Suncay 15 October 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

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 Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Or Exodus 32:1-14

PSALM Psalm 23

R I will dwell your house for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. R

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R

SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these

things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves. maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service 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 15th to 22nd October

	TI	RINITY 19
10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Dot / Paul Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Erna / Dianne
12.30pm	St G's	Baptism of Gracie May Newport
5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
5.00pm	MH	Brownies
6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
6.00pm	SL	Mondays @ 6
7.15pm	MH	Guides
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
8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
		Phonics with Robot Reg
3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Ctte
7.30pm	GB	Refresh
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
	MH	Entertainers
10.00am		Karate
TRINITY 20		
9.00am		Parish Communion
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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 can you volunteer to help with games, activities & snacks. Please see Rachel or Laine.

Christmas Fair: remember to get your thoughts and suggestions to the Fairs' Organising Group as soon as possible.

Let Me Entertain You This Christmas: is well into the planning, and will take place on Saturday 2^{nd} December at 7.30pm, tickets will be available shortly from Darrell and Glenda at £5.00 each proceeds to St George's Church.

INTERCESSIONS: We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name: Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, Bert. Wendy, Terry, James, Peter, June, Eric, Janet, Susan, Sophie & family, Andrew, Hans, George, Jenny, Chris, Selina, and family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Brenda Meadows 21st.

Anniversaries of Death: Paul Mowatt, Carol Close, Frederick Maysey.

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

Hymns at St G's: All are welcome (video), 752, 10,000 reasons, 689,

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), TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FISH, SHOWER GEL.** Thank you.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning: over £550.00 has been donated so far. The Grey Bucket may not be out at the back of St George's, but you can still give a donation to Glenda, Darrell or David and it will be included.

Art Group: Following the trial, it has been decided that the art group will run weekly till the end of November. Please do come along any Thursday 2.00pm until 4.00pm in the Small Hall.

Time to Remember: This service to remember our departed loved ones will be at **St George's on 29**th **October at 3.00pm**. It is a joint Church in Tuffley service. Please write down the names you would like remembered on the sheet at the back of either church.

Puss In Boots: Tickets are available from Glenda and Darrell in person or from the Church Office, please see elsewhere for Office opening times.

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

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

