



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



Sunday worship and weekly news  
9 May 2021

### EASTER 6

We welcome our visiting priest  
Rev'd Adrian Slade

Brothers and sisters,



We are entering the short Rogation season leading up to Ascension day on Thursday. We may not be planning to walk to the fields and ask God's blessing on our growing crops, but it is good to be reminded that our lives, times and seasons are in his hands.

Much can happen between the hope of planting and the joy of harvest.

Our reading from Acts is the final part of the story of Peter's challenge and life changing visit to the home of the Roman centurion Cornelius.

As we face our challenges in the coming week may our lives change and grow as we recognise the work of the Holy Spirit and abide in God's love.

Lorraine Best

### Today's service on YouTube

The service can be accessed from the church website [www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk](http://www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk) on Monday. Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page. Enjoy, and sing aloud to your hearts content.

### Are there restrictions now we are open?

Sadly.... Yes! The same rules that applied pre lockdown will be in place i.e.

- Wear a face mask
- Sanitise your hands

\*\*\*\*\*No singing (except from the heart),\*\*\*\*\*

Observe Social Distancing – the 2m rule.

**Socialising outdoors is now permitted, with no more than 6 people in the bubble.**

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

Next week we welcome  
Rev'd Canon Dr Sandra Millar

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### Processional Hymn

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds**

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build;  
My shield and hiding-place;  
My never-failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy Name  
Refresh my soul in death.

### Prayer for Today

Risen Christ

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### Acts 10 Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter

were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.



*Prayer:* Thank you Lord it is your desire to make the Holy Spirit available to everyone who seeks you. Amen

### Psalm 98 A Song of Praise for the Lord's Salvation and Judgement

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, **for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm **have won for him the victory.**

- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; **his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, **and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; **break into singing and make music.**
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, **with the lyre and the voice of melody.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn **sound praises before the Lord, the King.**
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, **the world and all that dwell upon it.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands **and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world **and the peoples with equity.**

*Prayer: Lord God, just and true, you make your salvation known as the site of nations; tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation as you come among us to judge the earth; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

### John 15 Jesus the True Vine

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command



you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*Prayer: In your time on earth Lord you showed the love your Father had for everyone. Help us Lord to show this same love 'one for another' that we may bear fruit. Amen*

### Reflection from Helen McGeoch

Have you ever had someone come to stay in your home? When they are in your home, its where you live, so it's your rules and your timetable, right?

Your friend gets to see your 'at home' behaviour. Some of it good – some not so good.

Having another person around means making extra allowances – another setting at the table, more washing up, more laundry, maybe another room occupied.

How often are we happy when these visits are done and we can get back to how things were? Or is it more that we miss the love that was shared between us and those we had visiting?

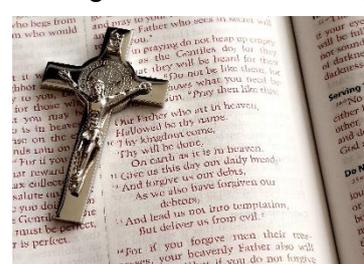
The scripture refers to abiding in God's love. It says it twice. It must be important.

Abiding in this context means that we live in or make our home in ....

So read all of the above again, but imagining that we are making our home in God's love. How different would things be? Would our rules and our timetables be different?

If everything we do comes out of who we are when we are most at home and then how we live, how would having our home in God's love impact the things we do?

Abiding in God's love is a permanent feature of our lives.



Christian lives. Thankfully we don't have to 'move house'. God's love isn't going away any time. We could assume then, that the more we live there, the more comfortable and familiar

we get with our surroundings, and the more we exhibit the behaviour we are comfortable living with, in our daily lives.

The Passion translation uses the words 'you must continually let my love nourish your hearts' which I love. They give the image of us becoming stronger in love as we open ourselves to God's love. How much more will we desire to be loving toward one another when we are feeding on God's love! Let us abide in his love, making our homes in him, allowing him to nourish our hearts, and live as people who can be seen as his followers because of the overflow of love for each other from within us.

### We declare together our commitment to faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

*Intercessions from Derek Kingscote*



Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever.

Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, pour out upon the leaders of the nations the Spirit of wisdom, understanding and counsel. Teach them to love justice; to act with mercy toward the poor and hungry in their lands; and to walk humbly before you. Grant to all people on earth the blessings of peace, justice and unity.

**Lord in your mercy...** *hear our prayer*

Lord we pray for our new priest who will joining us later this year. They will be leaving security and friends made over the last few years where they are. We ask that we will make them welcome and give them all the prayer and support they need as they move into a new phase of their life and journey with us.

**Lord in your mercy...**

Grant the refreshment and joy of your life-giving Spirit to all who cry to you for help. Grant them wholeness of body and mind; a joyful and confident hope in your goodness, and the peace which the world cannot give them.

**Lord in your mercy...**

Bless the people of this congregation with love, respect, and kindness towards each other, so that others in our community may truly know we are your followers. Fill us with wisdom and prudence, and through the gift of your Holy Spirit, make us glad to obey your commandments. Do whatever we need so that we may bear the rich fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And gather us to your eternal Kingdom, where those fruits may fully ripen and be perfected, to your glory. **Amen**

**Merciful Father...**

*Offertory Hymn*

**A new commandment I give unto you**

That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, If you have love for one another.

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*

**Praise to the Holiest in the height**

And in the depth be praise:

In all his words most wonderful,

Most sure in all his ways.

And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine  
God's presence and his very self  
And essence all divine

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and  
inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.



Please leave the building immediately after the priest.  
**Please remember to keep 2 metres apart.**

**News 9 - 16 May**

**In Memoriam:**

Patricia Fivash, Hedley Ringrose (priest), John Perris, Robert Mayo RIP

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

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Sarah, Pat, Christine, June, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, David and Angela, Tony and Jean, Sylvia, Margaret & Mark.

**Anniversaries of Death:**

Valerie Dyer, Susan Michell, Harry Young, James Beck, Edward King, Albert Grech, Barbara Williams, Dudley Harben, Roy Alderton, Margaret Woollen, Raymond Wilson,.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

None that we know of so if you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please let Glenda know.

**DIARY DATES**

Sun 9			EASTER 6 Christian Aid week
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Jayne <b>Readers:</b> Dot/Sylvia E <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek
Mon 10	11.00am	Crem	Funeral for the late John Perris RIP
Tue 11	1.00pm	St G's	Funeral for the late Robert Mayo RIP burial at St M's
	7.00pm	Z	<b>Parochial Church Council</b>
Wed 12	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Pioneers
Thu 13			Ascension Day June Crossroads deadline
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sun 16			EASTER 7
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Roger <b>Readers:</b> Jonathan T / Sylvia C <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

**St G's = St George's St M's = St Margaret's  
Z = Zoom Crem = Crematorium**

**WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:**

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.**  
**Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank, in addition long life milk, long life juice, cup a soups, pot noodles and tinned carrots needed.**

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 Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am 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).



### Notice to all Church Council members

The **Joint PCC meeting** will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm via Zoom

### Ruby Jenkins...

"Ruby Jenkins sends good wishes to all who remember her."

### Food Parcels

St George's Church, Grange Road, is now open for Food Parcel collections on -

**Tuesday & Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon**

The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE

Please be aware of social distancing guidelines

### Singing Group...

There are still quite a few weeks to go before we are all given permission to sing as a congregation, but we are allowed to have a group of socially distanced singers at the front of church. If you would like to be part of that group, please let Helen know.

### Rev Hedley Ringrose Funeral recording

*"The funeral of the recently departed Hedley Ringrose was streamed from Calne church last week and is still available to view until July.*

*For those members without a computer and/or a PC who would like to listen to a sound recording of the service, please contact Hans.*

*Unfortunately it was not possible to record the vision."*

### Thy Kingdom Come 2021 May 13 until May 23

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

So many scriptures call us to pray.

Thy Kingdom Come prayer journals to assist with prayer focus are available from Helen. Do ask her for one.

Fun prayer TKC treasure maps have been sent to all our Messy Church families along with our Pentecost newsletter and craft pack this month.

More resources are available on the website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Let's get excited about praying for our friends and family and seeing how God responds!

### UP AND COMING MEETINGS

#### Joint PCC

7.00pm Tuesday 11 May

Benefice Standing Committee

4.00pm Tuesday 25 May and

4.00pm Tuesday 8 June

All on ZOOM

### SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Wednesday 12 May

8.15am Morning Prayer on ZOOM

Thursday 13 May

ASCENSION DAY

10.30am Parish Communion

at St Margaret's

all are welcome

Next Sunday

16 May 2021

10.30am Parish Communion

at St George's with Sandra Millar

5.00 Evensong at St Margaret's

10.00am Saturday 22 May

LITTER PICK

Meet in

St George's Car Park

QUIET PRAYER GROUP

Meets again

Friday 28 May at 2.30pm

In St George's Church

**BREAKING NEWS**

Our APCMs

will take place on

Sunday 11 JULY 2021

More details soon