

## COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not  
comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen  
us  
and exalt us to the place where our  
Saviour Christ is gone before,  
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 1:15-17. 21-end**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Or **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

## PSALM Psalm 1

**R** *The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. **R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 John 5:9-13**

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Or **Acts 1:15-17. 21-end**

## GOSPEL John 17:6-19

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: "Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the

world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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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 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

| Sun 12 | EASTER 7                                      |        |  |
|--------|---|--------|--|
|        | 9.00am  | St M's | Parish Communion & Banns of Marriage   |
|        | 10.30am                                       | St G's | Parish Communion<br>Crucifer: Sylvia C<br>Readers: Paul/Sylvia E<br>Intercessions: Susan<br>Coffee: Dianne/Erna                  |
|        | 4.00pm  | St M's | Family Praise  |
| Mon 13 | Crossroads deadline                           |        |  |
| Mon 13 | 5.00pm  | zoom   | Evening Prayer   |
| Tue 14 | 9.30am  | SH     | Coffee Pot   |
|        | 10.00am                                       | St G's | Parish Communion   |
|        | 1.30pm  | MH     | Fun & Free   |
|        | 5.00pm  | LC     | Evening Prayer   |
|        | 7.30pm  | GB     | Refresh  |
| Wed 15 | 8.15am  | Zoom   | Morning Prayer   |
|        | 2.00pm  | LC     | Discussion Group   |
| Thu 16 | 10.30am                                       | St M's | Parish Communion   |
|        | 2.00pm  | SH     | Art Group  |
| Fri 17 | 7.30pm  | MH     | Entertainers   |
| Sun 19 | PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)<br>Christian Aid Week |        |  |
|        | 10.30am                                       | St G's | Parish Communion followed by APCM<br>Crucifer: Sylvia E<br>Readers: Derek/Dot<br>Intercessions: Sylvia C<br>Coffee: Stella/Linda |
|        | 4.00pm  | St M's | Evensong followed by Banns of Marriage & APCM  |

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 Baptists

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 VEGETABLES. SHOWER GEL.** Thank you.

### Art Group 30th May

Julie Palmer has kindly agreed to lead another session for the Art Group. This will be looking at colour mixing and will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Even if you don't normally come to the group, why not come along that day?

### Holiday Club 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August

We are hoping to run a Holiday Club again, following a similar pattern to last Summer. For this to be viable, we will need at least 16 adults each day. Please would you sign up at the back of either church if you're able to offer any time and energy to the Holiday Club. Thanks to those who have already done so!

### We pray for ...

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

### In Memoriam

Chris Russell RIP

### Birthdays:

Linda Medwell 18<sup>th</sup>

### Banns of Marriage:

2<sup>nd</sup> calling at St Margaret's for: -  
Jack William King & Sarah Elizabeth Freeman

### Hymns at St George's:

104 352 540 617

**Christian Aid Week starts today.** Christian Aid will be focusing on the worldwide cost-of-living crisis faced by many people. The **bucket** is available for your donations. Thank you.

The **Electoral Roll** will be on display on the noticeboard until Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. To vote at the APCM, be elected to the PCC, or be appointed to any other post your name must be on the Electoral Roll. Enrolment forms are available at both churches. 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.

**Pentecost** is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. We shall be holding our **Pentecost Party** on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. From 10.00am. Are you free to help out? If yes, please tell either Rachel or Susan.

### Laine's farewell and lunch

On **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**, there will be a joint service at St George's at 10.30am to celebrate all Laine has brought to us over the last two years, to say thank you and pray for her and her family as they move on to St Lawrence Barnwood. There will be no 9.00am at St Margaret's. A shared lunch will follow the service. A list will soon be available to note what food you might bring. Thank you.

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The Administration office is currently open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9.30am until 11.30am.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

