

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

29 July 2018

TRINITY 9

The power of Christ

WELCOME

**We especially welcome today Rev'd Steve Morris at
St Margaret's and Rev'd Ann Morris at St George's**

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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| 9.00am | PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's | |
| 10.30am | PARISH COMMUNION at St George's | |
| | Deacon | Jonathan |
| | Chalice | Jonathan & Linda |
| | Servers | Linda & Jayne + |
| | Organist | Paula |
| | Intercessions | Sylvia C |
| | Readers | Derek & Sylvia C |
| | Welcomers | Hilary & Laura |
| | Coffee | Millie & Ray |

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year B

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am service
379 – 352 – 649 – 199(HC) - 249

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your
peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Trevor Watts, Mary Friday, Frank Boulton, Eileen Huggins,
Gordon Lewis, Norman Hacker, Baby Stanley,
Bertha Wakefield, Fraser McDonald, Thomas James,
Leslie Clayton, Deborah Cox, Evelyn Mackie, Paul Whittle,
Bill Wooton, Charles Jude, Marion Russell

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Philip Brown 4th.

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd calling at St George's of...

Dean Jacob Woodruff & Natasha Lauren Lovesey

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- the ongoing Brexit debates, to secure an agreed way to promote the good of all in this nation and abroad
- Comfort, strength and hope for those who lost loved ones in the fires in Greece
- farmers in this country and elsewhere as they cope with high temperatures and little rain

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:

Philippians 4:6 "Don't be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God"

Colossians 3:12 "As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience"

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

Jill and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us to raise money for St Margaret's. I only wish more people had come! (We had enough food to feed an army.) Special thanks must go to Mike and Laura, Malcolm and Dot for the erecting and taking down the marquee, also to our friend Lynne who did the sterling work of washing up. Thanks must go to Linda and Jayne for doing the raffle and taking the money. I'm sure everyone had enough to eat, so a big thank you for your support. MARGARET W

LIFE CHANGES "SPRINGBOARD" GROUP:

Make the most of later life! Come and join our new group at Tuffley Library starting Thursday, 9 Aug at 2.00pm. Supported by Age UK. More details – see poster at back of church

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU:

Many thanks to all who supported the recent concert at St George's; I can advise that I have been able to pass to our Treasurer over £350.00. I have had lots of comments and a request for a similar show in December with a Christmas theme. So watch this space and I'll see what I can do...

REMEMBRANCE 100:

King George V asked that 4 August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, should be observed as a national Day of Prayer; 100 days later the war ended. We're invited to join churches across the country in 100 days of prayer from 4 August 2018, for peace and reconciliation. Please collect a daily prayer guide from back of church

SUNFLOWER SHOW:

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

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

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

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 NHS. Sign up at back of church or see Mike Brammer for details

There will be a **PARISH PICNIC for all**, the theme being a **VICTORIAN TEA PARTY** on Sunday 19th August at 3.00pm on the green at St George's. 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.

COMING SOON:- AUGUST

- Mon 6 Speakability – 10.00am – 1.00pm - SL
Awesome August – 7.00pm -8.00pm – SL
- Tue 7 Coffee Pot – Mike's team – 9.00am – 11.30am
Centre Management Committee – 7.30pm
- Wed 8 **Awesome August – 2.00pm – 3.00pm – V**
Joint Standing Committee – 4.00pm - V
St George's Singing Group – 7.00pm
- Fri 10 Gardening Club – 7.30pm – MH
- Sat 11 Messy Church Celebration & Planning – 10.00am
Private let of Centre – 2.00pm
- Sun 12 Private let of Centre – 2.00pm - 7.00pm – MH
- Mon 13 Centre floor stripping & polishing week
Awesome August – 7.00pm – 8.00pm - SL
- Tue 14 Coffee Pot – Jill's team – 9.00am – 11.30am
Joint PCC planning meeting – 6.00pm – V
- Wed 15 **Awesome August – 2.00pm – 3.00pm - V**
- Sun 19 **St George's Baptism – 12.30pm**
Victorian Tea Party themed Parish Picnic with Songs of Praise, 3.00pm at St George's

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
V = Vicarage, O = Office, * St Margaret's

TODAY

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
| 4.30pm | Private let of Centre – SH |

MONDAY 30

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| 10.00am | No Aphasia - Now |
| | Coffee Pot set up – MH |

TUESDAY 31

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| 9.00am | Coffee Pot – Mike's team – MH |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion at St George's |

WEDNESDAY 1

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| 3.30pm | Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH |
| 7.00pm | Gardening Club Committee - SL |

THURSDAY 2

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| 8.15am | Morning Prayer at St George's Church |
| 10.30am | Parish Communion at St Margaret's |
| 10.30am | No Day Centre – SH & SL |
| 7.30pm | Railway Society – 12 Ryelands |

FRIDAY 3

SATURDAY 4

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| 11.00am | Private let of Centre MH |
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SUNDAY 5

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| | Coffee after the 10.30am service |
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SUNDAY 5 – Transfiguration

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| 10.30am | FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's | |
| 10.30am | PARISH COMMUNION at St George's | |
| | Deacon | Joceline |
| | Chalice | Joceline & David |
| | Servers | David & Sylvia E + |
| | Organist | Paula |
| | Intercessions | Pat |
| | Readers | Dot & Paul |
| | Welcomers | Rose & Sue |
| | Coffee | Malcolm & Dot |
| 5.00pm | EVENSONG at St Margaret's | |

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;

Psalm 97; 2

Peter 1:16-19;

John 6:24-35

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Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday 29 July 2018

The Power of Christ

2 Samuel 11.1-15 David commits adultery

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' ⁴So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' ⁶So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' ¹¹Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' ¹²Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

David Has Uriah Killed

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

Prayer: Lord, when temptation comes, give us strength to turn away. Amen

Psalm 14 God's care for all who seek him

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;
there is no one that does good.
- 2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the
children of earth, to see if there is anyone who is wise
and seeks after God.
- 3 But every one has turned back; all alike have become
corrupt: there is none that does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up
my people as if they ate bread and do not call upon
the Lord?
- 5 There shall they be in great fear; for God is in the
company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,
yet the Lord shall be their refuge.
- 7 O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Ephesians 3.14-end Prayer for inner strength

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as

you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your love, way beyond our understanding. Amen

John 6.1-21 Feeding the Five Thousand

⁶After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ⁷A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ⁸Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁹Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ¹⁰When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ¹¹He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ¹²Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ¹³One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ¹⁴'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁵Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹⁶Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹⁷When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹⁸So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁹When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ²⁰When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Prayer: Lord thank you that even our little can be transformed into so much when given to you. Amen