

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

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
22 November 2020**

**CHRIST THE KING
Welcome everyone**

We welcome via our YouTube link
Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar

I have never met Queen Elizabeth. I have often seen her on TV and once as a child saw her in person being driven past our group of excited flag waving school children.

I have met King Jesus. However, like many I need regularly reminding that although I cannot see him, everything I do (or don't do) for others is also done (or not done) for Him.

That is the challenge of our gospel reading this week.



However, alongside every challenge in our Christian walk, the Bible is always a great source of encouragement and Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1 is a great example, (Especially versus 17-19).

Stay safe, stay well, and stay encouraged.
Lorraine Best

Christmas Hampers 2020

As a Tuffley church and community project, we would like to provide, at least, 30 Christmas hampers for local families. The families we were able to help last year were so grateful. We are working in partnership with Gloucestershire Bundles who will add appropriate presents for children whose families receive a hamper. The hampers will be full of Christmas treats which will cost about £45 per hamper and we hope to deliver these as early as possible to ease the financial burden on these families.

If you can help... please visit the website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk Amongst the titles at the top of the screen you will find 'Christmas Hampers'. Clicking on this title will display a leaflet showing what items we are seeking to provide. If you would rather give financially please contact Helen.

Stop Press... See Helen's notice on page 10

Order of Service

Christ the King



Processional Hymn

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
Chorus.

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Chorus.

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
Chorus.

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*



Prayer for Today

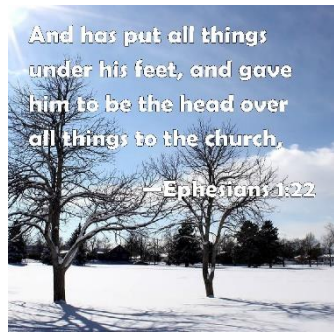
Sir up we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good work may of thee be plenteously rewarded through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Ephesians 1 Paul's Prayer

Read by Helen McGeoch

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places: ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



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Prayer:

Thank you for revealing to us the hope to which you've called us, and for your supreme power at work in us all. Amen

Psalm 95 A Call to Worship and Obedience

Read by Roger & Brenda Meadows

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving **and be glad in him with psalms.**

3 For the Lord is a great God **and a great king above all gods.**

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth **and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

6 Come, let us worship and bow down **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God; **and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

Prayer

Lord God, the maker of all, as we who bow down in praise this day, make us attentive to your voice and do not test us beyond our enduring; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Matthew 25 The Judgement of the Nations

Read by Georgina Wood

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ¹⁵

for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in

prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

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Prayer:

Lord help us to see Christ in one another, and so to share his compassion for all. Amen

Reflection from Rev Dr Sandra Millar

Christ the Servant King

You might not even have noticed, but we have reached the end of the story and the end of the year. Yes, today is the feast of Christ the King which marks the grand finale of the Church Year, but for many of us this Sunday will always be known as "Stir Up Sunday" – the day for making Christmas cakes and puddings, so called after the collect from the Book of Common Prayer,

Stir up Sunday makes me think of steamed up kitchens, and servants working really, really hard stirring huge pots or carrying laden bags of ingredients. Being a servant is about hard, routine, and repetitive work, and putting the needs of others way ahead of your own, which can be demanding and sometimes demeaning.

This fits surprisingly well with the feast of Christ the King. Kingship makes most of us think of power and might: a far cry from steamy kitchens and rolled up sleeves. The reading from Ephesians give us a huge vision of Christ in majesty with all things under his authority. He is the judge – and that's also the image at the heart of the teaching about sheep and goats.

Sometimes we need to lift our eyes up and truly rejoice that Christ is King. It helps to give perspective to the difficulties of our lives, when we remember that he is ultimately the one who will reign over a kingdom of justice and peace and love. But Jesus is the servant king, In Jesus we see the one who has put aside might and majesty to enter into the mess of this world, willing to be one with us and put our needs ahead of his own. As sheep who hear his voice, we too will have a heart ready to serve the world he was willing to live in, and to love the people he came to save.

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 Susan Scothern

Lord Almighty,

We pray that your spirit of wisdom may be upon all who lead our churches, both locally and nationally. At this time we ask for your guidance as we seek for the right person to lead our churches of St George and St Margaret, that we may follow you into the new pastures which you are calling us into. We pray for your wisdom and guidance as we share our Advent preparation with all the churches in Tuffley, and as we create Christmas services which will enable all within the parish to celebrate your birth.



Lord Almighty,

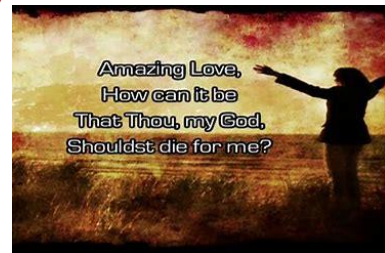
We pray for the leaders of our nation, that their decisions may be for the benefit of all who live here and not a select few. We ask your blessing upon those who work within the health services: doctors, nurses, ambulance staff, care workers. We bring before you those who seek to help any who are in particular need: those involved with food banks and baby banks, those supporting the homeless and refugees. We ask too that despite our own difficulties, we will not purely look inwards, but continue to look out for any we can help.

Lord Almighty,

We pray for ourselves. We bring before you friends and family for whom we have particular concerns, asking you will surround them with your love. We pray for our own cares and worries, the decisions we will have to make, especially any we are putting off making. At a time when we feel particularly alone, we ask that you will fill us with your peace and love, reassuring us of your constant presence with us.

And as we remember those we have loved and lost, remind us one day we will be where they are now, worshipping you in all your glory. Amen

Offertory Hymn



And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
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No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Preparing to receive Holy Communion

Rev Dr Sandra Millar offers Communion on our behalf



Final Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice

Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Tell all world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might
Your scattered companies unite
In service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
And the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on Friday morning until 11.00am.**

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 currently not open 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

In Memoriam:

Norman Oldcroft, Heather Hodges,
Daphne Greatorex RIP.

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

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne,
Sarah, Pat, Sarah M, Christine, June, Daphne, Thomas,
Darren and family, Brenda Oldcroft.

Anniversaries of death:

Frank Baxter, Joyce Cooper, Roy Brierley, Nora White,
Jessica Batsford, Jennifer Bloxsome, Eva Sparey,
Lily Parsons, Anthony Williams, Ginny Farmiloe,
Norman Browning.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Helen McGeoch 23rd.

DIARY DATES – 22 – 29 November

Mon 23	12.30pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Daphne Greatorex RIP
Tue 24	7.00pm	Z	PCC business meeting
Wed 25	8.15am 9.00am	Z Z	Morning Prayer Mission Group
Thu 26	10.30am	St M's	Church open for Quiet prayer

**Z = Zoom, St M's = St Margaret's,
Crem = Crematorium**

How would you like to...

...Plant/Adopt a tree?

Put 16th January 2021 in your diary and come and join the 'Church in Tuffley Environment team' in Randwick Park to plant 20-25 trees. The City Council are providing the trees along with protective fencing.

Once planted we are then looking for volunteers to 'Adopt a tree (or two). How? – As Corporal Jones would say, "Don't panic". Basically, it means ensuring it is watered during any spell of dry weather.

That's it! Interested? Contact Lorraine Best on 07407516553.

Church in Tuffley - Advent Prayer Evening via Zoom on Wednesday, 9th December at 7.30pm

For this special Advent prayer evening together, we would love it if everyone who joins us contributes something of their choice during the evening. This could be a prayer, poem, short reading/Psalm, or a hymn/song relevant to Advent.

So that we can ensure a smooth running order, please let me know well in advance by forwarding your contribution to me by Sunday, 29th November.
Many thanks

Nikki O'Neill email: georgeandnikki@tiscali.co.uk.

Look out for...

...Advent Windows

Churches and Community groups in Tuffley will run a Christmas Advent Window Fenster. Homes in Tuffley are decorating and lighting up one of their street facing windows in December - a new one each night.

To take part or for more information, like our Tuffley Christmas Windows Facebook page or contact Helen for more details. Be part of spreading light, fun, comfort, and joy!

A map will be issued before the first window lights up in December.

Christmas Hampers

We recognise those who are collecting food to go into the hampers may be concerned as to what happens now the church is closed. **Helen** is prepared to collect any donations on the **30th November and 1st December**.

Please let Helen know if you wish her to collect from you.

Glenda's Christmas draw...

Glenda will be running a Christmas Draw to be drawn on Sunday 13 December. Cost will be 5 tickets for £1.00 and are on sale now.

We already have a Christmas cake promised and will have some other prizes too.

Contact Glenda for tickets.