



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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
11 July 2021**

TRINITY 6

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



Today we celebrate 'Sea Sunday'. We will read storms can take many different forms. How do we react when we are in a storm? Paul's solution was contact with God. How else was he able to encourage over 270 people on that storm tossed ship, telling them 'not a hair on your head will perish'?

Today's Psalm is an expression of thankfulness and celebration of someone who compared their situation to finding relief from a storm tossed sea. The writer's 'desired haven' is believed to be Jerusalem, having returned from exile in Babylon.

The haven provided by the 'Good Samaritan' was love. In caring for this beaten, robbed and stripped traveller, he showed he understood Jesus' second command. As we face life's storms remember our haven is Jesus.

Pete Best

Today's service on YouTube

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 Jo Wetherall**

Processional Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy Word
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer for Today

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Acts 27 The Storm at Sea

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they sounded and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they sounded again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let out four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under pretence of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it go. ³³ As the day was about to dawn

Paul urged them to all take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food; it will give you strength, since not a hair is to perish from the head

of any of you.”³⁵ And when he had said this, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat.³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves.³⁷ (We were in all two hundred and seventy-six persons in the ship.)³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

The Shipwreck

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to bring the ship ashore.⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders; then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach.⁴¹ But striking a shoal they ran the vessel aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was broken up by the surf.⁴² The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape;⁴³ but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their purpose. He ordered those who could swim to throw themselves overboard first and make for the land,⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all escaped to land.

Paul on the Island of Malta

²⁸ After we had escaped, we then learned that the island was called Malta.² And the natives showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.

Prayer: Lord we can so easily shipwreck our lives. Help us to listen for Your ‘still small voice’ when we see turmoil around us. Amen

Psalm 107

Thanks for Deliverance from Many Troubles

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **for his steadfast love endures for ever!**

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, **whom he has redeemed from trouble**

3 and gathered in from the lands, **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

23 Some went down to the sea in ships, **doing business on the great waters;**

24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, **his wondrous works in the deep.**

25 For he commanded, and raised the stormy wind, **which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; **their courage melted away in their evil plight;**

27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men, **and were at their wits’ end.**

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress;**

29 he made the storm be still, **and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

30 Then they were glad because they had quiet, **and he brought them to their desired haven.**

31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, **for his wonderful works to the sons of men!**

32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, **and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

Prayer: O living Christ, rescue us from foolish passion and still the storms of our self-will; and, as you are our anchor in this life, so bring to us the haven you have prepared for us; for your mercy's sake. Amen

Luke 10 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?”²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.”²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.”²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, had compassion,³⁴ and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Prayer: The Good Samaritan showed he understood how to love his neighbour. Help us to recognise people who are struggling in life's stormy waters; where You are calling upon us to love our neighbour. Amen

Reflection from Revd Canon Adrian Slade

It is interesting how often scripture talks about a journey, and how all journeys are difficult - got from the familiar to the unknown. I suppose in these days of simple travel - London takes two hours, USA about 7 (apart from the hours at the airport waiting) - we have forgotten just how difficult trade could be.

To get to London in a horse drawn coach took three days, and the ever-present danger of footpads, accidents and bad weather could make it very difficult. Sailing to the USA by boat could take weeks - and that is if the captain knew the way!! In scripture journeys are always difficult - leaving your home security to go to another place.

Jonah meets his whale, Paul meets his storm, Jacob meets a battering angel, and the traveller from Jerusalem to Jericho meets bandits. Travel was dangerous. Travel by sea was a last resort - pirates, storms, losing your way - Paul was brave.

Travel by sea is still dangerous, although maybe in different ways. Pirates are still around, although we hear less about them today. Storms still cause havoc - a ship pushed up against a shore in Sri Lanka causing immense ecological damage - a sudden gust of wind closes the Suez Canal for days - a threat of blockade pushes petrol prices up.

And the sailors. It is not such a glamorous job. There are reports of ships abandoned by their owners in far distant ports and the crew are just left on board to fend for themselves. Accidents far out to sea with no medical help. Ships still fail.

All journeys are a step into the unknown, although we mostly take them for granted. All journeys need planning and can go adrift! All journeys are in the hand of God, and we don't know where they will end even if we get to the right destination.

Jonah finished his journey and much to his personal anger saved Nineveh. Paul saved the rest of the crew. Jacob's angel was a message of great hope. The traveller was cared for by total strangers. Not all journeys end so well, but all journeys are in the hand of God.

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 pray for our churches of St George's and St Margaret's and ask your blessing upon Rachel, our new vicar, as she prepares to begin her new life with us. Give her wisdom as she seeks to lead us forward and give all of us confidence to move into the new pastures to which you are calling us. As we look forward to sharing more activities, may we continue to reach out to those in the community around us, showing your love for all who live and work in the neighbourhood.

Gracious Lord, we pray for the leaders of our country, as they make decisions about the next steps in the reduction of restrictions. Grant them wisdom and humility as they balance the different needs of the various sections of society, and may they care for all and not just one group of people. We pray especially for those who have been particularly badly affected by the virus, those who have lost loved ones, those who have been ill, those whose reduced income have made them dependent on others for assistance and ask they will not be forgotten.

Loving Lord, we pray for ourselves. As we look forward to a new week, with all the challenges we shall face, may we be ever conscious that you are with us. When we face particular difficulties and fears, remind us that you are there by our side. We bring to you all those who are closest to us and ask that they too may be aware of your presence with them and your loving arms around them. Fill us with your love, so that we are able to share it with all those who we meet, so that we can truly love our neighbours as you commanded us to do.

Offertory 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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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 silently with arms outstretched.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn:

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind,
And the heart of the eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be illumined
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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 11 – 18 July

In Memoriam:

Sylvia (Robbie) Robinson, Pearl Jones 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, Margaret and Mark, Phil.

Banns of Marriage:

2nd calling at St George's of

Timothy John Benedict Robertson & Kelly Joanne James

3rd calling at St George's of John Anthony O'Regan & Teresa May Clayton

2nd calling at St Margaret's of

Kai William Connolly & Abigail Sarah Raeside

Anniversaries of Death:

Ann Smith, Terrence Maley, Elizabeth Townsend, Dennis Freeman, Lorraine Morgan, Mary Guest, Raymond Locke, Edna Duncan, Kim Williams, Christabel Hutchins, Cynthia Warwick, Kathleen Wotton, Joy Dean, Edna Crawford, Clarice Blewitt.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Hans Rackham 11th, Sylvia Chamberlain 13th,

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

Rachel's Collation and Induction Monday 26th July

There is a list at each church for those who would like to come to Rachel's Induction service. It starts at 7.00pm, but we are asking people to be in church by 6.50pm.

We are arranging the seating on the basis of the present restrictions, but we believe that we will be able to accommodate all who would like to come. However, we do need to have names of attenders, and there will be a seating plan.

If you have any questions, do please speak to one of the wardens.

We need your help... To help make Rachel's Collation & Induction service a memorable one for her we need your help at St George's.

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church on the afternoon of **Wednesday 21st July from 2.00pm until 4.00pm**; We will be cleaning windows, silverware and carpets. Please let the Wardens know if you are available.

DIARY DATES

Sun 11			TRINITY 6
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion followed by APCM
	1030am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by APCM Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Linda M / Joceline Intercessions: Susan
Mon 12	5.00pm	MH	Brownies 1
	6.00pm	MH	Brownies 2
Tue 13			Crossroads deadline
Wed 14	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 15	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sat 17	10.00am		Litter Pick meeting at St Barnabas Car Park
Sun 18			TRINITY 7
	1030am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: David/Sylvia C Intercessions: Derek
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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

A THANK YOU from Laura Mumby for all the lovely cards and good wishes received on her birthday.

***** Please note the changed date, time and venue for the Litter Pick from that shown in Crossroads *****

**Church in Tuffley – Litter Pick
Saturday 17th July – 10.00am
meeting at St Barnabas Church Car Park**

Church in Tuffley Refresh Worship; Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.30pm

Worship with our brothers and sisters from St George's, St Margaret's, English Martyrs RC church and Grange Baptist Church at St Barnabas Church, Stroud Road at 7.30pm. Our theme will be "sharing the good news of Jesus".