

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
 you have given us your servants grace,
 by the confession of a true faith,
 to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
 Trinity
 and in the power of the divine majesty to
 worship the Unity:
 keep us steadfast in this faith,
 that we may evermore be defended from
 all adversities;
 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare;
 in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come

from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
 you have revealed yourself as Father, Son
 and Holy Spirit,
 and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
 hold us firm in this faith,
 that we may know you in all your ways
 and evermore rejoice in your eternal
 glory,
 who are three Persons yet one God,
 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 26th May until 2nd June 2024

Sun 26	TRINITY Laine's last Sunday in the parish		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion & Banns of Marriage followed by lunch Crucifer: Mark B Readers: SylviaC/Stuart Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Dot/Sylvia
	3.00pm	Cathedral	Eucharist with the Archbishop
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 27	Half Term Week		
Mon 27	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 28	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	11.00am	Cheltenham Crem	Funeral of the late Wendy Saunders RIP
	2.30pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Christopher Russell RIP
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 29	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Thu 30	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 31	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 1	10.00am	St G's	Church cleaning
Sun 2	TRINITY I		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion & Banns of Marriage Crucifer: Dot Readers: Susan/Jonathan T Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Hilary/Glenice
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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

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.

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Joceline Blunt 27th, Margaret Barber 1st, and David & Sylvia Chamberlain celebrate a wedding anniversary on 29th.

Banns of Marriage:

1st calling at St George's for: - Gary Nigel Clack & Zara Jayne Edwards
and 1st calling at St George's for: - Emma Louise Etherington and James David Francis Dudley

In Memoriam:

Christopher Russell, Wendy Saunders RIP

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.

Laine's farewell and lunch

IS TODAY there is 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 is no 9.00am at St Margaret's. A shared lunch will follow the service at St George's. A list has been out for several weeks to note what food you are bringing. Thank you.

Eucharist with the Archbishop TODAY Sunday 26th

May: There is an open invitation to go to the Cathedral at 3.00pm for the Eucharist with the Archbishop this Sunday.

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.

Mothers' Union will meet on Tuesday 11th June. The date shown in Crossroads is incorrect.

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

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