

**St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'**



**Sunday worship and weekly news
7 June 2020**

Worshipping Together at Home

Order of service for 7 June 2020

Trinity Sunday

Dearly loved worshipping community

Hang on in there!

Today starts a glorious new season of worship.

For we have among us God the Holy Trinity:
the Majestic Creator and true lover of all,
our merciful Redeemer who paid the supreme price,
and our Holy Comforter who strengthens and equips us
with all we need to live well in every situation.

What more can there be to celebrate?

Let's enter afresh into the mystery of our Holy God
as we worship at home, together with each other, and
together with the Three in One, who is Lord of All.

As we worship afresh, we'll be blessed afresh,
and we'll share God's fresh blessing
wherever we are.

God the Holy Trinity bless and hold you in love and
care and strength today and throughout the week.

Bruce

Hot off the press! A new video of the Holy
Communion service at St George's for the Trinity
season is launched online today! Go to our website
www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk, pick 'worship under
lockdown', then 'Trinity Season Video Service'.

Order of Service

We light a candle...



Prayer for Today

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge
of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wast, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky,
and sea:
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Corinthians 13

Final Greetings and Benediction

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in
order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live
in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with
you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the
saints greet you.

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of
you.

*Prayer: Loving God, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we be
examples of your peace and unity. Amen.*

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers, the moon and the stars that you have
ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of
your hands and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the
field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and
whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!



*We bless you, master of the heavens,
for the wonderful order which enfolds this world;
grant that your whole creation may find fulfilment in the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen*

Matthew 28

The Commissioning of the Disciples

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Prayer: Dear Jesus, please fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might be bold in our obedience to make disciples, bringing them to a place where they come to know and love you as their Saviour. Amen.



Confession:

Take a moment to consider any ways you've failed to show love for God or others and confess this to God.

Song:

Father, we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love you
Jesus

Spirit

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Reflection from Paula Rix

But some doubted says today's gospel. Even those present who actually saw Jesus doubted! Now if anything is going to make one doubt one's faith surely it is trying to explain The Trinity. How can one understand something so very complicated?



Yet maybe understanding The Trinity (or maybe any other hard to untangle doctrine) isn't really the important thing. Perhaps trying to live it matters much more - what difference does the trinity make to me, in my life today?

So think about what it means that God is father. Perhaps you think of God as a power so beyond us that he (or she, or it) is inscrutable, awe-inspiring, infinite. What does it feel like to be regarded and loved by such a God, to call this God Father?

If the vastness of God as the father seems too much, remember that we also have God as Jesus, - In Jesus God shows us that he cares so much about this world that he choose to be born here among us, - God who knows what it is like to be a frail human being, who walks with us through life's ups and downs, - God who knows what it is to suffer.

God as Jesus is our friend and companion, who lays down everything on our behalf, intercedes for us, and offers us a new, better, and abundant life. And if God chose to come to be with us in our 'everydayness', then surely that makes the everyday so special and important, and it makes each one of us important too.



And then we have God as Holy Spirit, impossible to pin down, blowing where it wills, - uncontrollable, powerful, inspiring and enabling. If we follow the promptings of the Spirit where will we find ourselves, what will we find ourselves doing?

If we neglect God the Father, I wonder if our faith possibly become a bit too cosy and comfortable? And if we ignore God the Holy Spirit could our faith become a little dead, just a nice story from long ago, (albeit with the hope of resurrection to come)? Can one even imagine our faith without Jesus?

Surely we need the Trinity - even if we can't explain it.

Prayer: Triune God, how can we thank you enough that, as Jesus, you came to us on earth and demonstrated your compassion and your love for us? How can we thank you enough for the encouragement and inspiration of your Holy Spirit? May we be worthy of all your gifts and your blessings towards us.

Amen

Intercessions from Sylvia Chamberlain

We give thanks for our church and its people and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life. We ask you to open wide our hearts, that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others.



Open wide our minds, that we may receive new truth and understand your will. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of compassion, at this time of crisis we bring before you the peoples of our country and the world. We ask for your blessing and strength for those working tirelessly to protect and save lives. We pray especially for the vulnerable who are at greater risk during this time, those who are not safe at home, those who may be plunged into even greater poverty, those whose fragile mental health may worsen, those who feel abandoned and alone. Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

We pray for all those affected by the Corona virus, the sick, and those who care for them. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close to them. For members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are re-united once more in your heavenly kingdom.

You turn our darkness into light. In your light shall we see light. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We bind ourselves, O God, today to the strong name of the Trinity and we name you three in one and one in three and claim our place in your community of love. Be with us, within us, behind us, before us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Come down, O Love Divine,

Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.



This week's News

In memoriam:

Des Wilkins, Terry Raybould, Josephine Beard, Paul Mayne, Wilf Dautlich, Peter Minall (priest), Fannie Storr, Steve Dalley, Hugh Smith, Olga Ralphs, John Wilkinson, John Harrison, John White RIP.

Anniversaries of death:

Bette Newport, Ben Stokes, Ted Garrett, Richard Lord, Faye Griffiths, Joan Hill, Margaret Baxter, Peter Botchett, George Parker, William Hooper, Edward Bayliss, Lionel Hodges (priest), Muriel Jones, Douglas Gordon.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Glenda Stevens 9th, Anne Humphries 11th.

Pope Francis' Pentecost Message

The Pope's heartfelt message calls on all Christians to seek a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in order that they might be bearers of Christ's love, light and hope, in a world "experiencing a tragic famine of hope" but also urges a turning away from the "selfish pursuit of success without caring for those left behind" and to be united in facing the "pandemics of the virus and of hunger, war, contempt for life and indifference to others."

Churches Together in England

You can watch the full 6 minute video [here](#).

Please return your yellow St George's Communion booklet to the office letterbox as soon as you can. Thank you.

Are you ill or feeling isolated? You might like to use this prayer:

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You can find this and other prayers in our Pray for Tuffley resource booklet [here](#). Copies are also available to collect from the Vicarage porch.



Would you like to join our army of praying people? To book an hour to pray, see instructions in booklet. Or book direct with Linda Medwell on 01452 302590.

You can still hear the **Church in Tuffley Leaders' Conversation** on what the Holy Spirit means to them [here](#).

The new [Gloucester City Mission Newsletter](#) makes inspiring reading on work among the homeless.

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Show your gratitude to someone who's caring for others or working for the community

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank** – the vicarage porch is a safe drop-off point. Food is usually collected early Friday morning. Thank you!

❖ Borrow a good book (some are new) from Sarah's church library –in vicarage porch (we can deliver)

Know someone who:

❖ Is stuck at home without support?

❖ Can't make ends meet?

❖ Just wants to talk?

Then Contact **Gloucestershire Community Help Hub** on **01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!



People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!

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