

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in
the same;
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 **Amos 7:7-15**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Or **2 Samuel 6:1-5. 12b-19**

PSALM Psalm 85:8-end

R Show us your mercy, O Lord.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and
to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear
him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**



Show us your mer-cy, O Lord.

Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from
heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

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

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is

Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, 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 14th to 21st July 2024

| TRINITY 7 | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--|
| Sun 14 | | | |
| | 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 |
| Mon 15 | 5.00pm | Zoom | Evening Prayer |
| Tue 16 | 9.30am | SH | Coffee Pot |
| | 10.00am | St G's | Parish Communion |
| | 1.30pm | MH | Fun & Free |
| | 5.00pm | LC | Evening Prayer |
| | 7.30pm | EM | Refresh |
| Wed 17 | 8.15am | Zoom | Morning Prayer |
| | 2.00pm | LC | Discussion Group |
| | 5.00pm | LC | Evening Prayer |
| | 7.00pm | St MC | Deanery meeting |
| Thu 18 | 10.30am | St M's | Parish Communion |
| | 2.00pm | SH | Art Group |
| | 5.00pm | LC | Evening Prayer |
| Fri 19 | 7.30pm | SH | Entertainers |
| End of School Term | | | |
| Sat 20 | 10.00am | MH | Karate |
| | 12.00 noon | St B | Summer Fair |
| Sun 21 | | | |
| TRINITY 8 | | | |
| | 10.30am | St G's | Parish Communion: Crucifer: Mark Readers: Susan/Paul Intercessions: Derek Coffee: tbc |
| | 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, EM = English Martyrs,
St MC = St Mary de Crypt, St B = St Barnabas.

Glenda: - I would like to thank all those who gave me cards and wished me well in my retirement and for the lovely get together arranged after last Sunday's service here at St George's. The flowers are much appreciated as is the gift token I was given.

We pray for: -

Laura, Angela, Margaret, Mark, Johanna, James and family, Peter, Hans, Jenny, Andrew and family, Josie, Paul.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: -

Ray Fox 19th, Mike & Hilary Brammer celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on 19th.

Hymns at St George's: -

Christ is made the sure foundation 97
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness 172
This is I believe video (Ukraine)
Praise to the Lord, the King almighty 573

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, SHAMPOO.** Thank you.

Discussion Group

Wednesday 17th July, from **2.00pm until 3.30pm**. Rev'd Mark will lead the last 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.

Evening Prayer...

The importance of Prayer for our community is highlighted as Evening Prayer sessions are now increased to be Monday evening at 5.00pm (via Zoom) Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 5.00pm in the Lady Chapel. If you are able, please join us for this important part of Church life.

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We will confirm the new opening hours of the church office as soon as we can.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

