



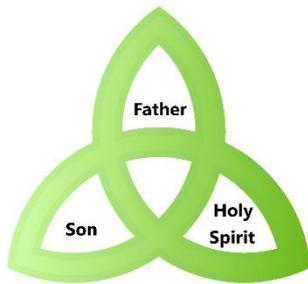
Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'



Sunday worship and weekly news
30 May 2021

TRINITY

We welcome our visiting priest
Rev'd Andrew Frearson



Today is Trinity Sunday, which ushers in a long period of what the lectionary calls "Ordinary Time". Now that's surely a misnomer, because to the Christian there can be no such thing as "ordinary" time. We

worship an extraordinary God, who loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, so that the world may be saved through him. Look at verses 16 -17 of our Gospel reading. There is the core of our faith.

Not only that, but Paul assures us that being led by the Spirit, we may dare to call ourselves God's children.

"Ordinary Time"? I don't think so. Happy Trinity, everybody!

Jonathan

Today's service on You Tube

The service can be accessed from the church website 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 up to 30 people

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

Next week we welcome
Rev'd Canon Adrian Slade

Trinity – not Ordinary Time!

Processional Hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky,
and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer for Today

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Romans 8

Life in the Spirit

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



Prayer: Father God, we are so grateful to be your heirs through Christ; we choose to live as Your Spirit leads. Amen

Psalm 29

Praise to God for His Holiness and Majesty

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Prayer: Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ, to hear the music of your voice above the chaos of this world; open our eyes to see the vision of your glory, for you are our King, now and for ever. Amen

John 3 Nicodemus Visits Jesus

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

Jesus prays for His disciples

⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So



it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up: ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Prayer: Father God, thank you for showing your love for all the world by sending us Jesus, and for giving us the choice whether or not to believe. Amen

Reflection from Revd Andrew Frearson
The Trinity, can seem abstract.

I see it as a pathway in the deep mysterious forest of the Divine.

The Divine is not what many think. Some see God as a fearful parent or judge, others see God as a divine clockmaker who created everything, wound it up and set it going. Or others as like a distant star, remote, cold, shining but far far away.

But to walk the path of the Trinity can be to discover the Divine as a community of presence, living and dynamic in creation.

But, where does the path start? That is what Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night wants to know. He is a religious leader. He wants something deeper and more real than the public commitment to God on the outside. He wanted something on the inside, a relationship with the divine. So he asks: ' You come from God. Everyone can see that. I want to know that depth for myself. Where does the path start?

Jesus told him he did not need God to come into his life, he had it backwards, he needed to come into God's life. Hence the born again dialogue.



The way of Jesus the Christ is where the path starts. Early Christians, known as 'followers of the way' started the pathway into the mystical forest, seeing and experiencing life in a new way.

Every now and then on a forest walk, there is a break in the trees and there is a glimpse of something beautiful, a deer, a waterfall, a hidden valley, the remains of a cottage long abandoned, a path trailing long into the distance.

In life there are those little glimpses of heaven that suddenly present themselves. Kindnesses, a meal lovingly shared, bravery, a healing moment. The Christ path of compassion, love, kindness, of adventure and grace.

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 Susan Scothern

Holy Lord,



We bring before you our church of St George and St Margaret as we await the arrival of our new Vicar. As we look forward we ask you to continue to prepare our hearts and minds, so that we may

all be open to your leading as we step out into the future together. Give us courage as we move forward in faith, bringing the good news of Jesus to all who live in Tuffley and Whaddon, that others too may hear of the life we live in you.

Mighty Lord, we bring before you our nation and those who have the responsibility of leadership. May the decisions they make be for the benefit of all, not just a select few. Give them wisdom and understanding to balance the conflicting needs of the nation. In the same way we pray for all leaders of the world, that they may seek peace and not war, and that all may be aware of the needs of the planet and take responsibility for what happens to it, not simply making use of its resources.

Loving Lord, we bring before you all that we shall be doing this coming week: those we shall meet whether friends or strangers, decisions we need to make, things we would rather not do, but know have to be done. Give us wisdom and courage, and remind us to turn to you for help and comfort, knowing that we are not called to travel alone. We pray for friends and family who are facing difficulties at this time, whether through sickness or in other matters, asking that they may feel your loving arms around them, supporting them and holding them up. And especially we pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones.

Merciful Father.....

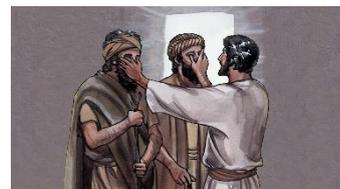
Offertory Hymn

Be still for the Presence of the Lord

The holy one is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of
the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse
and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.



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 dipped in wine.
We receive Communion with arms outstretched,
and in silence.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.



*Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

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News – 30 May – 6 June

100 Club and June Crossroads: The 100 Club draw will take place on Sunday 13 June, please note that if your payments are not up to date your number(s) may not be included in the draw. See your collector if in doubt or contact me on 01452 410507.

The June Crossroads will be out as usual on the last Sunday of this month, if you pay the person who delivers your issue, and have yet to pay, please do so asap or contact me on 01452 410507.
Many thanks. Darrell

Messy Church

There will be a celebration and planning meeting for everyone involved in Messy Church on Sunday 13th June at 4pm on St George's lawn. Please do come if you would like to join the team in any kind of role (chatting to families, helping with crafts or refreshments, setting up/clearing up, administration) - new members always welcome.

Helen

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.** **the Foodbank are requesting, Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Cup a Soups, Tinned Spaghetti and Shampoo.** Please note **they have an abundance of Baked Beans, Dry Pasta, Dry Spaghetti and Tea.**
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).



News – 30 May – 6 June (continued)

In Memoriam:

David Kent RIP

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

Margaret, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Angela, Bill, Pat, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, Clive, Margaret and Mark.

Banns of Marriage:

**3rd calling at St George's of
Max Tanner & Elizabeth Hannah Short**

Anniversaries of Death:

Michael Spiers, Janet Farr, Dave Mills, Barbara Wilkinson, Bert Woodward, David Fox, Marian Rackham, Audrey Bayliss, Pam Blewitt, Herbert Alderton, Bill Snell, Kathleen Ruskin, Nancy Stamps, Judith Fox.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Margaret Barber 1st, Katie Brown 3rd, Derek Kingscote 4th.

If you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please let Glenda know.

Deanery Synod held on 12th May 2021

Minutes from this meeting have been received by the Deanery Reps - Derek & Helen for St George's and Lorraine for St Margaret's. Anyone wishing to see a copy please contact one of your Deanery Reps.

DIARY DATES – 30 May – 6 June

Sun 30			TRINITY
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Linda M/Derek Intercessions: Susan
Wed 2	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Mission Group
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 3	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sat 5	2.00pm	St G's	Private let in St G's garden if dry or in Small Hall if wet
Sun 6			TRINITY I
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Stuart/Sylvia E Intercessions: Sylvia C
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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

Food Parcels

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

Tuesday & Friday – 10.00am – 12noon

The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE