



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



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

**TRINITY 4**

**We welcome our visiting priest  
Rev'd Andrew Frearson**



Our gospel reading combines two deeply moving examples of Jesus's healing ministry. Each in its own way stresses the vital element of faith. "Do not fear, only believe".

Healing is not always about physical illness. If we wait on the Lord, trusting in his providence, anxiety and fear should melt away. Because we are human, that doesn't always happen – think of the terrified disciples in the boat in last week's gospel reading.

The psalmist speaks of waiting for the Lord, with the same longing as the night watchman waiting for the dawn. In disturbing times like our own, that is good advice.

Jonathan

**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 up to 30 people.

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

**Next week we welcome  
Rev'd Canon Dr Sandra Millar**

**Only Believe**

*Processional Hymn*

**All hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
To crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
Crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race  
He ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
Crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue,  
To Him their hearts enthral  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,  
Crown Him Lord of all!

**Prayer for Today**

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**2 Corinthians 8**

<sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.



<sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something <sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

*Prayer:* Lord help us to be generous with those who have little.  
Amen

## Psalm 130

### Waiting for the Redemption of the Lord

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, **O Lord;**
- 2 Lord, hear my voice; **let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 3 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, **O Lord, who could stand?**
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you, **so that you shall be feared.**
- 5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him **in his word is my hope.**
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord, **more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.**
- 7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, **for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 8 With him is plenteous redemption **and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

*Prayer:* Father, we commend to your faithful love those who are crying from the depths; help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness, in sure hope of the dawn of your forgiveness and redemption; for Jew and Gentile, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Mark 5

### Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' <sup>24</sup> So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' <sup>29</sup> Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup> He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'



<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



*Prayer:* Lord grant us courage to ask, and faith to believe.  
Amen

### Reflection from Revd Andrew Frearson

We have the evocative stories of 3 people from Mark's Gospel today, a woman with severe health problems and Jairus, and his sick daughter. The woman and Jairus both took a massive risk and leap of trust. Jairus, a leader of the Synagogue, could easily get into serious trouble for going to Jesus and the woman risked her life to reach out and touch the hem of Jesus' garment. It was against the law for her to touch him and she was also unclean in the culture of the day.

The irony of us being able to hear the stories this morning, is that Jesus himself here and at other times is recorded as telling everyone not to tell anyone about healings. He wanted them to be secret.

He knew people would inevitably focus on them rather than on his radical message of inclusivity and love.

The challenge for followers of Christ is to develop a questioning, testing and exploring faith as Jairus and the woman did, not taking the set answers of others.

This was also a growth moment for Jesus himself, daring to break the law and cultural norms. He was on a faith and trust journey himself.

Faith is a way of seeing things, understanding there is presence and potential for any time and place, to become sacred.

I suspect that many of us have seen examples where, out of rubble, beauty has continually grown.

It was all something about the way that Jesus treated and valued people; the awkward, the broken, high and low, that started it all. It is in the way we each treat and value people now that furthers his community of love.

**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 Linda Medwell*



Let us pray.  
Loving Lord hear us as we pray for ourselves, one another, for your church and for our needy world.

Loving Lord we pray for our churches and communities, may they be places within which we welcome, nurture, encourage and include one another and in which we do not tolerate stigma and prejudice. As we prepare to welcome Rachel and Paul help us, as a congregation, to affirm and encourage Rachel on this next step of her journey alongside us here in Tuffley.

Lord in your mercy...

Loving Lord, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations, for a fair distribution of the coronavirus vaccine, for food where there is hunger, for freedom where there is oppression, for joy where there is pain that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray that all leaders of all nations will work together to meet the challenges facing our world. We pray that the people in this country will continue to do what is right to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading more widely and having an adverse effect on our NHS.

Lord in your mercy...

Loving Lord we lift up to you today all those who are facing various illnesses, give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears and surround them with your peace.

Lord in your mercy...

Loving Lord we pray for those saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them either recently or at this time of year and for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. In a moment of silence let us hold them in our hearts and minds.

Silence...

Lord in your mercy...

Lord, help us to share your love and legacy with everyone we encounter this week. May we be your hand and feet to the needy, your word of affirmation to the oppressed and your arm of comfort to the lonely.

Merciful Father ...

*Offertory Hymn*

**Just as I am, without one plea**  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.



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**

**Amazing grace!**

How sweet the sound –  
 That saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found,  
 Was blind, but now I see.



'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
 And grace my fears relieved;  
 How precious did that grace appear  
 The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
 I have already come;  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we first begun.

**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 in URGENT NEED OF, LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, TINNED FRUIT, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO**  
**In addition they need donations of Tinned Fish, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Vegetables, Instant Mash, Cup-a-Soup, Single Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Nappies (Sizes 6 & 6+ only), Bars of Soap.**

*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 27 June – 4 July**

**In Memoriam:**

Sylvia Robinson 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, Pat, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, Angela, Clive, Margaret and Mark, Phil.

**Banns of Marriage:**

**1st calling at St George's of John Anthony O'Regan & Teresa May Clayton**  
**2nd calling at St George's of Philip Andrew Wilson & Natalie Patricia Mantle**

**Anniversaries of Death:**

Theresa Harrison, Jean Spicer, Gordon Clarke, Robert Swankie, Peter Hutson, Keith Robins, Charles Le-Strange, Audrey Baker, Robert Tiley, Ida Winkworth, Jayson Crandon, Doreen Carter, Connie Sallis.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Laura Mumby 27<sup>th</sup>, Millie Fox 30<sup>th</sup>, Malcolm Martin 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

## DIARY DATES

Sun 27			TRINITY 4 Ordination of Helen McGeoch
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Dot <b>Readers:</b> Sylvia E / Derek <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M
	3.00pm	SH	Private let
	4.30pm	MH	Private let
Mon 28	5.00pm	MH	Brownies 1
	6.00pm	MH	Brownies 2
Wed 30	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 1	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 2	1.30pm	St G's	Funeral for the late Sylvia Robinson RIP
Sun 4			TRINITY 5
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Jonathan T / Dot <b>Intercessions:</b> Sylvia C
	3.00pm	SH	Private let
	4.30pm	MH	Private let
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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

### APCMs

Just a reminder the **APCMs** for both St George's and St Margaret's will be held after the morning services at both churches on

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**ANNUAL REPORTS' PACK:** Now that the date of St George's and St Margaret's APCMs has been arranged the report pack covering most of 2020's activities has been produced. This includes, reports from Churchwardens, Treasurers and the Pioneer amongst others. You can pick up a pack from church or look at these documents on our website or if you have an email address, I can email a copy to you almost by return.  
Darrell

**100 CLUB DRAW:** The winners in the June Draw were: -

1st Prize Mark Stevens;  
2nd Prize Roger Meadows;  
3rd Prize Mark Barber.

Congratulations to this month's winner and many thanks to all who took part; next draw will be on Sunday 11 September.

**SERVICES**  
**THIS COMING WEEK**  
**Wednesday 30 June**  
**8.15am Morning Prayer on ZOOM**  
**Thursday 1 July**  
**10.30am Parish Communion**  
**at St Margaret's**  
**all are welcome**

**Next Sunday**  
**4 July**  
**10.30am Parish Communion at St George's**  
**with Sandra Miller**  
**10.30am Family Praise**  
**5.00pm Evensong**  
**both at St Margaret's**

**UP AND COMING MEETINGS**  
**Benefice Standing Committee**  
**4.00pm Tuesday 6 July**  
**4.00pm Tuesday 20 July**  
**4.00pm Tuesday 3 August**  
**All on ZOOM**

**Our APCMs**  
**will take place on**  
**SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021**  
**If you would like to be**  
**part of your new PCC...**  
**See Roger, Sylvia or Mike**