

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of 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

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either **Acts 4:32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Or **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**

PSALM Psalm 133

R *Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 1:1 – 2:2**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Or **Acts 4:32-35**

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said

this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with
him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



SIGNPOST

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

Celebrant today is Rev Mark Watson

Welcome to all
Diary Dates from 7th to 14th April 2024

Sun 7	EASTER 2		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Dot / David Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Stella / Linda
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Tue 9	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union
Wed 10	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Thu 11	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sat 13			Crossroads deadline
Sun 14	EASTER 3		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Lynne / Stuart Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Joceline
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise

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

Discussion Group starting Wednesday 17th April at 2.00pm. The next discussion group series will be looking at Common Worship liturgy i.e. what's included in our services and why. There will also be the chance to help shape the Sunday morning services and express preferences for the new service booklet for Ordinary Time (the green booklet, we use in church from June - November). The Group will be led by Rev'd Mark and will meet for 5 Wednesdays at 2.00pm, starting on 17th April, in St George's Lady Chapel. Please do come along to any of the sessions; everyone is very welcome.

Pet Service will be held on 21st April at St Margaret's at 4.00pm. If you can help set up and serve refreshments, please speak to Lorraine.

Your **May Crossroads** will be available on Sunday 28th April; do you have something for the editors? if so, this month's article deadline is Saturday 13th April.

We pray for...

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

Birthdays:

Laine Lewis 10th, Oakley Byrne 14th

Anniversary of Death:

Albert Spiers, David Cohen, Keith Stephens

Hymns at St George's: 680 34 923 74

Have you got your tickets for the **Innsworth Military Wives Choir Concert** yet? If not, you may need to get them soon from Glenda and Darrell either today after St George's 10.30am Communion, at Coffee pot on Tuesday or from the Church Office during normal opening hours. Or you can ring us on 410507 and we'll put them by for you. Tickets are also being sold online by the choir themselves so hurry and get yours...

Parish Safeguarding Officer: We say a huge thank you to Lynne McEwan-Berry who has diligently served as our Parish Safeguarding Officer for the past two years and has decided now is the time to step down. Lynne has transformed our safeguarding systems, led some wonderfully thorough group training, and been an inspiring advocate for the importance of safeguarding in its widest sense. Please do consider whether God is calling you to this role.

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, (not chilled) TINNED VEG (in particular, tins of Carrots, Peas & Sweetcorn), DEODORANT.** Thank you.

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings until 11.30am.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

