



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 Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Joceline Joceline / Dot Dot / Mark+ James Susan t.b.a. / Sylvia C Linda / Jayne Glenice / Stella
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Eternal God,
 give us insight
 to discern your will for us,
 to give up what harms us,
 and to seek the perfection we are promised
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**READINGS AT THE COMMUNION - Year B
 Are at the end of this Signpost**

**HYMNS at the 10.30am service
 570 – 35 – 394 (verses 1, 2, 10, 11) – 574 - 352**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord,
 grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
 of the world, the flesh and the devil,
 and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Jones, Kyle Pritchard, Pam Whitmore RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Alfred Evans, Ruth Stocks, Dave Thomas, Queenie Ellis, Katherine McQueer, Evelyn Stevens, Rowland Jones, Esme Adams, Walter Evans, Janet Kilmister, Tony Newman, Frank Hayward, Albert Crowther, Terrence Rue, Joyce Foreman, Elizabeth Garrett, Barbara Seyers, Ronald Bufton.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

None that we know of.

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st calling at St George's of:-

Antony Chamberlain & Amanda Gillian Evans

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Zeal for Your house will consume me" (*John 2:17*)

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY FOR

- All affected by the challenging weather
- The complex Brexit negotiations
- Our ability to focus on what's important to God.

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.

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.

Lent Groups: please let us all aim if at all possible to make this part of our Lenten discipline and joy this year. If you need transport, contact the leader/host)

Live Lent: Let your light shine is a booklet of short daily reflections with an introduction from our Archbishops. We commend this for everyone. Please take a copy (£2 donation invited)

ALL PCC MEMBERS

We might swap the St M's and St G's PCC meeting dates in March. Please all let Bruce know today which of the two dates you can make.

CROSSROAD READERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

You will find your form enclosed with Signpost, please fill in and leave on the table at the back of church. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

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 Sunday 25 March at the very latest. Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT

English Martyrs Church on Friday 9 March. Please see poster on notice board for more information.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Could you give your time to support stroke survivors who have a communication disability? Our small group of adults meet at St George's Centre most Mondays from 10.30am – 1.00pm. Help would be needed mainly from 10.30am – 12.00noon. For more info visit <http://www.aphasianow.org/volunteer/>. If interested please email Wilfried or Jenny Dautlich. Email mail@aphasianow.org Tel 01453 768811 (ansafone)

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 Sunday, 11 March 2018 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 at 7.00pm
Please see Jill Ponter for a form.

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

There is an article in February's Magazine asking if you can sing, dance, play and instrument, tell jokes in fact anything that would entertain an audience. I have put a list up in St George's porch so if you would like to perform please add your name to the list and I will come and talk with you about how you would like to entertain. For more information please read the article in February's Crossroads. Thank you, Darrell

HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER

To cover the cold winter period, Gloucester City Mission with Emmaus Gloucester has started a temporary shelter now available every night till end of March. However they need a further £9000 to cover costs. All donations much appreciated. Please see St George's church noticeboard for details.

COMING SOON

MARCH

- Mon 12 Mayor's Houses of Parliament trip
Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Mike / Laura
Lent Group at 11 St George's Close – 7.00pm
Coffee Pot set up – 9.00pm
- Tue 13 Coffee Pot – Mike's team – all welcome – 9.00am
Parish Communion – 9.30am
Mothers' Union – 2.30pm
St Margaret's PCC meeting – 7.30pm – V
- Wed 14 April Crossroads print –off
Lent Group – 3.00pm – V
Gardening Club Committee – 7.00pm – SL
St George's PCC meeting – 7.30pm - V
- Thu 15 April Crossroads collating – 9.00am - MH
Morning Prayer – 8.30am – V
Parish Communion – St Margaret's – 10.30am
- Sat 17 Private let of Centre from 10.00am – 4.00pm – SL
- Sun 18 Private let of Centre from 10.00am – 4.00pm – SL

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
V = Vicarage, O = Office

CONTACTING US:-

- Vicar:** Revd Bruce Clifford – Tel: 01452 520851
Email: vicar-bruce@outlook.com
- Reader:** Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis – Tel: 01452 502174
- Pioneer:** Helen McGeoch – Tel: 07729 615993
Email: tuffleypioneer@gmail.com
- Website:** www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk
- Facebook:** St. George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon
- Administrator:** Glenda Stevens – Tel: 01452 307456
Email: stgeorgeschurch1@gmail.com

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

TODAY

	Coffee after the 10.30am service and we celebrate Jeanne's 90 th birthday with cake
11.45am	Messy church planning meeting

MONDAY 5

9.15am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans / Jenny / Sue
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 6 APRIL CROSSROADS DEADLINE
PLEASE NOTE 1 WEEK EARLY**

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

WEDNESDAY 7

12 noon	Connections meeting – V
3.00pm	Lent Group at the Vicarage
3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm - MH
7.00pm	St George's Singing Group practice
7.30pm	Refresh at English Martyrs

THURSDAY 8

8.30am	Morning Prayer – V
9.15am	Open the Book at Harewood with Sylvia / Roger / Dot / Jill
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
7.30pm	Railway Society – 12 Ryelands

FRIDAY 9

	No Entertainers
--	-----------------

SATURDAY 10

1.00pm	Private let of Centre until 4.00pm – MH
--------	---

SUNDAY 11

	Coffee / Prize Draw / 100 Club Draw after the 10.30am service
4.30pm	Private let of Centre – SL

SUNDAY 11 – MOTHERING SUNDAY / LENT 4

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY PRAISE at Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Sides Coffee	Derek Derek / Linda Linda / Jayne + Paula Sarah Rosie / David Mark / Margaret Dianne / Anne

Readings at the Communion – Year B

1 Samuel 20-end;

Psalm 127;

Colossians 3:12-17;

John 19:25b-27

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

Sunday readings 4 March 2018

Exodus 20.1-17

The Ten Commandments

20 Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before ⁴ me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation ⁷ of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Prayer: Lord God of the Universe, thank You for Your promise of everlasting mercy. Amen

Psalm 19; 7 to end

Keeping God's law? There's nothing better

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; •
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.**

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; •
**the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; •
**the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, •
**sweeter also than honey, dripping from the
honeycomb.**

11 By them also is your servant taught •
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often they offend? •

O cleanse me from my secret faults!

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me; •

so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, •

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Prayer: Lord thank You for rescuing us through baptism into Your resurrection. Amen

John 2.13-22 *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'
¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'
²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayer: Lord your clarion call is enticing and clear. Help us to be constant and clear in our answer. Amen