

Sunday

1 October 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Either **Ezekiel 18:1-4. 25-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me:
What do you mean by repeating this
proverb concerning the land of Israel,
"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and
the children's teeth are set on edge"? As
I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb
shall no more be used by you in Israel.
Know that all lives are mine; the life of
the parent as well as the life of the child
is mine: it is only the person who sins
that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of
the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house
of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your
ways that are unfair? When the righteous
turn away from their righteousness and
commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for
the iniquity that they have committed
they shall die. Again, when the wicked
turn away from the wickedness they have
committed and do what is lawful and
right, they shall save their life. Because
they considered and turned away from
all the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they
shall not die. Yet the house of Israel
says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O
house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it
not your ways that are unfair? Therefore
I will judge you, O house of Israel, all
of you according to your ways, says the
Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your
transgressions; otherwise iniquity will
be your ruin. Cast away from you all the
transgressions that you have committed
against me, and get yourselves a new
heart and a new spirit! Why will you die,
O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure
in the death of anyone, says the Lord
GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Or **Exodus 17:1-7**



Re - mem - ber, Lord, your com - pas - sion and love.

PSALM Psalm 25:1-8

R Remember, Lord, your compassion
and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to
shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and
frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion
and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness,
O Lord,
according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the
way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in
Christ, any consolation from love, any
sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and
sympathy, make my joy complete: be of
the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind. Do
nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better
than yourselves. Let each of you look not
to your own interests, but to the interests
of others. Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he
was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking
the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human
form, he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death – even
death on a cross. Therefore God also
highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, so that
at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, and every tongue should

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father. Therefore, my
beloved, just as you have always obeyed
me, not only in my presence, but much
more now in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and trembling; for
it is God who is at work in you, enabling
you both to will and to work for his good
pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief
priests and the elders of the people came
to him as he was teaching, and said,
"By what authority are you doing these
things, and who gave you this authority?"
Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you
one question; if you tell me the answer,
then I will also tell you by what authority
I do these things. Did the baptism of
John come from heaven, or was it of
human origin?" And they argued with
one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,'
he will say to us, 'Why then did you not
believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human
origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for
all regard John as a prophet." So they
answered Jesus, "We do not know." And
he said to them, "Neither will I tell
you by what authority I am doing these
things. What do you think? A man had
two sons; he went to the first and said,
'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'
He answered, 'I will not'; but later he
changed his mind and went. The father
went to the second and said the same;
and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did
not go. Which of the two did the will
of his father?" They said, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the
tax-collectors and the prostitutes are
going into the kingdom of God ahead
of you. For John came to you in the
way of righteousness and you did not
believe him, but the tax-collectors and
the prostitutes believed him; and even
after you saw it, you did not change your
minds and believe him."

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to
all good works;
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 1st to 8th October

Sun 1	TRINITY 17		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Roger Readers: Sylvia E / David Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Stella / Kath
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Mon 2	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm		Brownies – Town Trail
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.00pm	SL	Mondays at Six
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 3	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	11.00am	Crem	Funeral of William (Bill) Ford RIP
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 4	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Discussion Group
Thu 5	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 6	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 7	10.00am	St G's	Church Cleaning
	7.00pm	MH	Harvest Supper
Sun 8	HARVEST / TRINITY 18		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Sylvia E / David Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: tbc
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise

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,

A 'Light Party' for families will be held on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. Please collect small jam jars to hold night lights and we are asking for volunteers to help with games, activities & snacks. Please see Rachel or Laine.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 9th December from 12.00 noon until 3.00pm at St George's; please read the article in October's Crossroads and let us have you **comments and suggestions by 7th October, please.**

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for ...

Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, Bert, Wendy, Terry, James, Joyce, Peter, June, Eric, Janet, Carolyn, Gill, Albert, Susan, Sophie & family, Andrew, Hans, George, Jenny.

In Memoriam:

Jennifer Perris, William (Bill) Ford. RIP

Anniversaries of Death:

Irene Livesey, Cynthia Woodruff, Lionel Harrison, Philip Parker.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Kim Westcott 1st, Jenny Morris 5th, and Joe & Marlene Thomas celebrate a wedding anniversary on 3rd.

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

Hymns at St George's: 364, 44, Jesus Christ I think upon your sacrifice (video) and 477.

Discussion Group

Our final group meets on Wednesday **4th October at 2.00pm** in the Lady Chapel, Rev Mark invites us to consider questions posed (through the question box) about the Creeds.

Harvest Supper tickets now on sale! **Saturday 7th October at 7.00pm**, two course meal £18. For tickets and menu choices please speak to Sylvia or Dot at St George's, or Lorraine at St Margaret's. Please do come if you can.

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, JARS of COOKING SAUCE, TOOTHBRUSHES (singles & multiples & children's)** Thank you!

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am.

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