

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

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news  
11 October 2020**

**Welcome everyone**

We welcome our visiting priest  
Revd Andrew Frearson

As was stated in last week's Newsletter, 'It's getting cooler'. I hope, to stay warm, you have taken the trouble to put on extra clothing or perhaps you have brought a blanket or a hot water bottle.

It is appropriate perhaps that I mention taking the trouble to wearing extra clothing because in the gospel reading today the guests invited to the wedding were expected to dress for the occasion, sadly not everyone did. In his letter to the Philippians Paul urged the church to dress themselves in 'rejoicing to the Lord'.



May I suggest as we worship the Lord today, we clothe ourselves in 'righteousness', expressing our love and joy knowing in our hearts, 'Jesus is Lord'.

Pete 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**

Bishop Robert to our Confirmation Service

**Order of Service**

**Dressed for His Banquet**



Processional Hymn

**Jesus Calls us o'er the tumult**

Of our life's wild restless sea  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, 'Christian, follow me;'

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Saviour, make us hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

**Prayer for Today**

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Philippians 4**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Exhortations**

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with



thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Prayer

Keep us from worry, teach us to pray and help us to rejoice in all circumstances, so we live abiding in your peace. Amen

**Psalm 106 A Confession of Israel's Sins**

<sup>1</sup> Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
**for his faithfulness endures forever.**

<sup>2</sup> Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord  
**or show forth all his praise?**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are those who observe what is right  
**and always do what is just.**



<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O Lord, in the favour you bear for your people;

**visit me in the day of your salvation;**

<sup>5</sup> That I may see the prosperity of your chosen and rejoice in the gladness of your people  
**and exult with your inheritance.**

<sup>6</sup> We have sinned like our forebears;  
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf at Horeb  
**and worshipped the molten image;**

<sup>20</sup> Thus they exchanged their glory  
**for the image of an ox that feeds on hay.**

<sup>21</sup> They forgot God their Saviour,  
**who had done such great things in Egypt,**

<sup>22</sup> Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham  
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

<sup>23</sup> So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for your willingness to shed your blood which covers our sin and allows us to come before your Father spotless. Amen

**Matthew 22 The Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."<sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

<sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Prayer

God our Father,  
may we love You in all things and above all things and reach the joy You have prepared for us beyond all our imagining. Amen

Reflection from Revd Andrew Frearson

The image of the journey or quest is a constant one in human history. For example, the journeys of Marco Polo, Charles Darwin, Leif Erickson, or Gertrude Bell and in mythology and literature, the Odyssey, King Arthur and the Holy Grail, the Lord of the Rings, a common motif across all civilizations.

They involve a hero/heroine on a difficult journey towards a goal, often allegorical or symbolic. There are great exertions, dangers overcome, exotic cultures and locations, and other worlds. The moral of the journey entails change to the character of the hero/heroine from the experience.

Much of life is a quest for love, safety, meaning, or for work that puts a roof over the head and food. Travel, encounters with other cultures, religions, those we love and are close to, all affect us on the road of life.

Paul, a prisoner awaiting a death sentence at the hands of the Romans writes a thank you note to the Philippians and even has time to address a conflict in the church he founded, who had sent someone to visit him.

He knew his journey in life was limited, so what does he say? Amazingly, for his readers to be gentle and giving, do what is true, noble, right, lovely, pure, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy and "the God of peace will be with you." A peace based not on logic or circumstances [including hard times] but upon relationship with the Divine and the community of faith. The peace that



passes understanding will be beside and within them as they practice those qualities.

Much as Christ himself at the close of his earthly journey could say “ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives, do I give it to you”

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 Derek Kingscote*



Heavenly Father, in the story of creation, You, made the heavens and the earth and all that is in it. Lord we praise you for your love, and for all the abundance of life. We thank you that you have made us in your own image and have given us gifts in mind, body and spirit. Help us to use these gifts wisely and that through openness to You, our bodies might be Your arms reaching out; Your hands healing; Your heart loving, and through sharing Your spirit with others we will inspire people.

Lord Jesus we now bring to you those who suffer or are in need, - the lonely, the bereaved, and the desperate. Bless with hope those who are unemployed, homeless, deserted, or friendless. Give your deep healing to the sick, the disturbed, the damaged and the lost.

In silence pray for one person you know of, who needs God's help today...

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose earthly journey is completed and we thank You for the times we have shared with them, when we shared their joy and happiness and the times we shared their disappointments and sorrows. We give you thanks for the gift of memory and the ability to recall those precious moments and special times and places that bring us thoughts of those who are no longer with us.

In silence offer up your own prayers for those who are bereaved...

We pray for New Possibilities in church and our life here together; for an outpouring of Your spirit on our

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... Amen

Offertory Hymn

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.  
*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*(Descant)*

*I will trust, I will trust in you.  
I will trust, I will trust in you.  
Endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*



He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And he anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

*Refrain*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For you are with me, and your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

*Refrain*

Stuart Townend, based on Psalm 23 © 1996 Thankyou Music

*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

**Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all his mighty deeds;  
Tell of love which knows no limits,  
Grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
Into his most marvellous light;  
Brought his truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That Gods name is glorified;  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people he intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfil your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service-  
Sing his praise, his love declare.

James E Seddon ©The Representatives of the late James Edward Seddon

Please leave the building immediately after the priest,  
In view of the **Rule of 6** please do not linger outside

**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

**This week's News**

**DIARY DATES – 11 – 18 October**

Sun 11	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion
Mon 12			
Tue 13			Crossroads deadline
	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
	2.30pm	St G	Mothers' Union tbc
	4.30pm	Z	Pioneer Steering Group
	7.30pm	Z	Confirmation Course
Wed 14	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also, at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	4.30pm	Z	Vacancy Steering Cttee
Thu 15	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
Sun 18	10.30am	St G	Confirmation Service with Bishop Robert incorporating Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Derek & Helen <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong

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

**In Memoriam:**

Ian Baker, Paul Ives

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

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Baby Obi, Pat, Sarah, Christine, Sarah M, Bill, Darren and family, Ann, and Steve

**Anniversaries of death:**

William Spirit, John Cole, Evelyn Beck, Nina Gardner, Richard King, Margaret Kinsey, Muriel Garnham, Bertie Bullard, Sylvia Bendle, Peggy Calas, Joyce James, Marjorie Griffiths, Violet Hawkins, Dorothy Etherton, Sheila Speck, Tyson Lee Pegler, Ted Reeves, Barry Ravenscroft, Paul Mowatt, Margaret Kantorowicz, Dorothy Berryman. Mary Hughes, Henry Rust, Shirley Smith, Peter Arthur.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Joe Thomas 12<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Philips 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Mike & Laura Mumby celebrate 6years of marriage on 11<sup>th</sup>, John & Sue Scothern celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Have you completed the Parish Profile Questionnaire?**

Today is your last opportunity to let us know what your views are in relation to the appointment of a new minister. If you have not filled in a questionnaire and would like your say please see one of the Wardens, complete the form and pop it in the box in the Church.

**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 do not 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.**