

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son  
into our hearts whereby we call you  
Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom  
to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children  
of God;  
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

Either **Ezekiel 17:22-end**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Or **1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13**

**PSALM Psalm 92:1-4. 12-end**  
**[or 92:1-8]**



**R** *You, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord  
and to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High;  
To tell of your love early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night-  
time,  
Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon  
the harp,  
and to the melody of the lyre. **R**



You, O Lord, shall be ex - al - ted for ev - er more.

For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts,  
and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.  
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Such as are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R**  
They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;  
That they may show that the Lord is true;  
he is my rock,  
and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point

of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

## POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Sun 16	TRINITY 3		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Joceline/Derek Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Dianne/Erna
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptisms of Cillian John McMullin and Claragh McMullin
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 17	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SH/SL	Youth Group
Tue 18	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	St M	Refresh
Wed 19	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	V	Summer Fun Day meeting
Thu 20	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 21	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 22	10.00am	MH	Karate
	12.00 noon	EM	Summer Fair
	1.00pm	St G's	Wedding of David Francis Dudley & Emma Louise Etherington
Sun 23	TRINITY 4		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Stuart/LindaM Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: tbc

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

## 30<sup>th</sup> June - Ordination at Cathedral

We will not have our usual services on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June (no 9.00am at St Margaret's, no 10.30am at St George's) to celebrate the Ordination of Laine and Gioia at the Cathedral (10.15am start) If you can offer a lift, or would like a lift, please sign up on the lists at the back of each church.

## Fun Day at St George's 13<sup>th</sup> July

Please do be collecting items for tombola and raffle for the Fun Day, and please put the date it your diary. Thanks!

The most recent draw of **St George's 100 Club** took place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and the winners were: - 1st prize £30.00 Mark Barber; 2nd prize £20.00 David Westcott; 3rd prize £10.00 Dianne Baker. Congratulations to this month's winners; commiserations to all other supporters of St George's 100 Club. Thank you

## We pray for: -

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

## In Memoriam: -

David John Trigg RIP

## Birthdays & Anniversaries: -

David Westcott 17<sup>th</sup>, Penny Humphris 18<sup>th</sup>  
Geraldine & Mike Norrington celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Hymns at St George's: -

161 159 Build your Kingdom here – Rend Kingdom 231

## 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 FISH, DEODORANT.** Thank you.

## Safeguarding Officer

We are still looking for someone who would be willing to be Parish Safeguarding Officer - if you would like to talk about what is involved, please speak to Rachel, David, or Roger.

## Holiday Club

Thank you so much to all who have signed up to help with Holiday Club. There will be a pre-club gathering on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2.00pm until 4.00pm where we will talk about the content, activities, songs etc that will be used during the week - please do come along if possible.

**Rev Hugh Broad:** Hugh has been invited by Bishop Rachel to become a member of the Company of St Kyneburga. The service to bestow this honour will be at 5.30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Cathedral. There will be refreshments afterwards.

## Discussion Group

Rev'd Mark will lead four discussion sessions exploring the 'The Bible... Stories and History' on Wednesdays 2.00pm until 3.30pm from 26<sup>th</sup> June. All very welcome, whether you've been to the group before or not, and for however many of the sessions you can make.

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

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

