

**This week's news
for St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

15 July 2018

TRINITY 7

Joy and Sorrow

WELCOME

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Bruce or one of our Churchwardens, (Mike or Sylvia E at St George's) (Jonathan at St Margaret's) or the welcomers. 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:

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| 10.30am | PARISH COMMUNION at St George's | |
| | Deacon | Derek |
| | Chalice | Derek & David |
| | Servers | David & Sylvia E + |
| | Organist | Paula |
| | Intercessions | Susan |
| | Readers | Joceline & David |
| | Welcomers | Linda & Jayne |
| | Coffee | Dianne & Anne |
| 5.00pm | EVENSONG at St Margaret's | |

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year B

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Christabel Hutchins, Cynthia Warwick, Kathleen Wotton, Joy Dean, Clarice Blewitt, Dorothy Connett, Peggy Hiam, Margaret Hopkins, Thomas (Pat) Parnell, Alan Wilcox, David Overthrow.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Ray Fox special birthday 19th, Mike & Hilary Brammer celebrate a wedding anniversary on 19th.

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

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- The ongoing Brexit debates, to secure an agreed way to promote the good of all in this nation
- President Trump's visit, to promote better understanding between the nations
- All pupils changing school or leaving school, to finish well.

OFFERINGS AT SUNDAY SERVICES:

For a trial period that started on 1 July, we have a collection plate at the back of the church for those who wish to place their gift as they arrive, rather than passing the plate while we're singing a hymn. Thank you.

SPONSORED LEARNING OF BIBLE-VERSES:

Please take this home and have instructive fun learning some key Bible verses to help sponsor our young people for the 'Soul Survivor' camp this summer. We have till 12 August!

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSES MEMORY CHALLENGE:

2 Timothy 3:16,17 "All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"

1 John 1:8, 9 "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"

LET ME ENTERTAIN: this Friday – 20 July – 7.30pm

This is a concert for you, by members and friends of St George's and St Margaret's whose sole aim is to entertain you and to give you an evening where you can just sit back and relax. There will be a light supper for you to enjoy; wine and soft drinks will be on sale on a first come first served basis. Tickets on sale from Glenda at a cost of £5.00 per person.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

If so come and learn some new anthems to enrich our worship. The St George's Singers meet 2 Wednesdays a month from 7.00-8.00pm. Now is an especially good time to join us. No need to read music. Talk to Darrell or Paula or just turn up this Wednesday 18th July.

SUNFLOWER SHOW:

Get your sunflower ready for 12 August - the show of the year!

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO ON SATURDAY 18 AUGUST?

Then please join the team to collect donations for the church, at Rikenel Car Park, by kind permission of the hospital? Sign up at back of church or see Mike Brammer for details.

DEMENTIA TOGETHER

Please pick up a complimentary Alzheimer's Society magazine from back of church.

There will be a **FAMILY PICNIC** for all on Sunday 19th August at 3.00pm on the green at St George's. Theme yet to be decided. Do come and bring your friends.

GLOUCESTER AMATEUR GARDENING SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

Is on 1 September: please consult the booklet at back of St George's church for details of classes and entry forms.

MOTHERS' UNION DIARIES AND CALENDARS FOR 2019:

The diaries are £3.95, A4 calendars £1.45 and the Year Planners £3.00. If anyone would like to order any of these please let me know asap. Sylvia C

RAFFLE PRIZES:

If you should have any unwanted gifts that you are unlikely to use we would be pleased to add them to our diminishing stock of items for raffles etc. Glenda

TAIZE SERVICE – Monday 6 August at 7.30pm Gloucester Cathedral:

You are warmly invited to join us for this special service around the Labyrinth.

COMING SOON:-JULY & AUGUST

Tue 24 Coffee Pot –Mike's team
 Tue 25 August Crossroads print off
 Thu 26 August Crossroads collating – 9.00am
 Fri 27 Quiet Prayer Group at St James Quedgeley
 Sun 29 White Boxes Sunday
 Private let of small hall – 4.30pm
 Tue 31 Coffee Pot – Mike's team
 Wed 1 Gardening Club Committee – 7.00pm - SL
 Thu 2 Railway Society – 7.30pm – 12 Ryelands
 Sat 4 Private let of Centre - 11.00am – 1.30pm
 Mon 6 **Awesome August – 7.00pm -8.00pm – SL**
 Wed 8 **Awesome August – 2.00pm – 3.00pm – V**
 Fri 10 Gardening Club – 7.30pm – MH
 Sat 11 Private let of Centre – t.b.c.
 Sun 12 Private let of Centre – 2.00pm 7.00pm – MH
 MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
 V = Vicarage, O = Office, * St Margaret's

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12.00noon.

TODAY

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
| 12 noon | Robinswood Hill trips – see poster |

MONDAY 16

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| 9.15am | Open the Book at Grange with Hans, Mike & Laura <i>Jesus and the Taxman</i> |
| 10.00am | Aphasia-Now – SH & SL |
| 5.00pm | Brownies – MH |
| 6.10pm | Rainbows - SH |
| 7.00pm | Guides – MH |
| 9.00pm | Coffee Pot set up – MH |

TUESDAY 17

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| 9.00am | Coffee Pot – Jill's team – MH |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion at St George's |
| 6.30pm | Cubs – MH |
| 7.30pm | Social Committee – SL |

WEDNESDAY 18

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| 3.30pm | Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH |
| 5.30pm | Authorised Leaders meeting - V |
| 7.00pm | St George's Singing Group practice |

THURSDAY 19

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer – V |
| | NO Open the Book at Harewood |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion at St Margaret's |
| 10.30am | Day Centre – SH & SL |
| 6.00pm | Beavers followed by Scouts at 7.15pm – MH |
| 7.30pm | Charter Band – SH & SL |

FRIDAY 20

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| 7.30pm | 'Let me entertain You' at 7.30pm in the main hall. Tickets from Glenda at £5.00 to include a light supper |
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SATURDAY 21

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| 12 noon | Ploughman's Lunch in aid of St Margaret's at 14 Randwick Road |
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SUNDAY 22

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
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SUNDAY 22 – MARY MAGDALENE / TRINITY 8

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| 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 Welcomers Coffee | Susan Susan & Dot Dot & Sylvia C + Paula Derek Rosie & Sylvia E Margaret & Mark Sylvia & Mac |

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Song of Solomon 3:1-4; Psalm 42:1-10;
 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday 15 July 2018

Joy and Sorrow

2 Samuel 6 David's exuberant celebration

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹² It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Prayer: Lord thank you that David knew how to celebrate exuberantly before You, regardless of what others thought. Amen

Psalms 42 God's help in distress

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

how I went with the multitude, and led them in procession
to the house of God, with glad shouts and great songs of
joy and praise among the festive throng.

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

⁶ My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you

from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon.

⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;

all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

Ephesians 1.3-14 Praise for God's lavish blessings

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Prayer: Lord for all your lavish blessings on us in Christ, we join the cacophony of praise. Amen

Mark 6.14-29 The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ Jesus' name had become well-known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Prayer: Lord thank you for John's boldness and courage that led to his tragic death, a death that brought a new beginning. Amen