALTHY MIND WORKSHOPS – free

Thursday evenings 7.00pm until 9.00pm – Roots coffee shop - starting 11th Jan – details at back of church

DIARY DATES:

JANUARY

- Mon 22 Open the Book at Grange School
with Hans / Sue / Dianne – 9.15am
- Tue 23 Coffee Pot – 9.00am
Parish Communion St George's – 9.30am
Connections Group meeting – V – 12.00noon
- Wed 24 February Crossroads print-off
- Thu 25 **Morning Prayer at St George's – 8.30am**
February Crossroads collating – 9.00am
Open the Book at Harewood School
with Sylvia / Dianne / Susan / Roger – 9.15am
Parish Communion at St Margaret's - 10.30am
- Fri 26 Quiet Prayer Group at English Martyrs – 2.30pm
Gardening Club – MH – 7.30pm
- Sun 28 **White Box Day – February Crossroads available**
Benefice Tea at St George's – 4.30pm
- Mon 29 Open the Book at Grange
with Hans / Sue / Dianne – 9.15am
- Tue 30 Coffee Pot – 9.00am
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
- Wed 31 12.00noon St George's funeral
for the late Sheila Eagles RIP
followed by cremation at 1.00pm
Private let of Small Hall & Softley Lounge
Benefice Standing Committee – 7.30pm – V

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
10.30am	Helen is speaking at Grange Baptist church
12.30pm	Aladdin rehearsal until 1.30pm

MONDAY 15

10.00am	Aphasia – Now – SH & SL
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Hans / Jenny – <i>The Greedy Farmer</i>
5.00pm	Brownies - MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 16

9.00am	Coffee Pot – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
1.30pm	Fit Steps with Jane - MH
6.30pm	Cubs – MH

WEDNESDAY 17

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	Gardening Club – SL

THURSDAY 18

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St George's
9.15am	NO Open the Book at Harewood School
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
1.00pm	St George's funeral for the late Barbara Walford RIP
3.30pm	Pastoral Care Group
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 19

7.30pm	Entertainers – MH
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SATURDAY 20

8.45am	Glos Diocese – MH
12.00noon	Tuffley church leaders

SUNDAY 21

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 21 – EPIPHANY 3

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Pat Pat / Dot Dot / Sylvia E + Paula Sarah Derek / Linda M Hilary / Laura Stella / Glenice
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St Margaret's of Callum Pardey	
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Genesis 14:17-20;

Psalms 128;

Revelation 19:6-10;

John 2:1-11

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday Readings 14 January 2018

The Lord's call

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Lord speaks to Samuel

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;

3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Prayer: *Lord help us to perceive when You call, and to listen. Amen*

Psalm 139

The Lord knows us through and through

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

Prayer: *Lord, Lamb of God, who conquered death with life, You alone are worthy to judge and to reign. Hear and use our prayers for Your Kingdom. Amen*

John 1:43-end Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Prayer: *Lord thank you for calling each of us to follow You, and for a vision of things to come. Amen*