

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

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



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

TRINITY 8

**We welcome our visiting priest
Archdeacon Hilary**

Paul uses the word 'power' three times in the space of seven words from the Ephesians reading. He is speaking of the power of God working in us. Through that power we can (but don't always manage to) do wonderful things in his name. We must be guided by the Spirit, and by God's word (verses 16 and 18).

In the Gospel we see the miraculous power of Jesus at work, in the familiar episode of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Let us salute the unnamed boy who gives up his own food and thus enables everyone to be fed.

In a world where greed and cruelty seem to dominate the news, may we let God's power rule our actions... for the good of others.

Jonathan

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.

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

**Next week we welcome
our new Vicar Rev'd Rachel Beck**

**Rachel's Collation and Induction
Monday 26th July at 7pm**

We are arranging the seating on the basis of the present restrictions, but we believe we will be able to accommodate all who would like to come.

The service starts at 7pm, but **we ask you are seated no later than 6.50pm**

Order of Service

The Power at Work



Processional Hymn

**O worship the King all glorious
above;**

O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm..

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Prayer for Today

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair;
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ephesians 3 Prayer for the Readers

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your love, way beyond our understanding. Amen

Psalm 14

1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is no one that does good.

2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth, **to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.**

3 But every one has turned back; **all alike have become corrupt: there is none that does good; no, not one.**

4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, **who eat up my people as if they ate bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 There shall they be in great fear; **for God is in the company of the righteous.**

6 Though they would confound the counsel of the poor, **yet the Lord shall be their refuge.**

7 O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Prayer: God of heaven, look with mercy on all who are consumed by ignorance and greed, and let the children of earth know that you are God for ever. Amen

John 6 Feeding the Five Thousand

¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake. ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Prayer: Lord thank you that even our little can be transformed into so much when given to you. Amen

Reflection from Archdeacon Hilary

This is the final weekend of your vacancy. Thank you for all that has happened in this time. For the dedication of church wardens and PCCs. For all those who have enabled the life and worship of the churches not just to continue, but flourish. For the prayers and faithfulness of every single one of you. None of that stops now. Rachel is not coming to work alone but to be amongst you as your priest and leader. To love you, as you will love her. To be with you so that, together, you can continue to share the love of God in this place. A new chapter in the story of God and the people of St Margaret's and St George's is about to be written. We don't yet know what that chapter will look like, but I do know this. It will build on what has gone before but will be different from the past. God is always doing a new thing. And that new thing will be about all of you, the friends who live around you, and the strangers you have yet to become friends. Whatever happens in this next chapter will be about the whole crowd of witnesses here in Tuffley and Whaddon.

As we look to the future, especially in these uncertain and challenging times, we know that our vision can become limited by what we believe is *humanly* possible. We can become focused on what we don't have, rather than on the abundant blessings God has given us. We must never limit our vision or lose our expectation that God will do miracles both great and small amongst us. And we must never stop noticing and being thankful for the miracles both great and small that God *has* done and is doing amongst us.

So how do we grow in trust and expectation? The answer lies in this miracle of multiplication. We are to keep our gaze unwaveringly on Jesus who is at the heart of all things. We are to listen carefully to his questions and prompts and then join in with what he is doing. In this miracle Jesus gathers up the people around him. He gathers up all that they are, everything they bring and everything they do. And he transforms it all into something wonderful. And please notice that there is a child at the heart of this. The miracle is only possible because of the child. Our flourishing as Christian communities is only possible when people of all ages know they are not only welcome, but essential, for the growth and health of God's kingdom on earth. Everything you do in this place matters – praying day by day, being on the PCC, caring for the buildings,

working with young people, leading worship, providing hospitality, feeding the hungry, caring for the local community. And when it is all valued and woven together, it doesn't just keep the church going but has the potential to bring wonderful kingdom miracles of transformation, large and small.

In the days to come you and Rachel will worship together, keeping your eyes on Jesus and being faithful in prayer. You will discern where God is leading you, what you are going to lay down, what you are going to continue and what you are going to embrace. And you will work out how to feed these communities of Tuffley and Whaddon, and one another, with love, friendship and good news.

A final postscript. If some days feel bumpy or fractious or stormy, or when we feel alone in the boat and think we might be charting the wrong course, it is often because we have lost sight of Jesus. These are the moments that God calls us to lift up our eyes. When we do, we see him walking towards us, hands outstretched and we return to him in prayer, ask his forgiveness and hear his words of comfort: 'do not be afraid'. And we recall and know the height, breadth and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

As we welcome Rachel, giving great thanks for her, and in this time of new beginnings, we pray:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Lorraine Best

Heavenly Father of all. We bow our knees before you in our hearts. We praise you for all You are and thank You that You created us in your image and named us as your children. We worship Your glory revealed in Your Son, Jesus our Saviour, and Your glory revealed in the Holy Spirit.

Father of all, hear Your children's prayer.

Father of all. We pray for each other that we may be strengthened in our inner being with Your power. That we may be rooted and grounded in love as Christ dwells in our hearts through faith. May we be filled with all the fulness of You and know the breadth, length, height and depth of Your love.

Father of all, hear Your children's prayer.

Father of all. We pray for our sister Rev'd Rachel Beck as she takes up her position as our Vicar tomorrow. We thank you for her and ask that you will bless her as she ministers to us. We ask too that we will be faithful in supporting, encouraging and praying for her and her husband Paul.

Father of all, hear Your children's prayer.

Father of all. We pray for brothers and sisters whom we know are living with illness, incapacity, isolation or grief. In silence, we name them before you in our hearts now....

Father of all, hear Your children's prayer.

Father of all. We pray for everyone who lives or works within our two parishes. We pray for our 'Church in Tuffley' partners, our Deanery and our Diocese. May we Your church be salt and light to everyone we meet throughout the coming week.

Father of all, hear Your children's prayer.

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, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without,
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 (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
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 Archdeacon 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:

How lovely on the mountains

Are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news;
Proclaiming peace,
Announcing news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

*Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!*

You watchmen lift
Your voices joyfully as one.
Shout for your king, your king.
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion.
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Chorus

Waste places of Jerusalem
Break forth with joy;
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved
And comforted his people.
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Chorus

Ends of the earth,
See the salvation of your God.
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations
He has bared His holy arm.
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Chorus x 2

News 25July – 1 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, Margaret and Mark, Phil.

Anniversaries of Death:

Hubert (Bob) Hill, Reginald Summers, Hazel Mumby, Dorothy Arnold, Philip Brown, Trevor Watts, Mary Priday, Marjorie Griffiths, Frank Boulton, Eileen Huggins, Gordon Lewis, Jan Tate, Maxwell Nash, Ruby Lodge, Ken Dobbs, Norman Hacker, baby Stanley, Fraser McDonald, Bertha Wakefield, Christine Shipley.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Philip & Linda Brown would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on 25th.

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**

Tuesday 27 July 2021 | 1.00am until 3.00pm

Learn about the wildlife & invertebrates,
and build a bug hotel.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Wednesday 4th August 2021 | 1.00am until 3.00pm

Come and try different ways of looking after your physical and mental health in nature.

DIARY DATES

Sun 25			TRINITY 8 Crossroads available
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Derek/Susan Intercessions: Linda M
	4.00pm	SH	Private Let
Mon 26	7.00pm	St G's	Collation & Induction of the Rev'd Rachel Beck (Please be seated no later than 6.50pm)
Wed 28	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	12.30pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Cecil Yapp RIP followed by burial in Coney Hill Cemetery
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 29	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	11.30am	St M's	Interment of Ashes for the late Vaughan Tomlinson RIP
	4.00pm	MH	Private Let (TBC)
Fri 30	2.00pm	Crem	Funeral for the late Janet Raybould RIP
	2.30pm	St G's	Quiet Prayer Group
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

St G's = St George's St M's = St Margaret's
Z = Zoom Crem = Crematorium
MH = Main Hall & SH = Small Hall of Centre

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:-**
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).

