



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	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Derek Derek / David David / Mark + Michael Pat Joceline / Jill Dot / Karen Malcolm / Dot
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's with Prayers for Healing	

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Creator of the heavens,
 who led the Magi by a star
 to worship the Christ-child:
 guide and sustain us,
 that we may find our journey's end
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B

Please see service sheet

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

**Hymns at the 10.30am service
 259 – 49 – 326 – 552 - 700**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God,
 the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
 may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your
 light
 discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
 the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:-

Sheila Eagles, Barbara Walford RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Ena Edwards, Harold Lewis, John Hall, Alan Berryman, Gilbert Holder, Sarah MacAlpine, Greta Welch, Ken Walden, Cyril Curtis, Ruby Hopson, Peter Shields, Doris Green, Lily Yates, Brian Click, John Tarbox, Keith Elias.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Sue Winter 11th

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

“when they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy... They knelt and paid the child homage, then offered him gifts from their treasure chests”
(*Matthew 2:10-11*)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- the work of chaplains in hospitals, in the armed forces, and in education and businesses
- Egypt's Christian community living with the threat of terrorist attack
- the leaders of the world's nations

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 till 9pm – Roots coffee shop - starting 11th Jan – details at back of church

DIARY DATES:

JANUARY

- Mon 15 Open the Book at Grange School
with Hans and Jenny – 9.15am
- Tue 16 Coffee Pot – 9.00am
Parish Communion at St George's – 9.30am
- Wed 17 Gardening Club Committee – SL – 7.00pm
- Thu 18 **Morning Prayer at St George's – 8.30am**
Parish Communion at St Margaret's – 10.30am
Funeral for the late Barbara Walford RIP
St George's – 1.00pm
- Sun 21 **St Margaret's Baptism of Callum Pardey**
- 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 Safe Guarding Training at St George's –
8.45am set up – 3.00pm - MH
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

TODAY

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 8

	NO Aphasia – Now
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange school with Hans / David / Roger <i>A Tale of Two Houses</i>
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up

TUESDAY 9

9.00am	Coffee Pot – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
11.00am	Inner Wheel Gloucester District Annual Service at St Margaret's
1.30pm	Fit Steps with Jane - MH
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	Social Committee – SL

WEDNESDAY 10

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm – MH
7.00pm	Singing Group practice in church

THURSDAY 11

8.30am	Morning Prayer at St George's
9.15am	Open the Book at Harewood School with Sylvia / Dot / Rose / Jenny <i>The Pharisee & The Tax Collector – Jesus & The Children</i>
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
4.30pm	Tuffley Festival meeting
6.00pm	Beavers followed by Scouts at &.15pm – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 12

7.30pm	Entertainers – MH
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SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY CROSSROADS DEADLINE**SUNDAY 14**

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 14 – EPIPHANY 2

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's with St George's Singing Group	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Jonathan Jonathan / Roger Roger / Sylvia C + Paula Rosie Pat / Mark S Margaret / Mark Margaret / Glenda

Readings at the Communion – Year B

1 Samuel 3:1-10;

Psalm 139;

Revelation 5:1-10;

John 1: 43 – end

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday Readings 7 January 2018: Epiphany Sunday

The great Gift exchange

Isaiah 60:1-6 Future glory for Jerusalem

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Prayer: *Lord thank you for the joy when your radiant light shines in the midst of darkness. Amen*

Psalm 72 A prayer for guidance and support

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people;
and the hills, in righteousness.
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people;
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
5 May he live while the sun endures;
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his days may righteousness flourish;
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
12 For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.
17 May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.
18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Ephesians 3:1-12 The mystery of Christ

1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles

2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,
3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,
4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.
5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.
8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,
9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;
10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Prayer: *Lord thank you for the confidence we have to approach you because of the boundless riches we all share in Christ. Amen*

Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the wise men

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."
3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Prayer: *Lord thank you for giving us wisdom to seek you and to find you. We come to worship and to give back to you all we treasure. Amen*