

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

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
6 June 2021**

TRINITY I

**We welcome our visiting priest
Rev'd Canon Adrian Slade**



Have you had a good week? The weather has been summery. Children and their teachers have been enjoying their half term break. Many families and friends have been reuniting and

relaxing together. Dare I say things are beginning to feel a bit more normal?

Today's gospel reading reminds us that in the midst of success we can, like Jesus, still face criticism and misunderstanding. Whilst our Corinthians reading refers to momentary afflictions and turns our thoughts to the glorious future awaiting us.

Like our Psalmist, may we join with our brothers and sisters in giving our thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

Lorraine Best

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 no more than 6 people in the bubble.

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

**Next week we welcome
Rev'd Canon Michael Garland**

Order of Service

Faith and Family

Processional Hymn

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.



Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee:
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiance divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.



Prayer for Today

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

2 Corinthians 4 Treasure in Clay Jars

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 5

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Prayer: Thank you Lord that we know the eternal is yet to come. Amen

Psalm 138 The Lord's Goodness to the Faithful

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods will I sing praise to you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;

you put new strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;

as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you will preserve me;

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand will save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;

forsake not the work of your hands.

Prayer: Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 3 Jesus and Beelzebul

Then he went home:²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.'²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.'



²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan?'²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that

kingdom cannot stand.²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'—³⁰ for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

The True Kindred of Jesus

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your

mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.'³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?'³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers!³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Prayer: Lord give us the surety to follow your path. Amen

Reflection from Revd Canon Adrian Slade

Today's gospel reading is one of those difficult passages that have caused the church a great deal of problems over the years. It is a statement were Jesus is seen to reject his family and invite those who are his followers to form a new family. This is a theme picked up by Paul in his epistles - that the family is not the natural one but the family that gathers for worship each week to eat together and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

The other problem is that it talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters, and yet some church traditions say that Mary was always a virgin, so they can't be her children. That is probably wishful thinking as the clear indication was that this was his natural family, and there is a strong assumption that the leader of the church at the council of Jerusalem, Joseph, was one of Jesus's brothers. (The other leader being Peter, the rock)

Paul talks about the family being those who follow Jesus, and so the church has talked about the family of the church for many centuries. Those of us who gather are indeed a family. We care for each other, accept all as members, even the odd people. If one is sick we care for them, if one dies we visit the bereaved, if one is hungry we go to Tesco for them and so on.

This is wonderful, and the church is a wonder in the way it cares for those who are members. But it has one danger, we can become too insular, caring only for those in our immediate family, and not looking beyond our own walls. Does the church next door need our help; what is our relationship with the deanery or diocese;



how do we show our love for our brothers and sisters in the developing world - the suffering Christians of Palestine, Iraq, South Sudan and so on?

Let us be the family of God and remember that family is larger than the we can see.

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 Sylvia Chamberlain



Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness. Guide and direct their leaders, that all people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Lord in your mercy.....

We pray for our families and friends and ask for your blessing on our homes thinking especially today of the residents of Betjeman Close, Stratford Close,

Hathaway Close and all home communicants. We pray for all those who are sick in body mind or spirit and remember them in a moment of silence.

Lord in your mercy.....

Father you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by our parting from those whom we love. Turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus. We remember the recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Lord in your mercy.....

Today we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food. We give thanks for all His gifts. We delight in the rich variety of your creation and offer you our lives and as we go out today we pray that in our dealings with others that we may always remember the words of your Son, "A new command I give you love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another, by this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

Merciful Father Amen

Offertory Hymn

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he sees,
Yours are the feet with which he walks,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands.

Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he sees,
Yours are the feet with which he walks,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the feet.

Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he sees,
Yours are the feet with which he walks,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the eyes.



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.

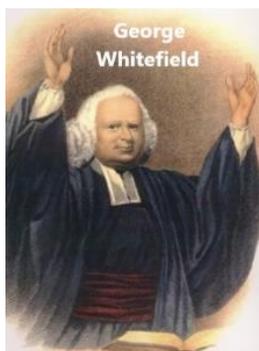
Final Hymn

Who would true valour see,

Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather;
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is,
No lion can him fright;
He'll with a giant fight,
But he will have the right
To be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit;
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, fly away;
He'll not fear what men say;
He'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.



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 – 6 – 13 June

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:

2nd calling at St Margaret's of Ian Philip Arthur Maysey & Kimberley Jane Porter

1st calling at St George's of

Nicholas Jason Friday & Samantha Jayne Stokes

1st calling at St George's of Christopher Mark Williams & Jessica Louise Williams.

Anniversaries of Death:

Nancy Stamps, Bette Newport, Ben Stokes, Ted Garrett, Richard Lord, Faye Griffiths, Joan Hill, Margaret Baxter, Peter Botchett, George Parker, William Hooper, Edward Bayliss, Lionel Hodges (priest), Douglas Gordon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Glenda Stevens 9th, Anne Humphris 11th.

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

100 Club and June Crossroads: The 100 Club draw will take place on Sunday 13th 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

Congratulations to

Helen McGeoch, Susan Scothern and Dawn Dolphin and to everyone else connected with.....

Gloucestershire Bundles

on their award of....



DIARY DATES – 6 – 13 June

Sun 6			TRINITY 1
	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	Evensong
Wed 9	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 10	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sun 13			TRINITY 2
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Sylvia C/Susan Intercessions: Derek

**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