

Giving God What We Have

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
2 August 2020**

Welcome everyone!

As we enter a new phase of vacancy in our Parish we have a wonderful opportunity to welcome other Priests in our Diocese to lead us in worship.

Today, we give a very special welcome to Revd Michael Garland, Acting Area Dean of Gloucester City.



We hope that Michael will become a familiar face amongst us, and we look forward to getting to know him and his wife, Viv, well.

Our Gospel today is a familiar story. I thank God for the wee boy who was willing to give up his lunch. Jesus blessed it and shared it. What could God do with our generosity?

Let's be generous with each other as we come to worship and serve together in these very different times. Look out for the miracles!

Helen

We are sorry to announce the loss of Philip Brown who died last Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and family. In addition we are saddened to learn Ruby Lodge passed away on Thursday.

To keep us all safe, we'll keep doors open for ventilation. Please:

- use hand sanitiser
- stay 2 metres apart
- avoid touching
- sing with your heart – but not your voice

The Church of England "strongly advises that face coverings should be worn by all those attending worship... remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing."

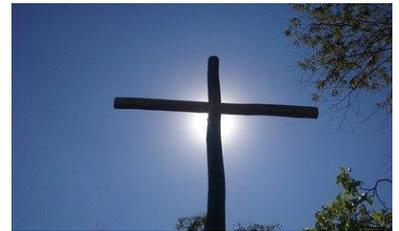
please bring this Service & News sheet with you.

Processional Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

To him shall
endless prayer be
made
and praises throng
to crown his head;
his name like
incense shall arise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.



Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Prayer for Today

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 9 God's Election of Israel

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray that the word and teachings of the Lord are heard and understood throughout the world and help in the reconciliation of nations. Amen

Psalm 17

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

¹ Hear my just cause, O Lord, consider my complaint;
Listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

² Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.

³ Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; **I have heeded the words of your lips.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

⁷ Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

Prayer

Generous Lord, deliver us from all envious thoughts, and when we are tempted by the desire for wealth, let us see your face; for your abundance is enough to clothe our lack; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Matthew 14 Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he



ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up

what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Prayer

Lord you had compassion on those who followed you on foot and you said to your disciples, "you give them something to eat." So Lord help us to show compassion on those who live near us and are struggling to feed their families. Amen

Reflection from Revd Michael Garland

I am sure we have all heard the saying 'You are what you eat'. Right now, in this post-lockdown period we are being told to think carefully about what we eat. No less a person than the Prime Minister has told us that we all need to be trimmer and fitter! In our Gospel reading today, Jesus responds to the basic needs of a great crowd who had followed him during the day and were now getting tired and hungry. With the most meagre resources, Jesus sought God's blessing on five loaves and two fish and fed five thousand people. This miracle is not a one-off event! Right here in our City of Gloucester we have recently witnessed a project called 'Feeding the Five Thousand'. This enterprise ensured that people had access to food, regardless of their background or ability to pay. It achieved its goal in the first three weeks and has gone on to prepare over 30,000 meals since - an outstanding example of human generosity and care. Thanks be to God!



When, in John's gospel, Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life', he was encouraging his hearers to think about food



for the soul. To this end, the scriptures are a rich resource. When we come into the presence of Jesus and engage with his words and the challenges they present, we can appreciate the truth of which he speaks in 'bread of life' statement: 'Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' As we gather round the Lord's table and receive the life-giving bread, may we be reminded of the wisdom of the words, 'You are what you eat', and discover in the coming week, the joy of being the Body of Christ in Tuffley.

Michael Garland – Acting Area Dean of Gloucester City

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.

Intercessions from Sylvia Chamberlain

Lord, open our eyes to your presence and our minds to your grace; open our lips to your praises and our hearts to your love; open our lives to your healing and be found among us.

Look down on your Church and grant us your people the grace to desire you with our whole hearts; so that desiring you, we might seek and find you; and so finding you, might love you; and so loving you might turn away from all that separates us from your love. Keep us mindful that we cannot do everything with our own power, And help us to rest trustingly in your everlasting arms, so that we may renew our strength for our journey.

Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our churches of St George and St Margaret at this difficult time and for the clergy and all who are enabling us to worship. Empower your church to remain faithful in its steadfast purpose and to keep your commandments wholeheartedly. We pray in silence now for the work of the worldwide church, remembering especially people who have not yet heard the good news of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy...

Lord you know the world in which we live. You dwelt among us and lived the suffering of human conditions. We pray now for all who have been affected by the pandemic, the patients, their families and all who are working tirelessly to alleviate their suffering. We pray for our families and friends and ask for your blessing on our homes.

Lord in your mercy...

Be with all who mourn and in their hours of darkness comfort them. We remember the recently departed and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Lord in your mercy...

Merciful Father...

Amen

Offertory Hymn

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.

(Descant)

I will trust, I will trust in you.
I will trust, I will trust in you.
Endless mercy follows me,
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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Stuart Townend, based on Psalm 23© 1996 Thankyou Music

Preparing to receive Holy Communion:

- After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond **Amen**
- A steward will guide you forward.
- We each receive a wafer; the priest alone receives the wine on behalf of us all.
- We receive communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.
- Please maintain 2m distance at all times.

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream
doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey
through:
Strong deliverer, strong
deliverer



Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

Please leave the building immediately after the priest, and catch-up outside.

This week's News

In memoriam: Janice Davies, Philip Brown RIP.

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name: Lynne, Jonathan, Dianne, Mike and Laura, Steve and Ann, Angela, Sara Christine, Naomi, Colin, David, Mike & Anita, Susan & Sophie, Baby Obi Brammer-Thompson who goes for his Cochlea implant on the 3rd of August.

Anniversaries of death:

Thomas James, Leslie Clayton, Deborah Cox, Evelyn Mackie, Paul Whittle, Bill Wooton, Charles Jude, Marion Russell, Comfort Woodcock, Valerie Nicasro, Charles Day, Malcolm Medcraft, Jeffrey Taylor, Brian Stait.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Philip Brown would have been 65 on 4th.

The Bible Course: Whether you're new to the Bible or want to go deeper, **The Bible Course** is for you! It shows how all the books, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills to help apply the Bible to everyday life. Beginning **Tuesday 4th August, online, at 7:30pm**. Contact Helen for more information.

Farewell to Bruce and Rosie:

The present situation makes everything that little bit more complicated!

There will be a farewell presentation for Bruce and Rosie in the Vicarage garden on **Saturday 15th August at 2pm**. Bring a broly if wet, and if possible, please bring a folding seat if you want to be sure of something to sit on, though there will be a certain amount of seating laid out.

Sorry, but we can't provide refreshments in the present circumstances. Bring a thermos if you like. Please arrive through the front gates and depart through the side gate.

The wardens are making a collection for a leaving present for Bruce and Rosie, and there will be a card to sign. Do please give contributions to any of the Wardens, or to David Westcott.

Awesome August: August is traditionally at time for receiving postcards. This year Saint Peter's mother-in-law has been receiving them and has graciously agreed to share them with everybody as Peter describes his time with Jesus. Look out for them!

Thank you...from our Treasurers:

David and Hans wish to thank everyone for your faithful, valued, regular giving through these difficult times.

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on Wednesday & Friday mornings**. Thank you!

❖ Borrow a good book (some are new) from Sarah's church library – at back of St George's.

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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The Administration office is now open on Wednesday & Friday mornings!

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



THE CHURCH IN TUFFLEY