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18 March 2018

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DYING TO LIVE

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

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of the blood of our Saviour.
Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am service
374 – 448 – 333 – 206(communion) - 303

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. AMEN

IN MEMORIAM:-

Kyle Pritchard, Pam Whitmore, Marilyn Connor, Marion Stearns, Miles Jones RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:-

Wilfred Brunt, Jacqueline James, James Daniels, Edith Hardman, Ken Court, Michael Warner, Gladys Wreghitt, Michael Hill, Lotti Goldstein, Peter Mitchell, Bob Tate, David Rogers, Carla Wilson, Donald Barber, Phyllis Mitchell.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:-

Ann Mayo 23rd, Mark Barber 24th, Mike Mumby 25th.

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

*We wish you a happy birthday!
We wish you a happy birthday!
We wish you a happy birthday!
And surround you with love.
God bless you, and keep you,
And give you his peace.
We wish you a happy birthday
And surround you with love.*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

3rd calling at St George's of:-

Antony Chamberlain & Amanda Gillian Evans

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to me" (John 17:32)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR:

- That Explore Easter will be a blessing to all those taking part
- For those living locally with dementia and those caring for them
- For the United Nations in their work for peace and justice

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

A representative from Alzheimer's Society will be joining us at St George's on Saturday 24 March from 10 till 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.

A REMINDER - ANNUAL REPORTS:

Yes, it's that time of year again!

St George's and St Margaret's Annual Reports from January 2017 until December 2017 should be in the parish office **BY TODAY AT THE VERY LATEST**. Thank you.

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 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 Jill Ponter for a form.

OUT OF RESPECT for each other in approaching our worship, please would everyone be silent after the church bell has rung a couple of minutes before the service starts; and please also keep unnecessary asides to a minimum during the service. Thank you!

VACANCIES:

Brilliant opportunities for the right persons! We need a churchwarden at St Margaret's, a Deanery Synod Rep at St George's, and there are spaces on both our Parish Church Councils, for the year starting in April. Could this be you? Is there someone else you'd like to nominate? Act soon; speak with a Warden, ready for our Annual Meetings in April.

CROSSROADS READERS:

Thank you to the 23 survey responders and your suggestions for further development; and congratulations to Gloria Wiggall for her prize-winning suggestion. (more details coming soon)

GOOD FRIDAY:

As the church in Tuffley we'll be processing along a short route local starting 1.30pm outside Grange Baptist church using some Stations of the Cross; followed at 3pm by a very special united service at English Martyrs during which we will read John's passion story and then all be invited to share in receiving communion together. It promises to be a marvellous and moving occasion: do please try to join us – and invite friends!

100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS:

1 st	78	David Hutson	£30.00
2 nd	64	Sue Winter	£20.00
3 rd	82	Glenda Stevens	£10.00

Many thanks to all 100 club members, the next draw will be on Sunday, 10 June 2018.

COMING SOON:-

MARCH

Mon 26	Explore Easter at Grange Baptist Church Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Roger / Sue <i>A Soldier's Story</i> – 9.15am
Tue 27	Explore Easter at Grange Baptist Church St M's funeral & burial for the late Miles John Jones RIP – 12.00noon
Wed 28	<i>St George's Singing Group</i> – 7.00pm
Thu 29	MAUNDY THURSDAY Blessing of Oils at the Cathedral – 11.00am Holy Communion & Vigil at St George's – 7.00pm
Fri 30	GOOD FRIDAY Tuffley Churches Procession of Witness at 1.30pm followed by a service at the English Martyrs Church at 3.00pm
Sat 31	EASTER EVE Messy Easter from 10.00am – 11.30am First Light of Easter at St Margaret's – 8.30pm

APRIL DIARY DATES:

Sat 7	Social Committee Tea & Social from 3.00pm onwards
Sun 22	<i>Early St George's Day Tea from 4.30pm onwards</i>

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 – APCM REPORTS DEADLINE

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
6.00pm	St Margaret's meet to consider 2017 Finance Report, after Evensong

MONDAY 19 – Explore Easter at Grange School

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Dianne / David <i>The Wedding Feast</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 20 – Explore Easter at Grange School

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Mike's Team – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
6.30pm	Cubs – MH

WEDNESDAY 21 – Explore Easter at Grange School

3.00pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH
3.30pm	Crematorium Funeral for the late Pam Whitmore RIP

THURSDAY 22

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
9.00am	Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia /Rose / Jenny / Dianne <i>A Dreadful Day / A Happy Day</i>
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Day Centre – SH & SL
6.00pm	Beavers – MH
7.00pm	City Council meeting
7.15pm	Scouts – MH
7.30pm	Charter Band – SH & SL

FRIDAY 23

7.30pm	Entertainers – SH
7.30pm	Gardening Club – MH

SATURDAY 24

10.00am	Dementia meeting until 12.00noon – SL & SH.
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SUNDAY 25

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
4.30pm	Private let of Centre – SL
6.00pm	Youth Alpha at English Martyrs Church

SUNDAY 25 – PALM SUNDAY – White Box day

9.00am	UNITED PALM PRAISE with PROCESSION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's followed by prayers for healing	
	Deacon	Susan
	Chalice	Susan / Roger
	Servers	Roger / Sylvia E
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Rosie
	Readers	Derek / Sarah
	Sides	Hilary / Laura
	Coffee	Millie / Ray

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Isaiah 50:4-9;

Psalms 31;

Philippians 2:5-11;

Mark 14:1-end or mark 15:1-39



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Dying to Live

Jeremiah 31.31-34 A New Covenant

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,* says the Lord.

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Prayer: Lord you have made us yours; your word of love lives among us; and you've forgiven everyone, everything. Such is the power of your covenant, and we are eternally grateful. Amen

Psalms 119.9-16 treasuring the Word of the Lord

9 How shall young people cleanse their way •
to keep themselves according to your word?

10 With my whole heart have I sought you; •
O let me not go astray from your commandments.

11 Your words have I hidden within my heart, •
that I should not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; •
O teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling •
of all the judgements of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies •
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments •
and contemplate your ways.

16 My delight shall be in your statutes •
and I will not forget your word.

Hebrews 5.5-10 Jesus our High Priest

5 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';

6 as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, thank you for being willing to suffer, and for your tears of intercession, all for us. Amen

John 12.20-33 Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'

22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name.'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people* to myself.'

33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Prayer: *Lord help us to be dead to the pull of selfish love, and alive to the pull of Your love, whatever it takes. Amen*