

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Or **Genesis 45:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 67

R Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,

your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples
righteously and govern the nations
upon earth.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL (Short or long reading)

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides

of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of
the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of
St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon
Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'

Welcome to all
Diary Dates from 20th to 27th August

Sun 20	TRINITY 11		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage Crucifer: Jayne Readers: David/Sylvia C Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Joceline
	12.30pm	St G's	Baptisms of Gemma Louise Gardner & Alana Louise Gardner- Michael
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 21	9.00am	MH	Holiday Club set up
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 22	9.30am	MH	Holiday Club
			No Coffee Pot
			No Parish Communion
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 23	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	MH	Holiday Club
Thu 24	9.30am	MH	Holiday Club
	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 25	9.00am	MH	Holiday Club clear up
	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sun 27	TRINITY 12		
	September crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Stuart / Dot Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Dot / Sylvia
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall of Centre, SH = Small Hall,
SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel,
GB = Grange Baptist.

FOODBANK

❖ Keep bringing items for the Foodbank on a Sunday.
Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church.
The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF LONG-LIFE
FRUIT JUICE (not chilled), TINNED VEGETABLES,
TINNED CUSTARD, NAPPIES Sizes 5&6**
Thank you!

Art Group

Interested meeting to do some amateur painting, and learning from one another in a relaxed, friendly environment. There will be a trial period on Thursdays during September from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in the Small Hall. Everyone is welcome. To know more please talk to Paul or Angela.

Intercessions: We pray for Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Sheila, Johanna, Steve, Wendy, Terry, James, Ann, Bert, Joyce.

Birthdays: Darrell Stevens 20th.

In Memoriam: William Sollars, Kenneth Wing RIP

Anniversaries of Death: Beatrice Martin, David Brownjohn, Violet Meadows, Dennis Evans.

If you would like your birthday/anniversary mentioned on Signpost, please see Glenda. Thank you!

Hymns at St George's: 662, 419, 195, 332

Let Us Entertain you this September

In the main hall on Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm.
More information soon!

Discussion Group

On Wednesday afternoons, from 13th September to 4th October at 2.00pm in, The Lady Chapel, Rev Mark invites us to consider questions posed (through the question box) about the Creeds. More detail to follow in September's Crossroads,

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September 2023; from 10.00am until 12.00noon in the main hall of St George's Centre. What can I do to help? There are more details at the back of St George's and a sign-up form. Cash donations if you are unable to join us. Darrell and Glenda are happy to co-ordinate this fund raiser with your help. **ALL** proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please remember there is no Coffee Pot or Parish Communion on Tuesday.

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We are part of the Church in Tuffley

