

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented
in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

PSALM Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-end

R *The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.*

[The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who
dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R**

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure
heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

nor sworn an oath to a lie; **R**

"They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their
salvation."

Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of
Jacob. **R]**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is the King of glory?"

"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle." **R**

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SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood,
Jesus himself likewise shared the same
things, so that through death he might
destroy the one who has the power of
death, that is, the devil, and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery
by the fear of death. For it is clear that
he did not come to help angels, but
the descendants of Abraham. Therefore
he had to become like his brothers and
sisters in every respect, so that he might
be a merciful and faithful high priest in
the service of God, to make a sacrifice
of atonement for the sins of the people.
Because he himself was tested by what he
suffered, he is able to help those who are
being tested.

GOSEL Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, Mary and
Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord (as it is written
in the law of the Lord "Every firstborn
male shall be designated as holy to
the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice
according to what is stated in the law of
the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves or two
young pigeons." Now there was a man in

Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this
man was righteous and devout, looking
forward to the consolation of Israel, and
the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that
he would not see death before he had
seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the
Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and
when the parents brought in the child
Jesus, to do for him what was customary
under the law, Simeon took him in his
arms and praised God, saying, "Master,
now you are dismissing your servant in
peace, according to your word; for my
eyes have seen your salvation, which
you have prepared in the presence of
all peoples, a light for revelation to the
Gentiles and for glory to your people
Israel." And the child's father and mother
were amazed at what was being said
about him. Then Simeon blessed them
and said to his mother Mary, "This child
is destined for the falling and the rising of
many in Israel, and to be a sign that will
be opposed so that the inner thoughts of
many will be revealed – and a sword will
pierce your own soul too." There was also
a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel,
of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great
age, having lived with her husband seven
years after her marriage, then as a widow
to the age of eighty-four. She never left
the temple but worshipped there with
fasting and prayer night and day. At that
moment she came, and began to praise
God and to speak about the child to all
who were looking for the redemption
of Jerusalem. When they had finished
everything required by the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town
of Nazareth. The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour
of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and
Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he
comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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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 28th January to 4th February

Sun 28	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST in the TEMPLE Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Paul / Sylvia E Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sylvia / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	12 noon	MH	Private let – tbc
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 29	5.00pm	zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.15pm	MH	Mondays at 6.15pm
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 30	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 31	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	2.00pm	LC	Discussion Group
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 1	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.30pm	SH	Art Group
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 3	9.00am	MH	Circuit Fitness
	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church cleaning
Sun 4	2 before Lent		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Susan/Jonathan Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Glenice / Hilary
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
 MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall,
 SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel,
 GB = Grange Baptist Church

Gloucester City Mission.

Could do with some more sleeping bags to offer rough sleepers. Perhaps in your loft, shed or cupboards you have one or more no longer used? If so, please contact Rev'd Felicity Walters (formally curate at St George's) on 07944736157.

Intercessions

We pray for...

Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, James, Peter, Hans, George, Jenny.

Anniversaries of Death:

Andrew Winter, Gillian Kocerhan, Leslie Stevens.

Hymns at St George's:

37 Christ be our light 381 74

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 **URGENT NEED OF LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE & MILK, TOOTHBRUSHES, JARS OF COOKING SAUCE.** Thank you.

Wednesday Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet again on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm (January 31st) and the following week on February 7th to talk about Baptism and Confirmation, The how and the why. Please join us in the Lady Chapel at St George's if you can. Mark.

Social and Hospitality Group

We are looking for new members of the social and hospitality group, which will continue to be chaired by Sylvia Evans. This group will now be planning hospitality for big services and events as well as planning social activities for the benefice. If you are interested in being part of this group, please talk to Sylvia E. The first meeting of this group will be Monday 12th February 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

Confirmation

Bishop Rachel will be leading a Confirmation Service at St Margaret's on Sunday 28th 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).

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday to Friday, from 9.30am until 11.30am.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

