

**St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

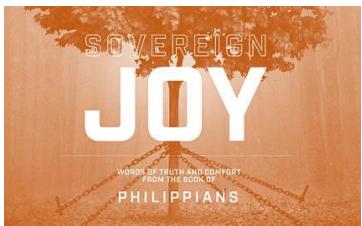
**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'**



**Sunday worship and weekly news
20 September 2020**

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest
Canon Mike Parsons



Paul calls the Philippians to live their lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, which means standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. What a wonderful picture this brings up, as we all work together to share in the good news of Jesus.

Autumn, to me, is always a time of shaking off the lethargy of the summer, and striding out once more, and although this autumn will be very different from the ones we have known, we can still leave the old season behind and move forward into the new times side by side.

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."

PCC Secretary

Since the retirement of Rosie Clifford, the Joint PCCs of St George's and St Margaret's are keen to appoint a new Secretary to the PCC. Willing volunteers - please speak to Hans Rackham or Roger Meadows.

Next week we welcome
the Rev'd Steve Morris to our services.

Order of Service

Striving side by side

Processional Hymn

At the name of Jesus

Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of Glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word:



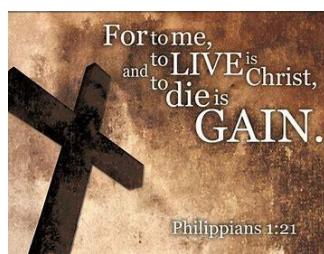
Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Prayer for Today

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Philippians 1 Strive together for the Gospel



²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer.²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And

this is God's doing.²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Prayer: Lord thank you for strength to live fully for you, whatever trials we face. Amen

Psalm 105 God's Provision remembered

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.

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails;

he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

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

Prayer

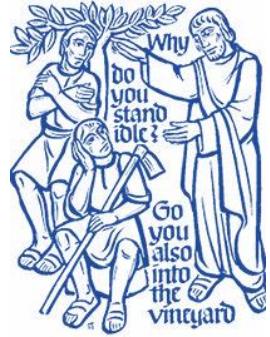
God of our earthly pilgrimage, feed us with the bread of heaven, that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness until we reach our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Matthew 20

The Labourers in the Vineyard

1 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When

he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place;⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



Prayer

Lord thank you for the privilege of a place in heaven, the same amazing gift to each of us, that none of us deserves. Amen

Reflection from Canon Mike Parsons

There's No Damned Merit In It

This was the title of a piece some years ago in *The Times* by the late Enoch Powell, MP, later notorious for his 'Rivers of Blood' speech, and was thought based round this week's gospel reading, the labourers in the vineyard. It is certainly a shocking parable and would cause uproar if a modern day employer decided to pay every worker exactly the same despite how many hours they worked. It is even more potent in Jesus' original context as it would be evident to the hearers that the only reason most of the later employed workers were employed late in the day is because they were too lazy to seek work. In fact, particularly the last ones hired were probably hanging around in the market place because they had no intention of working but hanging out—and probably having a drink—with other idle men. The Vineyard in the scriptures is almost always God's vineyard and the harvest of it is the Kingdom of God and Jesus is pointing out that his Father is looking for workers in his vineyard to bring in his harvest. There is

only one ‘reward’ on offer for this work: life in the Kingdom. No matter how long we have been Christians, no matter how much time, money and sacrifice we have given to the church and the gospel – there is still only one reward. The penitent thief gets everything he never thought he really wanted all at the last minute.

This weekend we are ordaining 13 deacons and 9 priests in the Cathedral (with all sorts of Covid friendly processes). They are already labourers in the vineyard – what about you? You don’t need to be ordained to work in the Father’s vineyard, but there will be no dammed merit in it. Just as well for most of us!

We declare together our commitment to faith:

**We believe: in God the Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead.**

We affirm: Jesus is Lord of our lives.

We will follow: the Holy Spirit

**who enables us to live
in His goodness and love,
now and in all eternity. Amen**

Intercessions from Derek Kingscote

Lord we give thanks for the wonder of your creation.



Every element of your whole creation and the way it works together is brilliant. We stand on a planet moving around the sun and travelling at 67,000 miles an hour. Our moon orbits the earth and the alignment and distance of the earth moon and sun are just perfect for eclipses both solar and lunar.

Lord as we praise and thank you for your amazing creation: sun; moon; stars; scent on a summer breeze; gentle rain; strong winds and rainbows; we regret our amazing destruction: sun obliterated by the burning of rainforests, space junk circling the earth, the smell of death in genocides; acid rain and global warming. Like the caring Father You are, teach us the hard lessons we need to change our ways.

Lord you know we all carry burdens of one sort or another; often we feel overwhelmed and alone. We ask that as You walk with us You will share our load. We think of those who suffer or are in need, the lonely, the bereaved, the despairing and the desperate.

We pray for New Possibilities in church and our life here together; we pray for an outpouring of Your Spirit on our community here as we seek to understand Your will for Your church and people in this place.

We pray for Your guidance during the interregnum and grant us discernment in the process of appointing an experienced priest to take us forward.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Offertory Hymn

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he sees,
Yours are the feet with which he walks,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.....Yours are the hands.

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Yours are the hands.

Yours are the feet.Yours are the eyes.

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

After a steward guides us 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

Lord for the years

Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
Past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Please leave the building immediately after the priest.
In view of the new 'Rule of 6' please do not linger outside.

This week's News

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

Margaret, Julia, Susan, Mike and Laura, Dianne, Lynne, Baby Obi, Pat, June Young, Sarah, Christine, Darren and family, Ann and Steve.

Anniversaries of death:

Richard Connell, George Woollen, Edward Addis, Kenneth Burge, Marjorie Thompson, Valerie Robertshaw, Gladys Aldridge, Charles Overthrow, Janet Geaves.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Jill Ponter 22nd, Ruby Jenkins 24th, Marjorie Cotterill 26th, Sylvia & David Evans celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary on 23rd.

Could you be a Parish Representative?

As part of the vacancy process, we need to appoint two parish representatives for St George's and two for St Margaret's. These people will have a key role, including helping to shortlist and interview candidates. You would need to be a good listener and to work as part of a small team.

You would need to be a member of the PCC. There is still time to be nominated and elected at the APCM on 4th October! If you want to know more about the role, please speak to any of the wardens soon.

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

DIARY DATES – 20 – 27 September

Sun 20	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 21	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
Tue 22	7.30pm	Z	Bible Course
Wed 23	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	4.00pm	Z	Vacancy Steering Ctte
Thu 24	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
Fri 25	3.30pm	St M	Memorial Service & Interment of Ashes for the late Marion Lane RIP
	2.30pm	St G	Quiet Prayer Grp
Sun 27			White Box day
	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion

St G = St George's, MH = Main Hall,

St M = St Margaret's, Z = Zoom

100 Club winners for September

1st prize £30.00 Glenda Stevens

2nd prize £20.00 Margaret Barber

3rd prize £10.00 Katie Brown

We would like to do something special for our coming Confirmation Service on 18th October. There will be a practice for a small group of musicians and singers on Saturday 10th October at 9.30 in church. Please let Helen know if you are interested.