

**This week's news
for St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon
30 September 2018**

TRINITY 18

Being Salty

WELCOME

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Vicar Bruce or one of our Churchwardens, (Mike or Sylvia 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:

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Susan
	Chalice	Susan & Roger
	Servers	Roger & Sylvia C +
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Sarah
	Readers	Sylvia C & Dot
	Welcomers	Hilary & Laura
	Coffee	Glenice & Stella
5.00pm	FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE at St Margaret's	

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
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:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever. **AMEN**

IN MEMORIAM:

George Williams, Norman Worth, Avril Smith RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Allan Jones, Irene Livesey, Tony Warwick, Wally Jacobs, Stephen Hancock, Francis Russell, Mary Langhorne, Gordon Jackson, Minnie Pritchard, Cynthia Woodruff, Elizabeth Vowles, Steven Betts, Paul Ives, Dennis Goddard, Lionel Harrison.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Kim Westcott 1st.

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

'Jesus said, have salt in yourselves' (Mark 9:50)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Each festival event at St Margaret's
All who will be part of next Saturday's Messy church
The work of the Citizen's Advice service

SSHHH!

Please note that to help prepare for the service, some people like to be quiet for a few moments. From the time the bell rings a couple of minutes before the service begins, please can we all be respectfully quiet to enjoy God's holy presence among us together. Thank you!

HARVEST GIFTS

From St Margaret's on 7 October & St George's on 14 October will be much appreciated by the Foodbank this year. A list of items most needed was enclosed with your news sheet last week. Thank you for your donations.

ST MARGARET'S FESTIVAL PARKING:

Parking for all the main events will be at Wynstones School. Please use this, and where possible make sure that others are aware of this. Church Lane can soon become very congested.

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK SAINTS:

A service of choral evensong with a difference – African Drumming, the Cathedral Choir joined by a Gospel Choir and members of churches across Gloucestershire. Preacher - Bishop Rachel, at the Cathedral, on Saturday, 6 October at 4.30pm. See poster for more details.

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ST MARGARET'S FESTIVAL
30 September to 7 October

Festival Songs of Praise (Sunday 30 at 5.00pm)

Sing your heart out with favourite songs and hymns to set off our festival with praise and thanksgiving to God for creation in this magnificent historic church. And tell Jonathan or Paula beforehand what you'd like to sing!

A treat for Michaelmas (Monday 1 at 9.30am)

We'll be remembering Archangel Michael's defeat of the dragon through a procession round the church led by pupils from Wynstones School. Come and celebrate this depiction of one of the most profound events of all time!

Snetzler as it's never been heard before

(Tuesday 2 at 7.30pm)

Relish a wide range of popular tunes played by internationally renowned and past Gloucester cathedral organist David Briggs; including an improvisation as we watch the classic silent Charlie Chaplin film of 1917: 'The Immigrant'. Full recital programme on church noticeboard. Book your tickets from Jonathan.

Down the years... (Wednesday 3 at 7.30pm)

Feast on photos and documents Jonathan has collected on Tuffley, Whaddon and St Margaret's as we discover how our church and area have developed through the generations

Poetry and Music (Friday 5 at 7.30pm)

Be enthralled by Gloucester's own Pam Ayres, Margaret Daniels, as she entertains us with her own perceptive insights on local life; interspersed with pieces from some of our own most talented young musicians from St Peter's and Wynstone's and Tuffley.

Marriage Celebration (Saturday 6 at 3.00pm)

Rejoice together -whether you're married or not - living with a partner, single, widowed, separated, or divorced - celebrate God's gift of marriage to the whole community.

Open church (see programme for times)

Come and be still - a rare treat to have our church open during the week. Be inspired by the flowers and exhibition.

Volunteering

Yes, St Margaret's Festival STILL needs YOU!

Come and help us to welcome visitors, serve refreshments... See the jobs list at back of church, and PLEASE sign up - THANK YOU!

ST MARGARET'S FESTIVAL WEEK -
PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR DIARY OF EVENTS -

TODAY - White Box day

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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MONDAY 1

9.15am & 9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & Dianne 'God's Friend'
10.00am	Speakability - SH & SL
5.15pm	Brownies - MH
6.10pm	Rainbows - SH
7.00pm	Guides - MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up - MH

TUESDAY 2

9.00am	Coffee Pot - Mike's team - MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
6.30pm	Cubs - MH
7.30pm	Centre Management Committee - SL

WEDNESDAY 3

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH
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THURSDAY 4

8.15am	Morning Prayer - V
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
	Day Centre Willow Trust Trip
11.30am	St George's funeral for the late George Williams RIP followed by interment at St Margaret's
6.00pm	Beavers - MH
7.15pm	Scouts - MH
7.30pm	Charter Band - SH & SL

FRIDAY 5

7.30pm	Gardening Club - MH
7.30pm	Entertainers - SH

SATURDAY 6

3.00pm	Marriage Celebration at St Margaret's
6.30pm	Sherry reception followed by Harvest Supper

SUNDAY 7

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
3.00pm	Faith & Light at English Martyrs

SUNDAY 7 - TRINITY 19

10.30am	United Harvest Praise Service at St Margaret's followed by a short communion at 11.15am	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon Chalice Servers Organist Intercessions Readers Welcomers Coffee	Joceline Joceline & David David & Sylvia E + Paula Pat David & Dot Rose & Sue Malcolm & Dot

Readings at the Communion - Year B

Job 1:1, 2:1-10;
 Psalm 26;
 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12;
 Mark 10:2-16



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'

Sunday 30 September 2018
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Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22

To save her people Esther declares her Jewish origins, thereby risking her own life.

7 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.'³Then Queen Esther answered,¹I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. 'For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king: 'Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' 'Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high: And the king said, 'Hang him on that: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.Then the anger of the king abated.

²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, 'enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, "as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Prayer: Father God, may we be willing to face rejection for the sake of your kingdom. Amen

Psalms 124

1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side,

now may Israel say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our side,

when enemies rose up against us

3 Then would they have swallowed us alive

when their anger burned against us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone over our soul;

over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

5 But blessed be the Lord

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler;

the snare is broken and we are delivered.

7 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who has made heaven and earth.

James 5.13-end The Prayer of Faith

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 'Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 'Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,² you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's³ soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Prayer: Gracious Father, teach us how serve one another through prayer, word and action, so that all might flourish within your kingdom. Amen.

Mark 9.38-end

Whoever is not Against us is For us

38 John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us: ³⁹But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. "Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Causing to Stumble

42 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.* 'And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 'And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, "where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

49 'For everyone will be salted with fire. 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another:

Prayer; Lord, remembering your especial concern for the vulnerable and the excluded, enable your love to flow through us to everyone we meet. Amen