

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
1 August 2021**

TRINITY 9

**We welcome our new priest
Rev'd Rachel Beck**



God gives us many good gifts, as we are reminded in our readings today. In our Gospel reading, we hear of the best gift of all, Jesus, the bread of life.

We have been given the gift of the bread of life and all we are asked in return is to believe in God. The work of God, Jesus explains, is to believe in God who sent Jesus to us. We demonstrate our belief when we receive Holy Communion, and we receive Jesus, the bread of life.

Through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear about all the good gifts God has given to enable us to live in Christian community with one another and to equip us for the work of God in the world. We are called to bear with one another in love, and to build one another up – to encourage one another in faith.

Rachel

Today's service will not be on You Tube

After faithfully serving the benefice, particularly during Covid, Hans Rackham is taking a well-deserved holiday so neither today's service, nor the service planned for the 8th August will be available on You Tube.

Rev'd Rachel's Collation and Induction Service

The Service is available through the Church Website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk by clicking on the blue banner Or... if you have YouTube as a channel on your television search for **Hans Rackham** and you will be able to access the service that way.

To protect everyone,

Please wear a face mask
Sanitise your hands as you enter
Observe sensible social distancing indoors, and ...
You can now sing if you wish, but you must be wearing a mask.

Order of Service

Jesus the Bread of Life



Processional Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly;

The earth is not too low,

His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:

My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout,

No door can keep them out;

But above all, the heart

Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!



Prayer for Today

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ephesians 4 Unity in the Body of Christ

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift ⁸ Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?)

¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all

of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Prayer: Lord keep building us together in the unity of love till we measure up fully to Christ himself. Amen

Psalm 51 A prayer of repentance

I Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

5 So that you are justified in your sentence and righteous in your judgement.

6 I have been wicked even from my birth, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

10 Turn your face from my sins and blot out all my misdeeds.

11 Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me.

13 Give me again the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your gracious spirit.



Prayer: Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us; give us the sorrow that heals and the joy that praises and restore by grace your own image within us, that we may take our place among your people; In Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 6 The Bread from Heaven

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.' ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Prayer: Lord when we come to you with mixed motives, forgive us, and help us continually receive your gift of Jesus, our living bread. Amen

Reflection from Rev'd Rachel Beck

What wonderful readings for us this week as we begin the next phase of the journey here in Tuffley and Whaddon together. We hear in our Gospel reading the ultimate reason we are part of this community, because we believe in God. We do this through Jesus, who is the bread of life. This spiritual bread is the sustenance for the journey of life that compares to nothing else. Believing in Jesus gives us the hope we need in life; the true hope that lasts for eternity.

Sometimes in life it can be difficult to hold onto our belief and hope in Jesus, perhaps when tough times come for us and for others. The good news is that we are not called to sustain this belief alone, and in our own strength. Our belief is sustained through the strength of Jesus and through fellowship with one another. Christian community is crucial to our faith.





In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear how to help one another not only sustain our belief in Jesus, but also to grow in that belief, and to help others come to believe too. We have all been given different gifts by God, and every gift is needed for the community to flourish. We need each other.

Living alongside each other can be difficult since we are all different; uniquely made by God. If we look at Paul's words, we see how to live together well. We are called to relate to one another with humility, gentleness, patience, and to bear with one another in love. When we do this, we enable each other to use our gifts for the further building up of God's Church.

Let us commit ourselves afresh then, as we start out on this new phase of our journey together; to treat one another with gentleness and patience, to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, through the strength of Jesus.

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



Let us bring our prayers to God trusting that in his mercy and love he will welcome us, listen to us and invite us to be a part of his response to the needs of the world. We thank

you that Rachel has joined us here in Tuffley. Constantly remind us all that you who began all good work in us, will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy...

Creator God we pray for your creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world. We pray for our Queen Elizabeth and Government and all world leaders and the responsibilities that they have.

Lord in your mercy...

Lord we pray for our community here in Tuffley. We ask for your blessing on the residents of Podsmead Court and Duke of Beaufort Court for families in Podsmead Road and Badger Vale. May we as a community be rooted in your love and come to know your grace as you dwell in us.

Lord in your mercy...

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Hear now those we name before you who have asked for or are in need of healing prayer... and those known only to you.

Lord in your mercy...

Merciful God we thank you for those who have gone before us and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom. In silence we remember those recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Lord in your mercy...

Lord as we go out from here today we pray that in our dealings with others we may remember the words of your Son Jesus "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.

Merciful Father... Amen

Offertory Hymn

From Heaven You came, helpless babe

Entered our world, Your glory veiled

Not to be served, but to serve

And give Your life, that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering,
Of worship to, the Servant King*



*There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear,
His heart with sorrow was torn,
Yet not my will, but yours he said
Chorus*

*Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space,
To cruel nails surrendered
Chorus*

*So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthroned Him,
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving
Chorus*

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After the Rev'd Rachel 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 in silence with arms outstretched.
Please maintain social distance at all times.

Final Hymn:

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

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 until 11.30am.

The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF:- Any Tinned FRUIT, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO,**

In addition, they need donations of Tinned Fish, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Potatoes, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Single Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Toilet Rolls, Nappies (Sizes 6 & 6+ only).

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 1 – 8 August

In Memoriam:

Cecil Yapp, Janet Raybould 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, Phil, Margaret and Mark.

Anniversaries of Death:

Baby Stanley, Ken Dobbs, Bertha Wakefield, Fraser McDonald, Christine Shipley, Thomas James, Leslie Clayton, Deborah Cox, Evelyn Mackie, Paul Whittle, Bill Wootton, Charles Jude, Marion Russell, Comfort Woodcock, Valerie Nicastro, Charles Day, Malcolm Medcraft, Jeffrey Taylor, Brian Stait.

Banns of Marriage:

1st calling at St George's of Edward James Williams & Henrietta Frances Louise Leonard

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

The late Philip Brown 4th.

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

Robinswood Hill Summer Events Programme Minibeasts and Woodland Wildlife Family Event Wellbeing Wednesday

Wednesday 4th August 2021 from 11:00am until 3:00pm
Come and try different ways of looking after your physical and mental health in nature.

Be a Wildlife Super Hero

Monday 9th August 2021 from 11.00am until 3.00pm
Come and learn about and sample different ways you can take action for nature.

CiT 'Litter Pick' – 14th August at 11.30am Meeting at English Martyrs Car Park

Please note the new date and time of meeting as published in 'Crossroads' has changed.

CiT – St Barnabas Open Garden

Sunday 1st August from 2.00pm until 5.00pm
at 13 Firwood Gardens
£3.50 (inc. tea and cake)
In aid of St Barnabas Church funds.

CiT Picnic at English Martyrs

Sunday 22nd August at 2.00pm
This will be a shared meal so no charge
Everyone will be asked to book in advance
Sign-up sheets will be held by David Westcott
and Lorraine Best
Everyone welcome...especially children

DIARY DATES

Sun 1			TRINITY 9
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Stuart / Sylvia E Intercessions: Sylvia C
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Tue 3	7.00pm	St G's	Benefice Standing Committee
Wed 4	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 5	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 6	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sun 8			TRINITY 10
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Dot / Sylvia C Intercessions: Susan

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

We need your feedback on your views about Signpost.

Each week the church provides copies of Signpost which contain the scriptures, 3 hymns, intercessions and the Minister's reflection on their sermon, as well as items of news.

Prior to Covid hymns, intercessions and reflection were not included in Signpost.

So, we are asking for your views:

Do we retain the hymns, intercessions and reflection in Signpost or not?

Please let your views be known, during August, either in person or by email to: -

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