

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of your
 Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered on
 the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his
 victory;
 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either **Psalm 51:1-13**

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
 according to the abundance of your compassion
 blot out my offences.
 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I acknowledge my faults
 and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 So that you are justified in your sentence
 and righteous in your judgement.
 I have been wicked even from my birth,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.
 Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom
 in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
 wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
 Make me hear of joy and gladness,
 that the bones you have broken may
 rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins
 and blot out all my misdeeds.
 Make me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy spirit from me.
 Give me again the joy of your salvation
 and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

Or **Psalm 119:9-16**

R *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way
 to keep themselves according to your
 word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;
 O let me not go astray from your
 commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
 that I should not sin against you.
 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling
 of all the judgements of your mouth.
 I have taken greater delight in the way of
 your testimonies
 than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
 and contemplate your ways.
 My delight shall be in your statutes
 and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us
 that what we do for the least of our
 brothers and sisters
 we do also for you:
 give us the will to be the servant of others
 as you were the servant of all,
 and gave up your life and died for us,
 but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



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 17th to 24th March

Sun 17	LENT 5		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Susan/David Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Joceline
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 18	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.15pm	MH	Mondays@6.15
	7.30pm	LC	Lent Group
Tue 19	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 20	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Crem	Funeral for the late Valerie Davis RIP
	2.00pm	LC	Lent Group
Thu 21	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 22	End of Term		
Sat 23	10.00am	St G's	EASTER FAMILY FUN
	12 noon	St M's	Interment of Ashes for the late Joyce Spencer RIP
Sun 24	PALM SUNDAY/LENT 6		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish communion
	10.30am	St G's	Family Service with donkey Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Derek/Sylvia C Intercessions: Laine Coffee: tbc

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

Maundy Thursday *Reflective Communion and quiet watch* will now start at 7.30pm in St George's Church and not 7.00pm as previously advised.

Foodbank: Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday. Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank need **LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE & MILK (NOT CHILLED), TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED MEAT, DEODORANT.** Thank you.

Crossroads the deadline for articles and features, was Wednesday 13th March, please get any article etc. intended for publication to the editors as soon as possible, thank you.

Intercessions

We pray for...

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

Birthdays:

Ann Mayo & Geraldine Norrington 23rd, Mark Barber 24th.

In Memoriam:

Valerie Davis, Jordan Simcock RIP

Hymns at St George's:

Jesus put his song into our hearts
The Spirit lives to set us free 666
I am the bread the life 299
There's a wideness in God's mercy 662

Lent Groups: The final Lent Groups sessions to be held on Monday 18th at 7.30pm & Wednesday 20th March at 2.00pm, both in the Lady Chapel.

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).

Innsworth Military Wives Choir tickets are available now from Glenda and Darrell at £10.00 each. Please see posters for more information. Unfortunately, we're not in church this Sunday but tickets will be available at Coffee Pot and from the church office during normal opening hours.

100 Club winners for March were 1st prize, Mike Clift £30, 2nd prize, Sue Winter £20, 3rd prize, £10, Linda Brown. Congratulations to our winners and better luck in the next draw for all members.

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We are part of the Church in Tuffley

