



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



Sunday worship and weekly news
9 August 2020

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest, Rev'd Canon Pauline Godfrey MA. We pray as the Holy Spirit ministers to Pauline this morning, that same Spirit will minister to us.

When we reflect on 2020 we may declare, "It's been a stormy year for us". Covid-19, is a very unwelcome visitor in society today. Then on the horizon, are the uncharted waters of BREXIT.

In today's reading the disciples were in a boat in stormy conditions. They believed they saw a ghost. Initially they were afraid, then realising it was Jesus, fear evaporated. Their eyes were focused on Him.

Covid-19, and perhaps BREXIT, may be looked upon as being our major storms this year, but if we 'Turn our eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face'. He will give us 'Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.'

Pete

Important notice - Farewell to Bruce and Rosie

We are very sorry to say that Bruce and Rosie's farewell gathering, planned for Saturday 15th August, cannot take place as we had hoped. Unfortunately, it has proved impractical for us to comply with the Government limitations on social gatherings.

A small group comprised of wardens and other authorised leaders will make a presentation to Bruce and Rosie on the 15th August. It will be filmed by Hans Rackham and (we hope) shown in church the next day. We hope to have a special gathering in the context of worship later in the year but of course that depends on how the public health situation has developed.

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

- Use hand sanitiser
- Stay 2 metres apart
- Avoid touching
- Sing with your heart – not your voice

JESUS...our one bright hope

Processional Hymn

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love thee;

and that love may never cease

I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

thou hast heard me;

thou didst note my working breast,

thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing thee,

and the cream of all my heart

I will bring thee.

Though my sins against me cried,

thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they replied,

thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,

I will praise thee;

in my heart, though not in heaven,

I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort

to enrol thee:

e'en eternity's too short

to extol thee.



Prayer for Today

Gracious Father,

revive your Church in our day,

and make her holy, strong and faithful,

for your glory's sake

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 10

Salvation Is for All

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Prayer: Thank you Lord for sending us all to bring good news. Amen



Psalm 105

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

² **Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.**

³ Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.**

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen**

¹⁶Then he called down famine over the land and broke every staff of bread.

¹⁷**But he had sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸They shackled his feet with fetters; his neck was ringed with iron.

¹⁹**Until all he foretold came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.**

²⁰The king sent and released him; the ruler of peoples set him free.

²¹**He appointed him lord of his household and ruler of all he possessed,**

²²To instruct his princes as he willed and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

⁴⁵**That they might keep his statutes and faithfully observe his laws.**

Alleluia.

Prayer: God, Make us hungry for your word, so we may have your laws written on our hearts. Amen



Matthew 14 Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Prayer: Lord help us never to be afraid of you, and always to be in awe of your power and love. Amen

Reflection from Susan Scothern

Imagine, it is night-time, and you and your friends are rowing across the lake. The wind has got up and is trying to blow you in the wrong direction. The water is choppy, and the waves are threatening to break over the side into the boat. You've been in this situation before, but last time Jesus was with you and when, in your panic, you woke him, he calmed the winds and the waves. But now you are alone.

Then, looking across the lake you see a figure walking towards you. It has to be a ghost, and that can only mean one thing – this is it, when the ghost reaches the boat it will sink and you with it. This time, there will be no rescue.

But Jesus calls out, "Don't be afraid. I'm here!"

None of you are completely convinced, but Peter calls back, "If it is you, tell me to join you."

Jesus tells Peter to come, and he climbs over the side



of the boat. You watch, astounded, scarcely able to believe your eyes. But then Peter looks down, realising what he's doing and begins to sink. A collective groan goes up from everyone in the boat. But Jesus reaches out and grabs Peter, and you all sigh with relief.

Jesus and Peter climb into the boat and thankfully the wind stops. You can do nothing but worship Jesus, the Son of God.

But Jesus' words to Peter continue to echo in your head. "You have so little faith. Why did you doubt me?" Yes, Peter's sudden loss of faith was dramatic, but what of your own faith? You, who thought you would die that night, even though Jesus had told you to cross the lake. You, who didn't dare get out of the boat?

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 Helen McGeoch

Dear Heavenly Father
 We thank you for your willingness
 to reach out to us again and again,
 regardless of our levels of faith and
 how we put them into practice.
 Nothing separates us from you.



In faith, we bring before you the people of Beirut. We pray you will be present with those who are mourning, those who are desperately trying to find family members, those whose bodies have been seriously harmed and need medical care, those who are providing the care and the government. We pray for quick responses and aid, and for positive ways forward so that lives can be rebuilt.

Lord, in your mercy...

In faith, we bring before you other leaders of the world, especially those in countries where COVID is still prominent. Give them divine wisdom and understanding of how best to help their citizens and bring restoration and peace.

Lord, in your mercy ...

In faith, we bring before you our own nation. Lord, how we long for your healing. Give wisdom, grace and strength to our own leaders, our key workers and our people in positions who have the capacity to make a difference to others. Unite us in love, purpose and service.

Lord, in your mercy ...

In faith, we bring before you the needs of people around us today, those who we know are sick, those who need an extra bit of help, those who are lonely and those who are struggling with how the pandemic is affecting them. Lord, bring your healing, peace and comfort and, by your holy spirit, move us to step in and help where we can.

Lord, in your mercy ...

In faith, we bring our own needs before you, knowing that your love reaches into every corner of our lives.

Merciful Father



Offertory Song

Faithful one, so unchanging
 Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
 Lord of all I depend on you
 I call out to you, again and again
 I call out to you, again and again



You are my rock in times of trouble
 You lift me up when I fall down
 All through the storm
 Your love is the anchor
 My hope is in You alone

Brian Doerksen Faithful One lyrics © Music Services, Inc

Preparing to receive Holy Communion

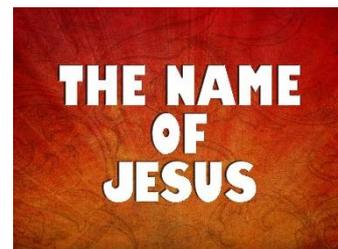
After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond
Amen

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 a 2 metre distance at all times.

Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

in a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 and drives away our fear.



It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 And calms the troubled breast;
 'tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place,
 My never-failing treas'ry filled
 With boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! My shepherd, brother, friend,
 My prophet, priest, and king,
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
 And cold my warmest thought;
 But when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of thy name
 Refresh my soul in death.

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

This week's News

In memoriam:

Philip Brown, Ruby Lodge, Marjorie Griffiths RIP

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Margaret Rowell, Mike, Ann and Steve, Jonathan, Bill, Julia, Brian, Mike and Laura, Dianne, Brian Webster, Lynne, Angela, Bela and Ann, June Young, Sarah, Christine, Susan.

Anniversaries of death:

Barbara Pearce, Noel Willetts, Mary Bullard, Pat Limbrick, Diana Bucza, Mary Iles, Jason Clark, Elizabeth Hyett, Joan Evans, Tyson Peglar.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Carl Wilson 16th



The Bible Course is running this month on zoom, hosted by Helen. It's a series of videos that help to give the bigger picture of how the Bible fits together and tells God's story from beginning to end – in a simple way. Those who saw the first week highly recommend it. You can join any time. Ask Helen for more details.

Next week we welcome Revd Charles Minchin as our visiting celebrant

DIARY DATES - AUGUST

Sun 9	9.00am	*	Parish Communion
	10.30am		Parish Communion
Mon 10			St George's Centre re-opens on a limited basis
	11.30am		Crematorium funeral for the late Philip Brown - Family only
Tue 11	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care Session
	7.30pm		The Bible Course online
Wed 12	8.15am	zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
Thu 13			September/October Crossroads deadline
	10.30am	*	Parish Communion
	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care Dementia training
Sun 16	10.30am		Parish Communion
	5.00pm	*	Evensong

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

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

❖ Borrow a good book (some are new) from Sarah's church library

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**



We have been sending out monthly newsletters and activity packs to our Messy Church families.

These lovely people now have the challenge of getting through the summer holidays together, several without the opportunity of getting away.

We would like to stay in touch and offer activities that might be a little different to our usual creations. If you have an idea or a skill you would like to share, Helen would love to hear from you. Her bank is running rather low and needs a boost!

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am until midday until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

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



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