

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



Sunday worship and weekly news
14 June 2020

Worshipping Together at Home

Order of service

Urgent compassion

Dearly loved worshipping community

This week we marked 'Corpus Christi' (the body of Christ), when we give thanks for Holy Communion.

This is poignant right now, as we're not yet allowed to receive physical communion. But we can still receive '**spiritual communion**'. The Book of Common Prayer says that when we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', even though we can't receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

For we are the body of Christ, the body broken, broken for us. As we feed on him we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

I hope that in our worship at home this weekend, each one of us will share our 'spiritual communion' in the best way we can.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift of love.
Bruce

Now available – please contact Hans to get yours:

- Fully integrated weekly audio service on **USB** – these can be used with modern TVs, and special radios (available on loan from Hans, courtesy of Derek Kingscote).
- **DVD** with new video services for Trinity season: St George's HC PLUS St Margaret's Eucharist and St Margaret's Evening Service.

We light a candle...



Prayer for Today

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Hymn

How shall I sing that Majesty.

Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
While I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold Thy face.
They sing because Thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is Thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

Romans 5 Results of Justification

read by Georgina Wood

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces



endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for

a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Prayer: Lord, you suffered so much for us; make us willing and ready to suffer for you. Amen.

Confession:

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

Psalm 116

¹ I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

¹⁰ How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹² I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁴ O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁶ I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.



Prayer: As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, may we call upon your name, raise the cup of salvation, and so proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come in glory. Amen

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 The Fruit of Compassion

read by Joceline Blunt

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

¹⁰: I Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

"Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.



Prayer: Lord grant us Your compassion and urgency to reap your harvest all around us. Amen

Let us proclaim our faith in God, the Holy Trinity

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song:

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*



He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Reflection from Pete Best

Whilst He walked this earth going from village to village, Jesus was Spiritually in communion with God. He demonstrated God's love toward mankind by preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and disease. Jesus had compassion on the

poor, weary,
shepherd-less
masses who
were seeking
freedom from
poverty and
physical ailments.



Recognising the scale of the suffering Jesus announced, “The harvest is plentiful, the labourers are few. Pray for more labourers”. He gave His disciples power to heal all manner of sickness and disease. Instructing them to only go to the lost sheep of Israel, He said, “Preach, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons”.

Jesus freely gave the disciples power so they could freely give 'a picture of the kingdom of heaven', and healing to the lost sheep of Israel.

Paul wrote to encourage Christians living in Rome. They knew Jesus is their shepherd and so Paul declared, “We have peace with God and the joyous hope of eternal glory”.

Just as Jesus ministered to the 'lost sheep of Israel', Paul and the Roman Christians would have ministered, with compassion, to those who were 'lost in sin'.

It was irrelevant to Paul what trials he faced, he would glorify the Lord even in times of tribulation; knowing, by the power the Holy Spirit, freely given to him, he could freely give to the communities he served. The trials Paul faced required patience, experience and hope. A hope founded on the goodness and love of God, which by the power of the Holy Spirit, he broadcast to Jew and gentile alike.

Be another Paul, for Jesus.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, You came, You saw, You loved. Help us to come, to see and to love. Amen

Intercessions from Susan Scothern

Read by Linda Medwell

Lord of the Harvest, remind us that as you send us out, we go in your strength. Guide us to those you wish us to meet, whether in person, by phone, or through the internet. Give us wisdom as we meet with those who are hurting, those who are scared, those who feel that things are too much for them to bear. Help us to share your love and peace, so that by doing so they too may draw closer to you and receive the healing that they need, whether of body, mind or spirit.



We bring before you those who are ill at this time, and those who care for them. We remember those who have died, and those who mourn. We think of all who face an uncertain future, a drop in income, possible loss of job. We lift to you our neighbours, each with their own individual needs. And we bring our own needs to you, confident that you care for each one of us, as the good shepherd cares for every sheep.

And a prayer from Dr Martin Luther King:

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children — Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow — will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

Oh, let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
I dare not trust my judgment: Thy way shall be my will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
Oh, speak, and help me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;

And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end—
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Oh, let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;

My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone;
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in Heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

This week's News

In memoriam:

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:

Muriel Jones, George Winkworth, Jean Minall, Joan Payne, Ada Campbell, Ellen Gobey, Raymond Morris, Priscilla Evans, Guy Moule (priest), Florence Creese, Phyllis Court, Brian Berry, Elizabeth Cohen, Myra Clancy, Michael O'Leary.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

David Westcott 17th, Brian Woodruff celebrates a special birthday on 17th, Penny Humphris 18th

Letter from Paula Rix

Dear Church Members,

You have been wonderfully welcoming and generous to me during my time at St George's and St Margaret's and I have very much enjoyed being part of your congregations.

However, as you may know, I live a long way from Tuffley and I've come to realize that it's very hard to belong to a church so far from home and be fully involved in all the church is doing. Therefore I've decided that I should leave you and return to my home church since that is where I feel I should really be.

It's been a very hard decision to make. I have gained so much by being with you. You have all been so kind and I will miss you very much.

Thank you, my very best wishes for the future, and my love
Paula



Bee Orchid

Our very own plant spotter, David Westcott, spotted this rare bee orchid at a secret location in Tuffley. The bees seem to be enjoying it. Well done David.

Good News! Hear all about it!

St Margaret's is opening its doors again. The church building will be open, 10 – 11 am, on Thursday mornings for silent, private prayer. Church Wardens will be on the premises to assist and ensure all safety measures are carried out.

Other times may be available too. Contact Jonathan or Hans for more information.

If you'd like to use St G for prayer, please see Bruce.

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ 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)

❖ Take a **photo of your lovely garden** and send to Hans for our Tuffley Festival gardens competition.

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**



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.

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!

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

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We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).