

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before
us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8:26-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him

no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Or **Baruch 3:9-15. 32 – 4:4**

Or **Genesis 22:1-18**

PSALM Psalm 22:25-end

R *Be not far from me, O Lord.*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. **R**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall
bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. **R**

How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel
before him?

He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for
generations to come.
They shall come and make known his
salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 4:7-end**

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God

abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Or **Acts 8:26-end**

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the
truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Be not far from me, O 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 28th April to 5th May 2024

Sun 28	EASTER 5 Crossroads available		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Sylvia E / Derek Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Sylvia / Dot
	5.00pm	St M's	Parish Communion & Confirmation Service
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 29	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.15pm	MH	Mondays@6.15
Tue 30	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 1	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	SL	GAGS Committee
Thu 2	7.00am	SH/SL	Polling Station
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	2.00pm	MH	Art Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	MH	Charter Band
Fri 3	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 4	10.00am	St G's	Church Cleaning
Sun 5	EASTER 6		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Linda M / David Intercessions: Derek Coffee: tbc
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong & Banns of Marriage

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

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Now that Lynne McEwan-Berry has stepped down as Parish Safeguarding Officer please do consider whether God is calling you to this role.

Grange Baptist Church are hosting an open meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 2.30pm with a guest speaker Sophie Lemon who is the area organiser for the Leprosy Mission. All are welcome.

We pray for:

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

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Derek & Sarah Kingscote celebrate a wedding anniversary on 1st

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 CUSTARD, TINNED FISH, DEODORANT**. Thank you.

If your name does not appear on the **Electoral Roll**, you will not be eligible to vote at our APCM or able to be elected to the PCC or any other post. The Electoral Roll will be on display on the noticeboard from Sunday 21st April to Sunday 12 May. If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms are available from either St George's or St Margaret's. Completed forms should be handed to your Electoral Roll Officer, either Margaret Barber or Jill Ponter, or to Glenda or to a Churchwarden. Thank you

On Thursday 2nd May our small hall and Softley Lounge will become a **Polling Station**, if your group normally meets on a Thursday in the small hall, you will be accommodated in our main hall that week. Don't forget you need Photographic Identification to vote now.

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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**

