

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was  
crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way  
of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life  
and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. 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. 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 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. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 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. 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. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 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.

### PSALM Psalm 19 (or 19:7-end)

**R** *The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. **R**

They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,  
Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.  
In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. **R**

It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.  
By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. **R**

Who can tell how often they offend?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults!  
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where 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? For 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. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

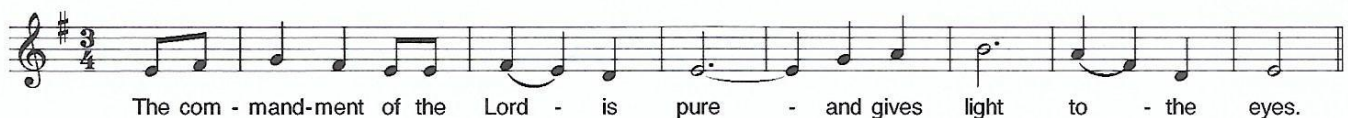
### GOSPEL John 2:13-22

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making 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. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

### POST COMMUNION

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.





# SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of  
**St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon**  
Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering,  
'Growing God's Kingdom'

Welcome to all

## Diary Dates from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March

Sun 3	LENT 3		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Stuart / Lynne Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Stella / Linda R
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 4	1.30pm	Crem	Marlene Mellor RIP
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.15pm	MH	Mondays@6.15
	7.30pm	LC	Lent Group 3
Tue 5	10.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	1.30pm	MH	Fun and Free
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 6	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group 3
Thu 7	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	2.00pm	SH	First Impressions Arts and Crafts Group
Sun 10	Mothering Sunday / LENT 4		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion with Baptism Crucifer: David Readers: Jonathan / Sylvia E Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Sue / Linda R

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,  
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,  
LC = Lady Chapel, Crem = Crematorium

Most regular users of St George's Centre have been omitted from the diary to ensure more room for news etc in Signpost. But there is a full listing of users at the back of church and in the centre.

**Church in Tuffley Choir:** This year, we are hugely excited to be running a Church in Tuffley Choir to sing on Good Friday at English Martyrs. Everyone is welcome regardless of if you can read music or whether you've sung in a choir before! The first rehearsal was at St Barnabas last Thursday at 7.30pm. Choir practices will then alternate usually between Tuesdays and Thursdays with the occasional Friday to allow the most amount of people to come. No need to bring anything with you and if you can't make the first rehearsal, come along to the second on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm! If you have any questions or you need help with travel, please get in touch with Ellie Todd onelizabeth.todd94@outlook.com.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley



## Intercessions

**We pray for:** Laura, Angela, Margaret, Mark, Johanna, James, Peter, Hans, George, Jenny.

**In Memoriam:** Christine Evans (wife of the late Rev'd Fred Evans), Valerie Davis, RIP.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Evelyn Olga Stevens.

**Hymns at St George's:** 526, 28, 463, 753.

**Lent Groups:** This year we will be using videos filmed in the Holy Land, which will help us to reflect on Jesus' life and ministry and what it means to be followers of Jesus today. The sessions continue on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm both sessions in St George's Lady Chapel.

**Confirmation:** Bishop Rachel will be leading a Confirmation Service at St Margaret's on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to be Confirmed or if you would like to know more about this, please do talk to Rachel or Laine about this (see longer article in February's Crossroads).

**100 Club** our next draw will take place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The lucky winners will be contacted as soon as possible after the draw to convey the good news.

**Explore Easter starting 11<sup>th</sup> March:** We are hoping to welcome 600 children into church again over the week of 11<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any time to give that week it would be most appreciated. A sign-up sheet will appear at the back of church by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Foodbank:** Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday. Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank are in need of **Long Life Fruit Juice (Not Chilled), Tinned Tomatoes & Vegetables (Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn), Tinned or carton Of Custard & Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (E.g. Corned Beef, Ham) & Fray Bentos Pies, Tinned Potatoes, Packet Pasta 'N' Sauce & Instant Mash, Jars Of Sauce, Bottles of Squash, Shampoo / Shower Gel and Toothpaste.** Thank you.

Thank you for the lovely card and get well wishes. I hope to be back with you all very soon. Margaret

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