



**SIGNPOST**  
**28 January 2018**

**CANDLEMAS**

*Who is Jesus?*

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

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. **AMEN.**

**READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B**  
**Please see service sheet**

**Hymns at the 10.30am service**  
**572 – 683 – 381 – 399 (HC) - 419**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **IN MEMORIAM:-**

Sheila Eagles, Barbara Walford, Eunice Leary  
Don Underwood, Joan Middleton RIP

### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-**

Ernest Phillips, Cyril Bevan, David Dyer, David Wilkins,  
Sonny Fairclough, Gladys Jones, Leslie Stevens,  
William Morgan, Julie Hands, Albert Gardiner,  
Richard Russell.

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-**

Jane Goodger (Coffee Pot).

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

### **VERSE FOR THE WEEK:**

"My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30)

### **THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:**

- strength, protection and guidance for the Street Pastors who will be on the city's streets this Friday night
- the homeless in our city, and all who seek to care and support them
- next Saturday's Messy Christingle service

### **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.

### **NEW ROTAS**

Are now available from the 'kangaroo', please remember to take yours. Thank you.

### **CROSSROADS**

The February edition of our monthly magazine is now available. Please collect and take another to a friend: just 50p each.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY:**

Pudding Social Evening arranged by Church in Tuffley to be held at English Martyrs – free fun social evening, including pancakes, bring your own puddings. Book your places on list in St George's church porch by Sunday 4 Feb.

### **TAIZE for CANDLEMAS: Wednesday 31 January 2018**

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

### **FAITH AND LIGHT (GLOUCESTERSHIRE):**

Next meeting Sunday 4 February 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 heart boxes. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 3.00pm in English Martyrs Church Hall, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0NX. For further details please contact:-

### **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 are now available at Coffee Pot on a Tuesday morning and 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!

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 for your help in this matter.

## **COMING SOON: FEBRUARY**

- 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 at 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**  
Open the Book at Harewood  
with Sylvia / Dot / Jill / Rose  
**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
- Mon 12 Coffee Pot set up  
Pantomime dress rehearsal – 7.00pm
- Tue 13 **SHROVE TUESDAY**  
**March Crossroads deadline**  
Coffee Pot – Mike's team – all welcome  
**Parish Communion at St George's at 9.30am**  
Mothers' Union – 2.30pm – SH  
Pantomime rehearsal - t.b.c.  
Pancake & Pudding Party - see note on page 2
- Wed 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Gardening Club Committee – 7.00pm – SL  
**Ash Wednesday Service at St George's at 7.00pm**
- Thu 15 **Morning Prayer - 8.30am - V**  
**Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am**  
Pantomime stage check & rehearsal t.b.c.
- Fri 16 **Aladdin Pantomime – 7.30pm**
- Sat 17 **Aladdin Pantomime – 2.30pm**  
**Cathedral Evensong at 4.30pm**  
**includes prayers for the church in Tuffley**  
**Aladdin Pantomime – 7.30pm**
- Sun 18 Pantomime staging down  
**St Margaret's Baptism**  
**of Phoebe Rose Hyett at 12.30pm**

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 – White Box day**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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**MONDAY 29**

10.00am	Aphasia – Now – SH & SL
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange School with Hans / Roger / Jenny <i>Tea at Aunties House</i>
3.00pm	Crematorium funeral for the late Don Underwood RIP
5.00pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

**TUESDAY 30**

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Jill’s team - MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George’s
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
12 noon	Connexions group at the Vicarage with Sam Cavender

**WEDNESDAY 31**

12 noon	St George’s funeral for the late Sheila Eagles RIP followed by cremation at 1.00pm
1.00pm	Private let of SH & SL
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.30pm	Benefice Standing Committee – V

**THURSDAY 1**

8.30am	Morning Prayer - V
	<b>NO</b> Open the Book at Harewood
9.30am	Grange Assembly with Helen
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret’s
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
	<b>NO</b> Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL
7.30pm	Railway Society – 12 Ryelands

**FRIDAY 2**

7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
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**SATURDAY 3**

10.00am	Messy Christingle
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**SUNDAY 4**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
11.45am	Messy church planning meeting

**SUNDAY 4 – 2 before LENT**

10.30am	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret’s	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George’s	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Joceline Joceline / David David / Pat+ t.b.c. Sylvia C Rosie / David Sylvia E / Dot Sylvia E / Mac
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret’s with prayers for healing	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31;

Psalms 104;

Colossians 1:15-20;

John 1; 1-14



**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

## Sunday Readings 28 January 2018

### Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

#### Who IS Jesus?

#### **Malachi 3:1-5      The Lord who purifies**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

*Prayer: Lord come, purify and refine us, so the worship of our lives will please you. Amen*

#### **Psalm 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.

#### **They are happy, who dwell in your house O Lord.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy whose strength is in you,  
they walk with ever growing strength.

#### **They are happy, who dwell in your house O Lord.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
Give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
Look on the face of your anointed.

#### **They are happy, who dwell in your house O Lord.**

## Hebrew 2:14-end Jesus shared our humanity

Since, therefore, God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Prayer: Lord, thank you for sharing all our suffering and freeing us from the power and fear of death. Amen*

## Luke 2:22-40 Recognising Jesus

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

*"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Prayer: Lord grant us Simeon and Anna's clarity about the identity and destiny of Jesus. Amen*