

Live in the light



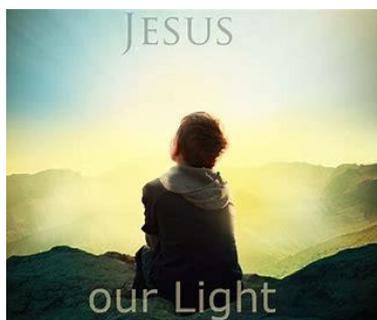
Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship and weekly news
6 September 2020

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest
Revd Ann Morris



Today we are encouraged to live in the light - to live fully in the love of Jesus, honouring him in all we do.

How hard has this been to do when we have been stuck behind our front doors for too many

months? Now that we are free again to journey outside and interact with one another, we should remember that loving ourselves and loving each other in the way that Jesus taught us IS living in the light.

As we come to worship, let us draw near to our God who fills us with his love and be ready to overflow with that love with others.

Helen

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

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light fly at your
Lord's command,
Assist our song,
Or else the theme too high does seem for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released, behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

Ye Saints, who toil below, adore your heav'nly King,
And onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still, through good or ill, who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou my part, triumph in God above;
And with a well-tuned heart Sing thou the songs of love;
Let all thy days
Till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise

Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 13 Love for One Another

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.



An Urgent Appeal

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation

is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Prayer: Lord protect us from wasting our lives, and show us how to love. Amen

Psalm 149 Praise the Lord

¹ Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; **sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**



² Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

³ Let them praise his name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him

with timbrel and lyre.

⁴ For the Lord has pleasure in his people **and adorns the poor with salvation.**

⁵ Let the faithful be joyful in glory; **let them rejoice in their ranks,**

⁶ With the praises of God in their mouths **and a two-edged sword in their hands;**

⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations **and punishment on the peoples;**

⁸ To bind their kings in chains **and their nobles with fetters of iron;**

⁹ To execute on them the judgement decreed: **such honour have all his faithful servants.**

Alleluia.

Prayer:

*Glorious and redeeming God,
give us hearts to praise you all our days
and wills to reject the world's deceptions,
that we may bind the evils of our age
and proclaim the good news of salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Matthew 18 Reproving Another Who Sins

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Prayer: Lord help us never to judge one another yet always to pursue justice. Amen

Reflection from Revd Ann Morris

Both the passages this morning are mostly about reconciliation and forgiveness. But what do we mean by that?

Many Christians have taken the 'paper over the cracks' option, believing that this is what 'forgiveness' means – pretending that everything is all right, that the other person hasn't really done anything wrong. But that simply won't do. If someone else – another Christian in particular – has been offensive, aggressive, bullying, dishonest, or immoral, nothing whatever is gained by trying to create reconciliation without confronting the real evil that has been done. Forgiveness doesn't mean saying that 'it didn't really happen' or 'it didn't really matter'. In either of those cases, you don't need forgiveness; you just need to clear up a misunderstanding. Forgiveness is when it *did* happen and it *did* matter, and you're going to deal with it and end up loving and accepting one another again anyway. This is when the advice Jesus gives us comes into its own.

But we aren't left to deal with it on our own. God's presence is with us; our actions on earth have an extra, hidden dimension; the heavenly counterpart of what we do here. And when we pray together we are assured of being heard and answered. Because, in a promise that remains central to everything that Christians ever do together, where two or



three, (or two hundred or three hundred, for that matter) gather in Jesus' name, he is there in the midst of them. That's not just a promise that we will sense his presence. It's a promise – and a warning – that he will see and know the innermost truth of everyone's heart. If we take that seriously, engaging in reconciliation will still be costly. But it will be done in real hope, with joy waiting round the corner for all those who persevere.

We declare together our commitment to faith:

**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, we are sustained by the traditions of the Church, the knowledge that Christians have worshipped you for two thousand years inspired by the Bible. This knowledge is a source of strength, and a very

present help in time of trouble. But you are also the living water from the well of heaven, the bread of life that must be renewed daily.

Lord, inspire the rulers of our nations to use their power to protect the weak, not to ride roughshod over them; to serve the people in the cause of truth, justice and mercy. Let it never be forgotten that it is you, our God, king of kings, who is ruler of all.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of friendship. Help us not to forget that we have two ears and only one tongue; that it is more blessed to listen than to be listened to. Help us show tolerance of each other. Let us be slow to anger and quick to forgive. We pray for all who are unable to join us in our worship here.

Lord, you see the pain of the whole world. We ask you to keep your people from reaching the depths of despondency and despair: let them feel the reality of hope for the morrow. May all those in pain know the reality of your presence, and that underneath are your everlasting arms. We continue to pray for all affected by the Corona virus.

Lord, we give thanks for the peace of the departed, whose journey is over and who now rest in your care, remembering especially..... Give comfort and strength to those who mourn their passing. May we all be reunited in the glory of your heaven.

God of our pilgrimage, whose word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path, guide us in all we do to share your love.

Merciful Father.....Amen

Offertory Hymn

May the Grace of Christ our Saviour

And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

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.

Final Hymn

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

For Jesus restores what sin
would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus
we know,
And here and hereafter the
kingdom shall grow.



The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened instead of despair.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry glory to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983) © Alexander Scott

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

Notices and News

2020 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The APCMs of both St George's and St Margaret's will take place on the 4th October 2020.

St George's following the 10.30am service.

St Margaret's following Evensong held at 5pm.

The current Electoral Rolls will be displayed soon on the notice boards of both churches. If your name is not on the Electoral Roll you will not be eligible to vote or stand for office.

We seek to elect our Parish Church Councils and our Churchwardens. Nomination forms for both churches will be pinned to each church noticeboard. Please consider people you may wish to nominate for these positions and complete your nomination form as soon as you are able. In addition, consider humbly and honestly whether you yourself might be willing to serve your church.

Exciting new Tree planting project

We have been invited by the council to participate in a local tree planting project, partnering with The Church in Tuffley. There will be an initial meeting on 7th September at 7pm with the council arboriculturist to discuss potential sites and after care. Please contact Helen if you would like to be involved.

In memoriam:

Marjorie Griffiths RIP

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

Margaret, Mike, Jonathan, Julia, Brian, Mike and Laura, Dianne, Lynne, Angela, June Young, Sarah, Christine, Susan, Darren and family, Pat, Jeanne Wilson, Baby Obi Brammer.

Anniversaries of death:

May Milns, Maud East, Jackie Oates, Patricia Taylor, Chris Stonham, John Franklin, Charles Mann, Grenville Chapman, Darren Beale, Mary Stewart, Emily Wilson, Ella Barber, George Williams, Lelia Reynolds, William Steer, Avril Smith, Alfred Vines.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sylvia Evans 8th.

Banns of Marriage:

3rd calling at St George's –

Robert Samuel Share & Deborah Elizabeth Redfern.

DIARY DATES: 6 September – 13 September

Sun 6	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Parish Communion
	5.00pm	*	Evensong with prayers for healing
Mon 7			
Tue 8	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
	7.30pm	online	Bible Course
Wed 9	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	4.00pm	Zoom	Weekly Steering Group
	7.00pm	Zoom	PCC
Thu 10	10.30am	*	Parish Communion
Fri 11	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 12	12 noon	St G's	Wedding of Robert & Deborah
Sun 13	9.00am	*	Parish Communion
	10.30am		Parish Communion

MH = Main Hall, * = St Margaret's

Visiting Preacher on 13th Sept is
Rev'd Dr Sandra Miller

John Wesley was an English cleric, theologian and evangelist who was a leader of a revival movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent Methodist movement that continues to this day. Now is your chance to find out more because the Mothers' Union will be showing an DVD on his life in St George's Church on Tuesday 15 September at 2.00pm. Please speak to Sylvia Chamberlain for more information.

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!

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).



THE CHURCH IN TUFFLEY