



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	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	FAMILY PRAISE at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon	Derek
	Chalice	Derek / Linda
	Servers	Linda / Jayne +
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Sarah
	Readers	Rosie / David
	Sides	Mark / Margaret
	Coffee	Dianne / Anne

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am service
184 - 437 - 182 - 474

During communion the choir will sing
'With Mary let my soul rejoice

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

PHOTO SHOOT:

Please stay for a moment after the service for a photo for our new website!

IN MEMORIAM:-

Ronald Jones, Kyle Pritchard, Pam Whitmore RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Barbara Seyers, Ronald Bufton, Albert Hindley, Edwin Jenkyn, Joan Heath, Aldwyn Claridge, John Sugden, Dorothy Tudor, Ken Holder, Richard Dean, Charles Cook, Heather Hutson, Olive Young, Frank Chinn.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Rosie Clifford 12th, Margaret Rowell 13th and Sarah Kingscote 14th
If you would like a birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please tell Glenda.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

2nd calling at St George's
of Antony Chamberlain & Amanda Gillian Evans

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

Jesus said Woman, here is your Son" (*John 19:26*)"

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- Mothers, especially those currently finding life a struggle
- Women who long to be mothers, but find themselves childless
- The Houses of parliament and all who work there

FOODBANK:

This month, Universal Credit is being rolled out in Gloucester. From experience elsewhere, the Foodbank is expecting a significant rise in need for food parcels. Please give generously. Particular items needed include corned beef, long life milk, long life fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned fish and toiletries.

Please note, only unopened items can be accepted. Thank you.

PCC MEMBERS: - please collect your papers today.

POSIES:-

Many thanks to the team who made all the posies yesterday.

LENT READING:

It's not too late. Don't forget to have a look at the selection of books on the table by the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to borrow any of them. Just return them to church when you have finished with them.

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS AGM:-

This will take place on Friday 16 March at 7.30pm. Your membership fee of £5.00 will be due at the meeting. This is not an additional amount but part of normal sub fees e.g. An adult member would pay a further £15.00 being due by the end of May for half year and a further £20.00 payable at first meeting for February Show.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

A representative from Alzheimer's Society will be joining us at St George's on Saturday 24 March from 10.00am until 11.30am, to speak about dementia and answer questions. The aim is to help us grow in understanding of this far-too-prevalent condition. This is for those who want to be able better to recognise symptoms among folks close to us and those we look out for (and indeed ourselves perhaps), and better to see how we might respond and provide support.

Everyone is most welcome to join us. Put it in your diary. And bring a friend.

EXPLORE EASTER

Please see enclosed sheet for more information.

A REMINDER

ANNUAL REPORTS: Latest date now 18 March 2018.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Annual meeting of the St George's Parochial Church Council (APCM) will be held on Sunday 22 April 2018 at 11.45 am. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Roll is not eligible to vote or be elected for the PCC. The Electoral Roll will be displayed on the notice board from TODAY until the 15 April 2018. If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from me or from the table at the back of church. Completed forms should be handed to me, Glenda or a Churchwarden no later than Sunday, 15 April 2018. Thank you. Margaret Barber, (Electoral Roll Officer)
St Margaret's APCM is on Tuesday, 17 April. Please see Hans for a form.

THANK YOU:-

What a morning of surprises today has been (Sunday 4th March). Now that I have got my breath back I would like to thank you all for your cards, gifts and good wishes and the "Church Family" card. To be greeted with such a lovely cake - thank you Hilary - and thank you Rosie for making the cake we shared with our tea at last Wednesdays Lent Group, another surprise. This is a good opportunity to thank Margaret and Mark (Barber) for getting me to the service and for all the work they do for me at St Margaret's. A special "thank you" to Anne (Humphris) from me (and my family) for taking me out to lunch on my birthday and for all the time she spends ferrying me around when the family cannot get to me. Our "Family Meal Out" yesterday had to be postponed due to the weather as most of the family have to come a long way, so that is something I have to look forward to in the near future. Thank you Bruce and Rosie for your concern, prayers and continuing support. Finally thank you all, my church family, for all your love and support - some of you for over half a century!!! - I have been very blessed to be surrounded by such lovely friends. With my love, Jeanne Wilson (who turned 90 last week).

COMING SOON: - MARCH

Mon 19 Explore Easter at Grange School until 21 March and from 26 March until 28 March at Grange Baptist
Lent Group at 11 St George's Close – 7.00pm
Wed 21 Lent Group at the Vicarage – 3.00pm
Crematorium Funeral for the late Pam Whitmore

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12 noon

TODAY

	Coffee / Prize Draw / 100 Club Draw after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 12

7.30am	Mayor's Houses of Parliament trip
9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with David / Mike / Laura – <i>Sarah spends her saving</i>
10.00am	Aphasia - Now – MH
5.15pm	Brownies – MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
7.00pm	Lent Group at 11 St George's Close
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 13

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Mike's Team – MH
	NO Parish Communion at St George's
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
6.30pm	Cubs – MH
7.30pm	St Margaret's PCC meeting – V

WEDNESDAY 14

9.00am	April Crossroads print-off
3.00pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm - MH
7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee meeting – SL
7.30pm	St George's PCC meeting – V

THURSDAY 15

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
	NO Open the Book at Harewood
9.00am	Grange School Assembly with Bruce
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 16

10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St George's
7.30pm	Entertainers A.G.M.

SATURDAY 17

10.00am	Private let of Centre (SL) until 4.00pm
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SUNDAY 18

	Coffee 10.30am service
10.00am	Private let of Centre (SL) until 4.00pm

SUNDAY 18 – LENT 5

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Sylvia C
	Chalice	Sylvia C / David
	Servers	David / Pat+
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Derek
	Readers	Dot / Rosie
	Sides	Dot / Karen
	Coffee	Sylvia E / Mac
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34;
 Psalm 51 or 119;
 Hebrews 5:5-10;
 John 12:20-33



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

EXPLORE EASTER 2018

19th to 21st March at Grange School

26th to 28th March for Harewood Junior School at
Grange Baptist

Helen is looking for some assistance with Explore Easter – please see if there is anything you can help with and either sign up on the volunteer sheet or let her know directly. Thank you.

To borrow for two weeks:

Black sheets/fabric

White towels

Are you free to help with:

Morning set up on 19th March?

Afternoon take down on 21st March? (Grange School)

Afternoon set up 25th March?

Morning take down on 29th March? (Grange Baptist)

Would you like to come and assist with the children, mingling amongst them as they explore the prayer stations?

The sessions are detailed on the sign-up sheet.

19th to 21st?

26th to 27th?

Are you gifted at putting the kettle on and offering hospitality to the staff?

The sessions are detailed on the sign-up sheet.

26th to 27th?

Can you help with cutting out?

There are various items to be cut out. You will be part of a dynamic team!

Something everyone can do?

Please do pray for the team and for the children and staff participating in the prayer activities.

PLEASE DO SIGN UP OR LET HELEN KNOW DIRECTLY – THANK YOU!

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Sunday readings 11 March 2018
Mothering Sunday
God's Family

- 1 Samuel 1.20-end The Lord hears
20 In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'
- 21 The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.
- 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'
- 23 Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.
- 24 'When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young.
- 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.
- 26 And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord.
- 27 For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.
- 28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Prayer: Lord thank you for hearing Hannah's desperate cry and answering; and for Hannah's gift in return. Amen

Psalm 127 a song for pilgrims to Jerusalem

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, •
those who build it labour in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city, •
the guard keeps watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, •
for he gives his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord •
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.

Colossians 3.12-17 Letting Christ live in us

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Prayer: Lord grant us to grow in compassionate love as we allow your Word to live in us and as we proclaim you in all our words and actions. Amen

John 19.25b-27 Jesus on the cross

25b Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'

27 Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Prayer: Lord thank you that even in your unimaginable agony you remembered and provided for Your mother. Amen