

**St George's Tuffley
With St Margaret's Whaddon**

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
4 October 2020 – HARVEST**

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest
Rev'd Canon Dr Sandra Millar

Harvest will have a different feel this year. Covid has changed so many things – no Harvest Supper for one thing, and no doubt the array of harvest gifts at the altar may be less impressive than in former years.



But the message and the symbolism of Harvest will be the same. Our focus on Foodbank reminds us of the many people in real need, not only here in Gloucester but throughout the world.

Remember, too, the human harvest – souls to be fed and nourished, spiritual grain to be gathered by the Lord of the Harvest.

And this year, most unusually, Harvest will be combined with our Annual Parish Meetings. Perhaps you find that a turn-off? The dry requirements of the Church Representation Rules seem far removed from the teaching of Jesus. But in this time of vacancy especially, we owe it to our churches to support those who work to sustain parish life... and perhaps to volunteer to share their load.

Jonathan

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 the
Rev'd Andrew Frearson**

Order of Service

A different Harvest

Processional Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come
(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

1 Corinthians 9

The Rights of an Apostle

⁶Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? ⁷Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk?

⁸Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? ⁹For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? ¹²If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more?



Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. ¹³Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? ¹⁴In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

¹⁵But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing this so that they may be applied in my case. Indeed, I would rather die than that—no one will deprive me of my ground for boasting! ¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the

gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Prayer

*Faithful God may we live, day by day, to the **praise** and glory of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen*

Psalm 65 Thanksgiving for Earth's bounty

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

² O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.



⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, **the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

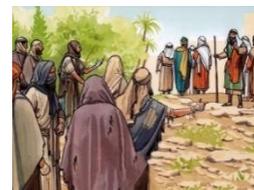
Prayer

May the richness of your creation, Lord, and the mystery of your providence lead us to bring wealth, forsake sins and find our true joy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Luke 17

Jesus cleanses ten lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



Prayer

Lord Jesus,

if we have died with you, we will live with you;

if we endure, we will reign with you;

we pray to you for all the needs and

concerns on our minds and hearts,

knowing that you always remain faithful. Amen

Reflection from Rev'd Canon Dr Sandra Millar

As the word 'Harvest' is spoken, two things come into my mind. The first is from my childhood and is the beautifully baked wheatsheaf loaf made my Uncle Jack, who surely would have been a contestant on Bake-Off. It sat in pride of place in our village church, and the windowsills groaned with fat marrow, ruby plums, russet apples, beetroots, carrots and all the produce of every garden. The second is a line from a song from the Isley Brothers 'when will there be a harvest for the world?'

Harvest became an occasion of thanksgiving, originally rooted in the agricultural calendar of a bygone century or two, when as the year turned, you really could give thanks for the produce of the land. A sigh of relief – and a big thanks to farmers and to God for his faithfulness. But our readings are first and foremost about generosity and peace, or freedom from anxiety.

St. Paul was writing to the church in Corinth thanking them for their support– and he wants them to give more, not so they will increase their grain harvest, and become materially rich, like the man in Jesus' parable,



but so they will become rich in treasure stored up in heaven. Instead of hoarding and panicking, we are being encouraged to be more generous in giving.

We need to find peace, and freedom from anxiety – the worries and cares Jesus recognises. And we do it by being generous with all that we have, learning to trust God each day that when we give there will always be enough. So this Harvest, let's not just bake bread, or even give away old tins from our cupboards, but ask God how we can be part of a harvest for the world, a harvest that is one of righteousness, justice and peace.

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 Pete Best

Father we come into your presence with thanksgiving in our hearts to give you praise. We thank you we can join our brothers and sisters in Christ and worship as a community. We pray not only for the churches in this benefice, but for the wider church of God, both in this city and beyond and we ask you to continue to bless, comfort and grow your church as we seek to glorify your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Lord in your mercy...

Lord, as we look at our TV screens and view events occurring around the world forgive us when we think, 'The news is bad, what can I do?'. Help us to recognise Lord that in our community, we can, by the power of your Holy Spirit, change a defeatist 'What can I do?' attitude to one of 'Do what I can'. Forgive us Lord when we turn a blind eye to something we witness. Help us to realise Lord if we witness an event, then we are partakers of that event and that we should offer help and support to those who suffer.
Lord in your mercy...

We pray Lord for the work of your church. We pray your Spirit will guide us today as we seek to appoint our PCC members; Church Wardens; and representatives to both the Diocese and the 'interview panel' seeking to appoint a new minister. We thank you Lord we can hold our Harvest celebration. We thank

you that despite the restrictions caused by Covid, we continue to remember the needs of those who are struggling to buy food. We ask you to bless the candidates who are attending Confirmation classes. We thank you and ask you to bless the Pastoral Care team as they contact and support those who, for whatever reason, cannot meet at this time.
Lord in your mercy...

In a moment of silence we raise before you those on our hearts who are ill or have needs at this time.... Help us all to recognise your Word brings us comfort, healing and blessing. We ask you draw so close to those who are ill, suffering depression or are lonely they will sense for themselves your love surround them.
Merciful Father...



Offertory Hymn

All for Jesus

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

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

For the fruits of his creation

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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

Your PCC Needs You

The Joint PCCs of St George's and St Margaret's are seeking to appoint a new Secretary to the PCC. If you are able and willing to volunteer please speak to either Hans Rackham or Roger Meadows.

Pictures for the Parish Profile & WEB site

We are working hard on preparing our parish profile. This is the document which will tell candidates all about our parishes, and what we are looking for in a new priest. Pictures are a very important part of the profile, and it's just possible that you may be in a group photo! If you are unhappy about a picture of you appearing in the profile or the website, please tell us. A word with any of the wardens is all that is required.

The Autumn leaves drift by the window...

As we enter the final quarter of 2020 the temperature is getting noticeably cooler.

The guidance given us states we 'keep the doors open' while the church is occupied. To help ensure you don't feel the effects of the temperature drop we suggest one or more of the following:

- 1) **Wear extra layers of warm clothing.**
- 2) **Bring a blanket to wrap around yourself.**
- 3) **Fill a hot water bottle and bring it to Church.**

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

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

Anniversaries of death:

Mary Langhorne, Gordon Jackson, Minnie Pritchard, Cynthia Woodruff, Elizabeth Vowles, Steven Betts, Paul Ives, Dennis Goddard, Lionel Harrison, Thomas Gough, Alan Halling, Ted Chaloner, Joan Botchett, Stanley Taylor, Madeline Neal, Yvonne Halford, Audrey Webb, William Spirit, John Cole, Evelyn Beck, Ian Baker

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Mike & Laura Mumby celebrate 6 years of marriage on 11th, John & Sue Scothern celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary on 11th.

DIARY DATES – 4 – 11 October

Sun 4	10.30am	St M	United Harvest Praise
	10.30am	St G	Harvest Parish Communion
	11.45am		St George's APCM
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong with prayers for healing
	6.00pm		St Margaret's APCM
Mon 5	10.00am	MH	Speakability
Tue 6	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
	7.30pm	Zoom	Confirmation Class
Wed 7	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	4.00pm	Zoom	Vacancy Steering Ctte
Thu 8	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
Sun 11	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Stuart & Joceline Intercessions: Derek

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

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

Come, ye thankful people, come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou church triumphant, come.
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Hymn 2

All for Jesus

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered,
one in love and one in thee.

Hymn 3

For the fruits of his creation

For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God;
For his gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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