

### COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Genesis 50:15-21

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Or **Exodus 14:19-20**

### PSALM Psalm 103:1-13

[or 103:8-13]

**R** *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his  
holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits; **R**

Who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;  
Who redeems your life from the Pit  
and crowns you with faithful love and  
compassion; **R**

Who satisfies you with good things,  
so that your youth is renewed like  
an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed. **R**

He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
[The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.  
He has not dealt with us according to  
our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our  
wickedness. **R**

For as the heavens are high above  
the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who  
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who  
fear him.] **R**

### SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So

then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

### POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human  
frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things  
hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation;  
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 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September

Sun 17	TRINITY 15		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: David Readers: Paul/Linda Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Dianne/Erna
	12.30pm	St G's	Shelby Teague Baptism
	3.00pm	St M's	Churchyard Service
Mon 18	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 19	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 20	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	2.00pm	LC	Discussion Group
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	St G's	Refresh
Thu 21	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 22	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 23	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 24	TRINITY 16		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Joceline/Stuart Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sylvia /Dot
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo

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.

## Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023; from 10.00am until 12.00 noon in the main hall of St George's Centre. What can I do to help? There is more information on posters and in Crossroads. Cash donations are welcomed if you are unable to join us.

Darrell and Glenda are co-ordinating this fund raiser.

## Intercessions

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Jill Ponter 22<sup>nd</sup>, David and Sylvia Evans celebrate their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**In Memoriam:** Jennifer Perris RIP

**Anniversaries of Death:** Sheila Stephens.

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

**Hymns at St George's:** 408, 202, City on a hill (video), 249.

**Discussion Group:** On Wednesday afternoons, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00pm in the Lady Chapel, Rev Mark invites us to consider questions posed (through the question box) about the Creeds. More details are in September's Crossroads,

**100 Club:** In our latest draw the lucky winners were: Finley Stevens (£30), Roger Meadows (£20) and Sue Bailey (£10). Congratulations to this month's draw winners, don't forget if you would like to be part of this quarterly draw, please see Darrell.

❖ 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), JARS of COOKING SAUCE, TINNED CUSTARD, DEODORANT** Thank you!

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We are part of the Church in Tuffley

