

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

9 September 2018

TRINITY 15

Faith expressed boldly

WELCOME

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:

9.00am	PARISH COMMUNION at St Margaret's	
10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Jonathan
	Chalice	Jonathan & Roger
	Servers	Roger & Mark +
	Organist	Paula
	Intercessions	Paul
	Readers	Derek & Linda M
	Welcomers	Linda & Jayne
	Coffee	t.b.c.

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

READINGS AT THE COMMUNION – Year B

Please see service sheet

HYMNS at the 10.30am St George's service

To be confirmed

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

IN MEMORIAM:

Margaret Harvey, Elizabeth (Bess) Hyett RIP

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Mary Stewart, Emily Wilson, Ella Barber, Lelia Reynolds,
William Steer, Alfred Vines, Lilian Day, Stanley Jeffcutt,
Sonia Smith, Connie Taylor, Edward Ellmore,
Joyce Boulton

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of -

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

VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

They were astounded beyond measure, and said "he has done everything well; he makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak" (Mark 7:37)

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

- our Open the Book teams as they begin the year acting-out Bible stories in our local primary schools
- the leading of God's Holy Spirit on each congregation of the Church in Tuffley
- the leadership and unity of our Government

"REFRESH"

Our monthly evenings together as the Church in Tuffley do exactly what the tile says on the tin: they 'refresh'. Please join in – re-starting Wed 19 September with special evening with food (bring a plate to share) and music and a great quiz! 7.30pm at Baptist church.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anyone remember that? We're planning a team to help Helen lead the children and young people in some special fun learning during the 10.30am Sunday service each week at St George's. Qualification is that you enjoy children! Please speak with Helen or just sign up to join the Rota. Starting 23 September. Thank you!

BAPTISMS:

Can you spare an hour occasionally around lunchtime on a Sunday? We're looking for helpers to join our welcoming team for baptism services. Please contact Helen. Many thanks.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Our St Margaret's Festival starts with a Songs of Praise service on Sunday 30th September at 5.00pm. The theme is Creation. Would you like to suggest a hymn or worship song, and if you wish to, tell us why you chose it. Please jot it down, or email it or speak to Jonathan or Paula. And most important, come along and help us to raise the roof.

ST MARGARET'S FESTIVAL TEAM NEED STEWARDS:

Can you do any of these things: deliver programme fliers? Welcome visitors to the 'open church'? Welcome friends to events? Serve refreshments? Make cakes? Then this is your opportunity! Please see Rota lists at back of church and sign up. Many thanks. HANS & BRUCE

PARKING AT ST MARGARET'S:

We have been asked not to use the spaces in front of the Wynstones School entrance in Church Lane. These are often needed by school staff at weekends or evenings – not just in school hours. (For example the spaces may be empty at 8.30am on a Sunday but by 10.00am they may well be needed by staff members). We do value our good relationship with the school so please co-operate with this request.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

We are accumulating a fair amount resources for our special events together. It would be really helpful to be able to store them somewhere outside of church as our storage space here is limited. Please do contact me if you have a wee bit of space in a garage or shed where a few boxes can be kept safe. Thanks very much.
Helen 07729615993 or tuffleypioneer@gmail.com

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR & ANGIE'S COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT ON FRIDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH - 7.30pm.

Tickets at £7.50 now available from Glenda on 307456 or Darrell on 410507.

ST MARGARET'S FESTIVAL APPEAL:

We are appealing for photographs taken pre-1960 of the Tuffley/Whaddon areas to use during the Whaddon Festival being held the first week in October. If you can help and are willing for your pictures to be scanned, be assured that they would be returned within a short space of time. Please contact Hans on Glos. 528939.

HARVEST SUPPER – Saturday, 6 October 2018

Bookings now being taken by Sylvia Evans on 525738 or 07753184604 please purchase your tickets at £10.00 per person by Sunday, 30 September. More information in the September/October Crossroads magazine.

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.00am – 12.00noon.

TODAY

	Coffee / Cake sale / 100 Club Draw after the 10.30am service
12 noon	Robinswood Hill trip – see poster for details

MONDAY 10

9.15am & 9.30am	Open the Book at Grange with Hans & David – 'In the Beginning'
5.15pm	Brownies - MH
6.10pm	Rainbows – SH
7.00pm	Guides – MH
9.00pm	Coffee Pot set up – MH

TUESDAY 11

9.00am	Coffee Pot – Jill's team – MH
9.30am	Parish Communion at St George's
2.30pm	Mothers' Union – SH
6.30pm	Cubs – MH

WEDNESDAY 12

3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm-MH
7.00pm	St George's Singing Group

THURSDAY 13

8.15am	Morning Prayer – St George's
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 14

7.30pm	Entertainers – MH
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SATURDAY 15

SUNDAY 16

	Coffee after the 10.30am service
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SUNDAY 16 – TRINITY 16

10.30am	PARISH COMMUNION at St George's	
	Deacon	Sylvia C
	Chalice	Sylvia C & Linda
	Servers	Linda & Jayne +
	Organist	William
	Intercessions	Susan
	Readers	Joceline & Paul
	Welcomers	Dot & Karen
	Coffee	Malcolm & Dot
5.00pm	EVENSONG at St Margaret's	

Readings at the Communion – Year B

Proverbs 1:20-33;

Psalms 19;

James 3:1-12;

Mark 8:27-end



Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Sunday 9 September 2018

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Proverbs 22.1-2, 8, 9, 22, 23 The way of blessing

²² A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

² The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod they wield in anger will be broken.

⁹ Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³ for the Lord pleads their cause
and will exact life for life.

Prayer: Lord help us learn to live in Your Wisdom. Amen

Psalm 103 Thanking God for his Goodness

**¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

**³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

James 2.1-10, 14-17

Genuine faith has no favourites

² My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet' ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor.

Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Faith without Deeds Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Prayer: Lord, in your love for all, keep challenging us when our faith isn't demonstrated through our actions. Amen

Mark 7.24-end

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Greek, of from Syrian Phoenicia. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

²⁸But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Prayer: Lord thank you for never losing sight of anyone in need. Help us to pray boldly for your intervention; to bring boldly our friends for your healing; and to speak boldly of what we know of Your power at work. Amen