



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

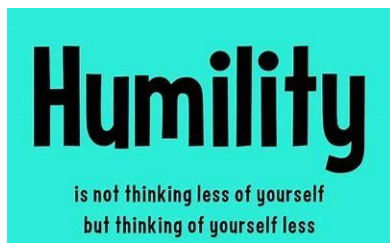


Sunday worship and weekly news
27 September 2020

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest
Revd Steve Morris

The seasons are changing. As the days shorten the Autumn colours start to show, a glorious final display before the stark beauty of Winter is revealed.



Our reading in Philippians hints at the glory of heaven Jesus was prepared to leave behind to live on earth as a man for a season.

Surely there is no greater example of true humility.

Our Gospel reading gives us another facet of our Lord's character. He was someone who was more than a match for the religious elite of His day. Having embarrassed His opponents, Jesus then drove home His message with the parable of the Two Sons, a lesson on true obedience.

True Humility, True Obedience – Your kingdom come Lord.

Lorraine Best

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."

Next Week we welcome
Revd Dr Sandra Millar

True Humility – True Obedience

Processional Hymn

Christ is our Corner-stone

(Words for this hymn are available on The screen or on the additional sheet)

Prayer for Today

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Philippians 2 - Imitating Christ's Humility

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,



- ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
- ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
- ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.
- ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

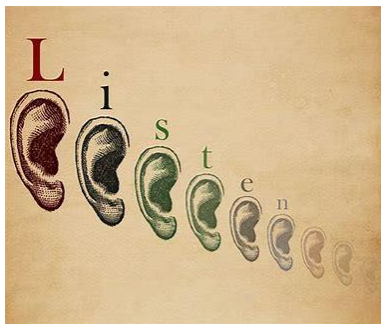
Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, work in us to follow your example and live in humble obedience to our heavenly Father.

Amen

Psalm 78 Lessons from History

¹ Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.



² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will pour forth mysteries from of old,

³ Such as we have heard and known,
which our forebears have told us.

⁴ We will not hide from their children,
but will recount to generations to come, the praises of the Lord and his power and the wonderful works he has done.

¹² For he did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand still in a heap.

¹⁴ He led them with a cloud by day
and all the night through with a blaze of fire.

¹⁵ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

¹⁶ He brought streams out of the rock
and made water gush out like rivers.

Prayer

God our deliverer, as you led our ancestors through the wilderness, so lead us through the wilderness of this world, that we may be saved through Christ for ever. Amen

Matthew 21

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?'

And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From

Heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things'.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Prayer

Lord help us show in our actions that we truly believe. Amen

Reflection from Steve Morris

I'm not sure if anyone has ever claimed to be the most humble person alive. If they did, people would immediately say that to declare your humility is surely to negate it! So, can a person simply state the fact that they are incredibly humble?

It's a hard one, this. We are encouraged to assess ourselves 'soberly'. That means that on a sliding scale we *must* be more humble than some people. Simple fact. But we are also told to always consider other people better than ourselves (*Philippians 2. 3*). Hmm, how do we work this one out?

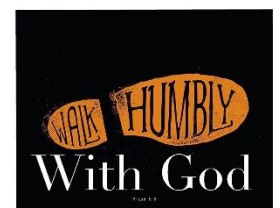
The only answer I have to this is that we give less thought to humility in isolation, and more thought and action to sharing God's love with each other. Love shows itself in a multitude of ways and that includes humility. It also shows itself in care and concern for each other, encouragement, compassion, sympathy and empathy. And, of course, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

St. Paul's statement in our Reading from *Philippians* is a theological declaration of the Way of God; that His Son became humble to the point of descending from heaven to live among us. Then, through His submission to death He won our salvation.

Therefore, God the Father raised Him to life and the Son was high and lifted up once more. 'Mind blowing?'

Well, yes, it is. I doubt that it will ever be totally clear

to us. But sharing love with each other? Now that is



much more understandable. I do accept that at times it might be as difficult to love someone as it is to understand the mind of Christ. But if we choose to follow Jesus, we are under an obligation to live His life as best we can. There is no greater way to humbly follow Him than to share His love.

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 Linda Medwell

Lord we come before you today in the greatness of your love. Help us to pray simply and sincerely, unselfishly and gratefully, remembering the needs of others as well as our own and giving thanks always for everything in your name.



Lord we ask for your blessings on our combined churches and community during this interregnum. We pray for all our young people, may they grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. We pray for all whose livelihoods are threatened by the current economic difficulties caused by this pandemic and for all in our community who are anxious about a further lockdown.

Lord our world is hurting and broken, we know that, in whatever we face, you are our peace and our refuge. Thank you that you remind us through your word we do not face the storms alone but you are always with us, whispering calm, speaking peace and bringing rest to our souls. Lord we pray for the leaders of all nations who carry heavy burdens of responsibilities, may they have the wisdom and courage to support what is right and just for all.

Lord we pray for all who are suffering today in body, mind or spirit, especially for those who are anxious about the future. Let them know your love, compassion and mercy and bring them inner peace and healing. We ask for your blessings on all our doctors and nurses whose knowledge and compassion do so much to alleviate the pain and distress of illness. Let us take a moment of silence to remember all those we know who are in need at this time and those known only to you.

Lord we remember those who live in the loss of a loved one and for those for whom bereavement is a recent event. Lord you hear the cries of those in need, may they know your peace, comfort and courage.

Offertory Hymn

All to Jesus I surrender

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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

Crown him with many crowns,

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**Please leave the building immediately after the priest.
In view of the '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, Lynne, Baby Obi, Pat, June Young, Sarah, Christine, Darren and family, Ann and Steve.

Anniversaries of death:

Ronald Perratt, Merva Arthur, Helen Rich, Roger Badham, Allan Jones, Irene Livesey, Tony Warwick, Wally Jacobs, Stephen Hancock, Francis Russell, Mary Langhorne.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Kim Westcott 1st, Joe & Marlene Thomas celebrate 61 years of marriage on 3rd, Rev Steve Morris on 22/9

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.

Confirmation Service songsters?

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.

DIARY DATES –27 September – 4 October

Sun 27			White Box day
	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion followed by prayers for healing
Tue 29	7.30pm	Z	Confirmation Class
Wed 30	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	9.00am		A & E Fire Equipment & Emergency Lighting check
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	4.00pm	Z	Vacancy Steering Ctte
Thu 1	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
	7.30pm	t.b.c	Railway Society – t.b.c
Fri 2	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club with reduced numbers – Poems & Prose – t.b.c.
Sun 4	10.30am	St M	United Harvest Praise
	10.30am	St G	Harvest Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Dot & Jonathan Intercessions: Sylvia C
	11.45am	St G	St George's APCM
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong with prayers for healing
	6.00pm	St M	St Margaret's APCM

**St G = St George's MH = Main Hall,
St M = St Margaret's Z = Zoom**

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.

Harvest Festival – 4th October

If you can, please bring something to place with our harvest offering at the altar step. Donations will go to the Foodbank or Emmaus. Foodbank are looking for tinned potatoes, tinned ready meals, instant mash, tinned custard, longlife fruit juice (not chilled). Thank you!

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

Hymn 1 Processional Hymn

Christ is our Corner-stone

On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled;
On his great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Oh then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Here may we gain from heaven
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

Hymn 2 Offertory Hymn

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all,
I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee,
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Hymn 3 Final Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him
Who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love,
Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never never end
Throughout eternity.