



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	Pat Pat / Dot Dot / Sylvia E + James Sarah Derek / Linda M Hilary / Laura Stella / Glenice
12.30pm	BAPTISM at St Margaret's of Callum Pardey	

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of all mercy,
 your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
 release to the captives,
 and freedom to the oppressed:
 anoint us with your Holy Spirit
 and set all your people free
 to praise you in Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
 Please see service sheet

**We welcome James as our organist
 at the 10.30am service today**

**Hymns at the 10.30am service
 642 – 17 – 12 – 381 - 741**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty Father,
 whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
 may your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
 to the ends of the earth;
 for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Sheila Eagles, Barbara Walford, Eunice Leary RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Linda Edwards, Yvonne Halling, Edith Wilkinson, Bill Lane, Violet Badham, Eve Stephens, Zacary (Zac) Evans, Doris Lee, Ernest Creese, Brian Ellis, Sylvia Barnard.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Remembering Carol Close 22nd

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

“Jesus’ mother said: do whatever he tells you” (*John 2:5*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- children and adults living with life-limiting conditions
- our refuse collectors and those who keep our streets tidy
- deepening of our unity among our local churches, and love for one another

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.

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 English Martyrs Church, Tuffley on Friday 26 January at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

TAIZE for CANDLEMAS: Wednesday 31 January 2018

At 7.30pm, St Mary de Lode Church, St Mary’s Square, Gloucester. (Parking is available)

THE BENEFICE WINTER TEA...

...will take place on next 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. Two reports already received, thank you.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

DIARY DATES:

JANUARY

- Mon 29 Open the Book at Grange School
with Hans / Sue / Dianne – 9.15am
- Tue 30 Coffee Pot – 9.00am
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
Connections Group
with Sam Cavender 12.00noon
- Wed 31 12.00noon at St George's the funeral for the late
Sheila Eagles RIP, cremation at 1.00pm
Private let of Small Hall & Softley Lounge
Benefice Standing Committee – 7.30pm – V
Taize for Candlemas – see page 2 note

FEBRUARY

- Thu 1 **Morning Prayer – 8.30am V**
Authorised leaders meeting – V – 9.00am
Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am
Railway Society – 12 Ryelands – 7.30pm
- Sat 3 Messy Christingle – 10.00am – 11.30am
- Mon 5 Open the Book at Grange School
with Hans, Mike & Laura
Speakability – SH – 10.00am – 1.00pm
Coffee Pot set up – MH – 9.00pm
- Tue 6 Coffee Pot – Mike's team – all welcome
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
Centre Management Committee – SL – 7.30pm
- Wed 7 **St George's Singing Group practice – 7.00pm**
Deanery Synod – 7.15pm
- Thu 8 **Morning Prayer – 8.30am – V**
Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am
- Fri 9 Pantomime preparation – staging to go up
- Sat 10 Staging to be finished
- Sun 11 Pantomime rehearsal – 1.00pm

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 noon

TODAY

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 22

10.00am	Aphasia – Now – SH & SL
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Hans / Sue / Dianne <i>Everyone gets the same</i>
5.00pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 23

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

WEDNESDAY 24 – February Crossroads print-off
Pray for Christian Unity at St George's
with Church in Tuffley

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	Gardening Club – SL
7.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at St George's

THURSDAY 25**February Crossroads collating**

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St George's
9.15am	Open the Book at Harewood School with Sylvia / Dianne / Susan / Roger <i>Jesus and the Taxman / The Widow's Coins</i>
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
2.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Eunice Leary RIP
	NO Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 26

2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group – English Martyrs Church
7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 27

9.30am	'Looking Forward to Marriage' Lysons Hall, Hempsted
10.00am	Children and Families forum, St Matthew's, Cainscross 'bread-making'

SUNDAY 28 – White Box day

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
4.30pm	Benefice Winter Tea at St George's

SUNDAY 28 – EPIPHANY 4

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION followed by prayers for healing at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Sylvia C Sylvia C / Linda Linda / Jayne + Paula Linda M Dot / Paul Rose / Sue Dianne / Anne

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Malachi 3:1-5;

Psalm 24;

Hebrews 2:14-end;

Luke 2:22-40



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday Readings 21 January 2018

Wine and glory

Genesis 14 17-20

Melchizedek blesses Abram

After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

*"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"*

And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Prayer: *Lord you are true king of righteousness and peace; help us to honour you well. Amen*

Psalm 128

Peace

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children.

Peace be upon Israel!

Revelation 19: 6-10***The heavenly wedding***

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready;

*to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen,
bright and pure”*

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Prayer: *Lord, Lamb of God, our destiny is to share in the heavenly wedding - how blessed we are indeed.
Amen*

John 2:1-11***The wedding in Cana***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Prayer: *Lord help us truly believe. Amen*