

Sunday

22 October 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your
Church:
by the Spirit's gift equip us to live the
gospel of Christ and make us eager to
do your will,
that we may share with the whole
creation the joys of eternal life;
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 45:1-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to
Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip
kings of their robes, to open doors
before him – and the gates shall not be
closed: I will go before you and level
the mountains, I will break in pieces the
doors of bronze and cut through the
bars of iron, I will give you the treasures
of darkness and riches hidden in secret
places, so that you may know that it is
I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call
you by your name. For the sake of my
servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I
call you by your name, I surname you,
though you do not know me. I am the
LORD, and there is no other; besides me
there is no god. I arm you, though you
do not know me, so that they may know,
from the rising of the sun and from the
west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other. I
form light and create darkness, I make
weal and create woe; I the LORD do all
these things.

Or **Exodus 33:12-end**

PSALM Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

R *O worship the Lord in the beauty
of holiness.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples. **R**

For great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are but
idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his
sanctuary. **R**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the
peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to
his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. **R**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
[Tell it out among the nations that the
Lord is king.
He has made the world so firm that it
cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity. **R**

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth
be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
Let the fields be joyful and all that is in
them;
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord.
For he comes, he comes to judge the
earth;
with righteousness he will judge the
world
and the peoples with his truth. **R]**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to
the Thessalonians.*

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To
the church of the Thessalonians in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace. We always
give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly
remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters
beloved by God, that he has chosen
you, because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind
of persons we proved to be among you
for your sake. And you became imitators
of us and of the Lord, for in spite of

persecution you received the word
with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so
that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
For the word of the Lord has sounded
forth from you not only in Macedonia
and Achaia, but in every place your faith
in God has become known, so that we
have no need to speak about it. For the
people of those regions report about us
what kind of welcome we had among
you, and how you turned to God from
idols, to serve a living and true God, and
to wait for his Son from heaven, whom
he raised from the dead – Jesus, who
rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

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

When the chief priests and Pharisees
had heard the parables, they realised
that Jesus was speaking about them.
Then the Pharisees went and plotted to
entrap him in what he said. So they sent
their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way
of God in accordance with truth, and
show deference to no one; for you do
not regard people with partiality. Tell us,
then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay
taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, "Why are you
putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin used for the tax."
And they brought him a denarius. Then
he said to them, "Whose head is this,
and whose title?" They answered, "The
emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to the emperor the things that
are the emperor's, and to God the things
that are God's." When they heard this,
they were amazed; and they left him and
went away.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the
world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of
our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'

Welcome to all

Diary Dates from 22nd to 29th October

Intercessions: We pray for...

Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, Bert. Wendy, Terry, James, Peter, Janet, Chris, Selina & family, Sophie & family, Andrew, Hans, George.

Anniversaries of Death:

Frederick Maysey, Wallace Hutchins, Gill Mills, Ralph Whittle.

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

Hymns at St George's: 17, 88, This I believe (Ukraine video), 19

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, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED RICE PUDDING, SHAMPOO.** Thank you

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

Remembrance Sunday 12th November: The service at St George's will begin at 10.20am and will not be a Eucharist (please come to 9.00am at St Margaret's if you would like to receive Communion). Please could you save plastic bottles for the children from which to make poppies.

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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



Sun 22	TRINITY 20		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Stuart/Linda Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Brian/Jenny
Mon 23	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.00pm	SL	Monday at 6
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 24	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
Wed 25	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Thu 26	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Fri 27	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 28	11.30am	GB	Litter Pick
Sun 29	BIBLE SUNDAY		
	November Crossroads available		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Joceline/Derek Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Sylvia/Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
	3.00pm	St G's	Time to Remember

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.

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

Christmas Fair 9th December: Please could you sign up if you are able to help with the Christmas Fair. Donations of tombola prizes would also be much appreciated.

A 'Light Party' for families will be held on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. Can you volunteer to help with games, activities & snacks. Please sign up on the list at St George's.