

We all have needs

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



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

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest Rev'd Charles Minchin to celebrate with us today.

As we prepare for the service today, are we like the



Canaanite woman, pleading with Jesus for help for her beloved daughter, or are we like the disciples, telling Jesus to send her away because she is bothering them? Do we believe that the good things should only be for us, and begrudge any crumbs which fall to the floor?

When we are fearful about the future, it is difficult to be open to the needs of others, and yet we are aware this is what we are called to do. We know we are unable to do it in our own strength, but thanks be to God, He gives us all we need.

Susan

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

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."

Processional Hymn

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
To crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him Lord of all!



Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God
Who from His altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod.
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue,
To Him their hearts enthral
Lift high the universal song,
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him Lord of all!

Prayer for Today

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples
to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope, but always
to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 11 Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ In the same way, Israel has not been obeying God. But now they receive mercy because of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Prayer:

Thank you Lord that even our disobedience brings Your mercy. Amen

Psalm 133

¹ Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.

² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,

³ Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.

⁵ For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

Prayer:

*Grant to your people, good Lord,
the spirit of unity, that they may dwell together in your love,
and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and
the dew of your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Matthew 15 The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.



Prayer:

Lord help us persevere in prayer with faith. Amen

Reflection from Revd Charles Minchin

I don't like being interrupted, do you?

It depends of course who it is. A close friend in trouble is different from someone you barely know, who's not at all like you.

Jesus was often interrupted! His disciples valued the time they had with him as they travelled. They didn't want interruptions like the "Canaanite woman" pleading for her demon possessed daughter. They don't hesitate – "She's not even an Israelite; send her away, Lord."

We're not prejudiced like that, are we? Try taking another look! The Black Lives Matter protests have shown how widespread racial prejudice is. The reaction to the arrival of migrants or to the needs of benefit claimants perhaps also tells a less encouraging story.

Jesus knows what religious people like him are supposed to do. "I'm only here for Israelites. You can't have what they're getting". You can feel the disciples' approval – let's keep Jesus to ourselves. Interestingly it falls to the woman to challenge the norm. "Surely there are some scraps?"

She has "great faith," Jesus recognises. Not faith that claims that she's very, very special, but that there must be a few scraps for her. The 'scrap' that she gets is the healing of her daughter.



And the disciples? You and me? Still irritated by the interruption probably. Disappointed in getting less attention from Jesus. But gradually learning; that I am not the centre of the universe nor is this Church or this nation; that I am prejudiced and unaware of my privileged position and undeserved blessings. I'm not good at changing myself. But Jesus loves me as I am and has the power to bring about that change. The best time to allow him to start that (lifetime's) work is NOW!

We declare together our commitment to faith:

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.
We affirm: Jesus is Lord of our lives.**

Intercessions from Derek Kingscote

Lord Jesus, you started out life as a refugee, we see on our televisions the images where so many people are fleeing conflict, war, and injustice to be refugees over borders into other countries. We pray for those people living in fear, terror and hunger and we give thanks for the aid agencies providing shelter, assistance and food.

Jesus, you taught your people, your followers and the public with stories and parables, challenging attitudes and conventions. We only have to think about the good Samaritan and the woman at the well to understand your unconventional approach. Help us to learn more about you, to love you more, and also challenge attitudes and conventions today.

Lord Jesus, we know about your miracles two thousand years ago; help us to understand that miracles didn't stop then, but are still happening today.

One of those small miracles, is that of childbirth, and there are people in this congregation, waiting for grandchildren, and others who have recently been blessed with additions to their wider families.



Jesus we also know you as a healer, and so we give you thanks for all those who work in our health and social care services, their gifts and skills and the difference they make. At this present time we bring before you those we know of that are in need of your healing touch.

Lord Jesus, you also died for us, to save us from our sins and to be our advocate in heaven. We lay before you, those who have died...

As we pray for these people, we ask that you will surround their respective families with love, care and compassion

Heavenly Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we ask that you will equip us and guide us to do what you would have us do for this corner of your world.

Merciful father...

Offertory Hymn

Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown,
in you and you in me?



Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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.

Prayer for Healing

Heal us O God from all our afflictions,

And keep us steadfast in your love;

Bind up our wounds,

Raise us from death,

And lead us to fullness of life;

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Final Hymn

Praise to the holiest in the height,

And in the depth be praise:

In all his words most wonderful;

Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!

When all was sin and shame,

A second Adam to the fight

And to the rescue came.



O wisest love! that flesh and blood

Which did in Adam fail,

Should strive afresh against the foe,

Should strive and should prevail.

And that a higher gift than grace

Should flesh and blood refine,

God's presence, and his very self

And essence all-divine.

O generous love! That He, who smote

In man for man the foe,

The double agony in man

For man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,

And on the cross on high,

Should teach His brethren, and inspire

To suffer and to die.

Praise to the holiest in the height,

And in the depth be praise:

In all his words most wonderful;

Most sure in all his ways.

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, Ann and Steve, Jonathan, Julia, Brian, Mike and Laura, Dianne, Lynne, Susan and Sophie.

Anniversaries of death:

Samuel Edwards, Gary Hickford, Bert Phelps, Frederick Shipp, Ian Smith, Beatrice Martin, Freda Turner, David Brownjohn, Esme Ashton, Agatha Glas.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Carl Wilson 16th, Darrell Stevens 20th.



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 **Canon Andrew Braddock** as our visiting celebrant.

Farewell to Bruce and Rosie

A small group made a presentation to Bruce and Rosie on the Saturday 15th August. It was filmed by Hans Rackham to be shown in church today. We hope to have a special gathering in the context of worship later in the year depending on how the public health situation develops.

DIARY DATES – AUGUST 16th - 23rd

Sun 16	10.30am		Parish Communion
	5.30pm	*	Evensong
Tue 18	6.45pm	MH	Garden Club Committee
	7.30pm	MH	Church Centre Committee
	7.30pm	Z	Bible Course
Wed 19	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World Also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	7.30pm	Z	Refresh
Thu 20	10.30am	*	Parish Communion
	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care First Aid training
Sun 23	9.00am	*	Parish Communion
	10.30am		Parish Communion
Notes		*	Meeting at St Margaret's
		Z	Meeting via Zoom

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway – Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank.**
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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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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