

COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 2:1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs

on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Or **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b

R *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works; He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being. **R**

So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia. **R**

Or **Psalm 104:26-end**

SECOND READING

Either **Romans 8:22-27**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Or **Acts 2:1-21**

GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our 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 19th to 26th May 2024

Sun 19	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) Christian Aid Week		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by the APCM Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Derek / Dot Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Stella / Linda
	4.00pm	St M's	Evensong & Banns of Marriage followed by the APCM
Mon 20	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.15pm	MH	Mondays@6.15
Tue 21	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 22	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	12.00 noon	EM	Summer Fair
Thu 23	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 24	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 25	10.00am	St G's	Pentecost Party
	11.30am	GB	Litter Pick
Sun 26	TRINITY Laine's last Sunday in the parish		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by lunch Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Sylvia C / Stuart Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Dot / Sylvia

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
LC = Lady Chapel, EM = English Martyrs
GB = Grange Baptists

Holiday Club from 6th to 8th 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!

Warm up your vocal chords for **St George's Entertainers' Summer Sing Along!** With the best of British music from the forties to the noughties, there's something for everyone: Come join us at 7.30pm on the 15th June, in St George's Church Centre. Tickets are £3, and carers come free. Soft drinks will be available for purchase during the intermission, or you are very welcome to bring your own.

We pray for...

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

In Memoriam:

Christopher Russell RIP

Birthdays:

Gloria Wiggall 21st

Banns of Marriage:

3rd calling at St Margaret's for:

Jack William King & Sarah Elizabeth Freeman

Hymns at St George's:

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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 MEAT, DEODORANT.** Thank you.

Pentecost is on Sunday 19th May. We shall be holding our **Pentecost Party** on Saturday 25th 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 26th 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.

Art Group 30th May

Julie Palmer has kindly agreed to lead another session for the Art Group looking at colour mixing on Thursday 30th May from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

100 Club draw is on the horizon again, 9th June, so your collectors will be getting in touch soon to make sure you're up to date with your dues.

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

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

