

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love
you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward
you
that we, loving you in all things and
above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 2:1-5**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Or **2 Samuel 5:1-5. 9-10**

PSALM Psalm 123

R *Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.*

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you that are enthroned in the
heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the
hand of their master,



Our eyes wait up - on the Lord - our God.

or the eyes of a maid to the hand of
her mistress,
So our eyes wait upon the Lord our
God,
until he have mercy upon us. **R**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have
mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of
contempt.

Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of the arrogant,
and of the contempt of the proud. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

I know a person in Christ who
fourteen years ago was caught up
to the third heaven – whether in the
body or out of the body I do not
know; God knows. And I know that
such a person – whether in the body
or out of the body I do not know;
God knows – was caught up into
Paradise and heard things that are not
to be told, that no mortal is permitted
to repeat. On behalf of such a one I
will boast, but on my own behalf I will
not boast, except of my weaknesses.
But if I wish to boast, I will not be a
fool, for I will be speaking the truth.
But I refrain from it, so that no one
may think better of me than what is
seen in me or heard from me, even
considering the exceptional character
of the revelations. Therefore, to keep
me from being too elated, a thorn was
given me in the flesh, a messenger
of Satan to torment me, to keep me
from being too elated. Three times I
appealed to the Lord about this, that
it would leave me, but he said to me,
"My grace is sufficient for you, for
power is made perfect in weakness."
So, I will boast all the more gladly of
my weaknesses, so that the power
of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore
I am content with weaknesses,
insults, hardships, persecutions, and
calamities for the sake of Christ;
for whenever I am weak, then I am
strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

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

Jesus came to his home town, and his
disciples followed him. On the sabbath
he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were
astounded. They said, "Where did this
man get all this? What is this wisdom
that has been given to him? What
deeds of power are being done by his
hands! Is not this the carpenter, the
son of Mary and brother of James and
Joses and Judas and Simon, and are
not his sisters here with us?" And they
took offence at him. Then Jesus said
to them, "Prophets are not without
honour, except in their home town,
and among their own kin, and in their
own house." And he could do no deed
of power there, except that he laid his
hands on a few sick people and cured
them. And he was amazed at their
unbelief. Then he went about among
the villages teaching. He called the
twelve and began to send them out
two by two, and gave them authority
over the unclean spirits. He ordered
them to take nothing for their journey
except a staff; no bread, no bag,
no money in their belts; but to wear
sandals and not to put on two tunics.
He said to them, "Wherever you enter
a house, stay there until you leave the
place. If any place will not welcome
you and they refuse to hear you, as
you leave, shake off the dust that is on
your feet as a testimony against them."
So they went out and proclaimed that
all should repent. They cast out many
demons, and anointed with oil many
who were sick and cured them.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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 7th to 14th July 2024

Sun 7	TRINITY 6		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: David / Lynne Intercessions: Linda Coffee: Stella / Kath
	11.45am	St G's	Celebratory Drinks
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 8	10.30am	SH	Aphasia-Now
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SH/SL	Youth Group
Tue 9	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	2.30pm	SH	Mother's Union
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 10	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Discussion Group
Thu 11	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 12	12.00noon	MH	Private Wake
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 13	Crossroads deadline		
	10.00am	GB	Karate
	12.00noon	St G's	Summer Fun Day
Sun 14	TRINITY 7		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion: Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Jonathan / Sylvia E Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Dianne / Erna
	12.30pm	MH	Child's Party
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise

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 Baptist

Summer Fun Day at St George's Saturday 13th July 12.00noon until 3.00pm: Please continue collecting items for tombola and raffle for the Fun Day. **It would be a great help if you could let us have your donations before the day,** if you could make cakes to sell from the kitchen that would be great and sign up on the **Can You Help list** at the back of St George's please also put the date in your diary, it's only a week away. Looking forward to seeing you there! There's a demonstration from Clubbercise Zumba and singing from the Love2Sing Community Choir. Thank you.

We pray for: -

Laura, Angela, Mark, Margaret, Jo, James and family, Peter, Hans, Jenny, Hilary, Sarah, Andrew and family, Josie, Paul.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: -

Hans Rackham celebrates his 80th birthday 11th,
Sylvia Chamberlain 13th.

Hymns at St George's: -

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, SHOWER GEL.** Thank you.

Thank You Glenda for faithfully fulfilling the role of Benefice Administrator for the past 37 years. We wish you a long and happy retirement.

Welcome Gioia

After her Ordination at Gloucester Cathedral on the 30th June we are pleased to welcome Rev'd Gioia Barnbrook to minister at both St George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's, Whaddon.

Rev'd Rachel invites you to Celebrate the arrival of Gioia and **to say thank you and farewell** to Glenda with drinks in the Vicarage Garden at 11.45am after this morning's service at St George's. Friends old and new are all very welcome.

Discussion Group

Wednesday 10th July from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. Rev'd Mark will lead the 3rd of four discussion sessions exploring 'The Bible... stories and History'. All are very welcome, whether you've been to the group before or not, and for however many of the sessions you can make.

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 31st July from 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.

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