

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

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



**Sunday worship and weekly news
5 September 2021**

**Trinity 14
Welcome**

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Minister Rachel or one of our Church Wardens, (Mike or Sylvia at St George's) (Jonathan or Hans at St Margaret's) or the door steward. If visiting St George's, please join us for tea/coffee after the 10.30am service. Both churches are fitted with an inductive loop; to hear the service better those with hearing aids should switch them to the appropriate setting.

Today's service on YouTube

The service can be accessed from the church website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk on Sunday evening.

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.

Although restrictions are easing...

Covid is still with us. If we are to continue to see a reduction in the effect Covid is having on us we ask you to voluntarily stay at home if you feel unwell.

Tea or Coffee after the Service.

Tea/Coffee will be served after the 10.30am service in the Main Hall. While waiting to be served please wear a mask until you are seated. If you are happy to join a tea/coffee rota, please speak to Mike Brammer.

Pioneering and outreach in the community

It would be good to spend some time looking at the map of our benefice to identify where we already have links in the community, and to explore ideas for further involvement. If you would like to be part of this conversation, please speak to Rachel, Pete or Lorraine. A time will then be arranged to suit everyone who is interested.

Order of Service

In Christ we are all equal

The hymns listed below are for the service at St George's

For the healing of the nations

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation



Prayer for Today

Merciful God,

your Son came to save us

and bore our sins on the cross:

may we trust in your mercy

and know your love,

rejoicing in the righteousness

that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings (See below)

James 1:17-end, Psalm 125,

Mark 7:1-8, 14,15, 21-23

Sermon – Rev'd Rachel

Declaration of faith

Intercessions

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

News – 5 – 12 September

Memorial service for the late Ruby Jenkins

Ruby's daughter, Christine, is arranging a memorial service for the late Ruby Jenkins on Sunday 12 September at 12.30pm with refreshments in St George's Centre afterwards. But she would like to know just how many of Ruby's friends were likely to attend. Please let Glenda know if you would like to support Ruby's family at this service by either phoning the church office on 01452 307456, please leave a message on the answerphone if Glenda isn't there or email Glenda on stgeorgeschurch1@gmail.com

Thank you

St George's PCC is looking for a Church Centre cleaner to help Jill, whilst her sister Margaret remains unwell. We are looking for someone who can work alongside Jill for a couple of hours a day, Monday to Friday, especially as the regular users of St George's Centre, start to return and the Centre gets busier. Please see Darrell, Chair of St George's Centre Management Committee, if you are interested or know

someone who is interested; or ring him on 01452 410507 or email ds52604@gmail.com
Thank you

Readings for Sunday 5th September James 2 Warning against Partiality

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Prayer: Lord, in your love for all, keep challenging us when our faith isn't demonstrated through our actions. Amen

Psalm 125

¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, **which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

² As the hills stand about Jerusalem, **so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.**

³ The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway **over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.**

⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, **and to those who are true of heart.**

⁵ Those who turn aside to crooked ways **the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; but let there be peace upon Israel.**

Prayer: God of power, you are strong to save and you never fail those who trust in you; keep us under your protection and spread abroad your reign of peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark 7 A Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Prayer: Lord thank you for never losing sight of anyone in need. Help us to pray boldly for your intervention; to bring boldly our friends for your healing; and to speak boldly of what we know of Your power at work. Amen

News 5 – 12 September

In Memoriam:

Ruby Jenkins, Margaret Rowell RIP

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Pat, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, Angela, Margaret and Mark, Phil.

Baptismal services at St Margaret's

12.00noon - Millie Elizabeth Catherine Pardey

1.30pm - Freddie John King

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sylvia Evans 8th.

Anniversaries of Death:

Barbara Hellaby, Glenice Hern, May Milns, Maud East, Jackie Oates, Patricia Taylor, Chris Stonham, John Franklin, Charles Mann, Grenville Chapman, Darren Beale, Mary Stewart, Emily Wilson, Ella Barber, George Williams, Lelia Reynolds, William Steer, Avril Smith.

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

❖ 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, TINNED FRUIT, DEODORANT and SHAMPOO**

Thank you!

Tuesday Holy Communion and Coffee Pot at St George's

From Tuesday 7th September, there will be a said service of Holy Communion at St George's at 10.00am, and Coffee Pot will run from 10.00am until 12.00noon in St George's Centre. This will be for a trial period during September and October (if allowed by any further Covid guidance and restrictions). A decision about the future of both will be taken by the PCC in November.

If you can offer any help in setting up or clearing away for Coffee Pot, please speak to Mike Brammer or Jill.

The Mothers' Union has obviously been unable to meet since March 2020 and it will be really good to get back to our monthly meetings from September. We will not have a programme organised for this year, but hopefully we will be able to have speakers again in 2022. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14th at 2.30 p.m. in the small hall when we will get together for a chat with tea & biscuits. I hope all our members are well and looking forward to enjoying some faith, fellowship and fun once again with MU.

Our meetings are open to everyone so please feel free to come along. You will be made very welcome.

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The Administration office is open on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. 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).



DIARY DATES

Sun 5			TRINITY 14
	10.30am	St M's	Family Praise
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Sylvia C/Stuart Intercessions: Derek
	12 noon	St M's	Baptism
	1.30pm	St M's	Baptism
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Tue 7	10.00am	MH	Coffee Pot
Wed 8	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World session
Thu 9	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	7.30pm	SH/SL	Charter Band
Fri 9	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 11			Ride & Stride
Sun 12			TRINITY 15
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by 100 Club Draw Crucifer: Roger Readers: Sylvia E/David Intercessions: Susan
	12.30pm	St G's	Memorial Service for the late Ruby Jenkins Please let Glenda know if you are able to attend the service.

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's, MH/SH/SL = Main Hall, Small Hall & Softley Lounge.