

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than  
we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire  
or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which  
we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 51:1-6

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, you that pursue  
righteousness, you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were  
hewn, and to the quarry from which  
you were dug. Look to Abraham your  
father and to Sarah who bore you; for  
he was but one when I called him, but  
I blessed him and made him many.  
For the LORD will comfort Zion; he  
will comfort all her waste places, and  
will make her wilderness like Eden; her  
desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people, and give heed  
to me, my nation; for a teaching will  
go out from me, and my justice for a  
light to the peoples. I will bring near  
my deliverance swiftly, my salvation  
has gone out and my arms will rule  
the peoples; the coastlands wait for  
me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up  
your eyes to the heavens, and look at  
the earth beneath; for the heavens will  
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear  
out like a garment, and those who live  
on it will die like gnats; but my salvation  
will be for ever, and my deliverance will  
never be ended.

Or **Exodus 1:8 – 2:10**

## PSALM Psalm 138

**R** *Your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
endures for ever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with  
my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.  
I will bow down towards your holy  
temple and praise your name, because  
of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you  
answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise  
you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your  
mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.  
Though the Lord be high, he watches  
over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them  
from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against  
the fury of my enemies; your right  
hand will save me.  
The Lord shall make good his purpose  
for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures  
for ever; forsake not the work of your  
hands. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers  
and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living  
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. Do not  
be conformed to this world, but be  
transformed by the renewing of your  
minds, so that you may discern what  
is the will of God – what is good and  
acceptable and perfect. For by the  
grace given to me I say to everyone  
among you not to think of yourself  
more highly than you ought to think,

but to think with sober judgement, each  
according to the measure of faith that  
God has assigned. For as in one body  
we have many members, and not all  
the members have the same function,  
so we, who are many, are one body in  
Christ, and individually we are members  
one of another. We have gifts that differ  
according to the grace given to us:  
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry,  
in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;  
the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in  
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the  
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district  
of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his  
disciples, "Who do people say that the  
Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some  
say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,  
and still others Jeremiah or one of the  
prophets." He said to them, "But who  
do you say that I am?" Simon Peter  
answered, "You are the Messiah, the  
Son of the living God." And Jesus  
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon  
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has  
not revealed this to you, but my Father  
in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not prevail  
against it. I will give you the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you  
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will  
be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly  
ordered the disciples not to tell anyone  
that he was the Messiah.

## POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our  
sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in  
Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken  
world,  
in the name of 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 27<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September

|        |   |               |  |
|--------|---|---------------|--|
| Sun 27 | <b>TRINITY 12</b>                           |               |  |
|        | <b>September Crossroads available today</b> |               |  |
|        | <b>9.00am</b>                               | <b>St M's</b> | <b>Parish communion</b>  |
|        | <b>10.30am</b>                              | <b>St G's</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b><br><b>Crucifer:</b> Mark B<br><b>Readers:</b> Stuart / Dot<br><b>Intercessions:</b> Sylvia C<br><b>Coffee:</b> Dot / Sylvia                        |
|        | <b>10.30am</b>                              | <b>GB</b>     | <b>Messy Church</b>  |
|        | <b>4.30pm</b>                               | <b>SH</b>     | Charles Igbo meeting   |
| Tue 29 | <b>9.30am</b>                               | <b>SH</b>     | Coffee Pot   |
|        | <b>10.00am</b>                              | <b>St G's</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>  |
|        | <b>8.00pm</b>                               | <b>MH</b>     | Karate   |
| Wed 30 | <b>8.15am</b>                               | <b>Zoom</b>   | <b>Morning Prayer</b>  |
|        | <b>3.30pm</b>                               | <b>MH</b>     | Slimming World also at<br>5.00pm & 6.30pm  |
|        | <b>7.00pm</b>                               | <b>SL</b>     | Gardening Club Cttee   |
| Thu 31 | <b>10.30am</b>                              | <b>St M's</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b>  |
|        | <b>1.30pm</b>                               | <b>Crem</b>   | Funeral for William<br>Ronald Sollars RIP  |
| Fri 1  | <b>7.30pm</b>                               | <b>MH</b>     | Entertainers   |
| Sat 2  | <b>10.00am</b>                              | <b>MH</b>     | Karate   |
|        | <b>10.00am</b>                              | <b>St G's</b> | Church Cleaning  |
| Sun 3  | <b>TRINITY 13</b>                           |               |  |
|        | <b>10.30am</b>                              | <b>St G's</b> | <b>Parish Communion</b><br>followed by coffee<br><b>Crucifer:</b> Dot<br><b>Readers:</b><br>Susan / Jonathan T<br><b>Intercessions:</b> Paul<br><b>Coffee:</b> Sue / Linda |
|        | <b>2.00pm</b>                               | <b>St G's</b> | Troy & Gillian wedding   |
|        | <b>5.00pm</b>                               | <b>St M's</b> | <b>Evensong</b>  |

**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, Crem = Crematorium.**

### 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 MILK (not chilled), PACKET MASH, JARS of COOKING SAUCE, SHAMPOO.** Thank you!

### Art Group

All are welcome to a new art group from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, from 2.00pm until 4.00pm, in the Small Hall - for more details speak to Paul or Angela.

**Fun and Free Tuesdays** - there will be a gathering for all volunteers on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, from 2.00pm until 3.30pm (please do come if you can - there will be cake!) and then F&F will start again 1.30pm to 4.30pm from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

### Intercessions

**We pray for** Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, Steve, Wendy, Terry, James, Bert, Joyce, Peter, June, Eric

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Gloria & Bruce Wiggall celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### In Memoriam:

William Sollars, Kenneth Wing RIP

### Anniversaries of Death:

Anne Waite, Alan Deeley, Margaret Bruton, Margaret Rowel, Charles Meadows.

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

**Hymns at St George's:** 144, 67, 60, 429.

### Let Us Entertain you this September

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

### Discussion Group

On Wednesday afternoons, starting on 13<sup>th</sup> September until 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Sept Crossroads,

### Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Margaret's Open Day Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.00am to 3.00pm:** All welcome. If you wish to help, please phone Jonathan on 07443 487043. Sadly, there will be no refreshments. Toilets can be found courtesy of Pound Farm Shop.

**Huge thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with** our Holiday Club this week, it was a fantastic week with the children not only learning about God's love through the Bible stories but also experiencing God's love through your warm welcome and care. What a wonderful team, thank you!

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