

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-4a [5-6] 8-12

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; [And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.] So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your

God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

PSALM Psalm 119:9-16

R Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.

How shall young people cleanse their way to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;

O let me not go astray from your commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,

that I should not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord;

O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of your mouth. I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies

than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments and contemplate your ways.

My delight shall be in your statutes and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves

with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:30-35

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.



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 29th October to 5th November

Sun 29	BIBLE SUNDAY		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Joceline/Derek Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Sylvia/Dot
	3.00pm	St G's	Time to Remember
	4.30pm	SH	Charles Igbo
Mon 30	Half Term Week		
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 31	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	4.30pm	St G's	Light Party
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 1	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 2	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise - tbc
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 3	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 4	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	St G's	Church Cleaning
	10.00am	HP	Litter Pick
	12.30pm	MH	Child's Party
Sun 5	ALL SAINTS		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by coffee Crucifer: David Readers: Jonathan/Sylvia C Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Brian/Jenny
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

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.

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, TINNED CUSTARD, JARS OF COOKING SAUCE, TOOTHBRUSHES.** Thank you

INTERCESSIONS

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

Anniversaries of Death: Ralph Whittle, Peter Wathern, Norman Herne.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Susan Scothern 31st.

Hymns at St George's: 684, 333, 506, Bible Sunday hymn

Christmas Fair 9th December from 12.00noon to 3.00pm: Please could you sign up if you are able to help with the Christmas Fair. Donations of tombola prizes would also be much appreciated.

Light Party – Tuesday 31st October: Please come along from 10.00am to help set up, and from 4.00pm to help with the actual event, which will end 6.30pm.

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.

Let Me Entertain You This Christmas: is well into the planning, and will take place on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm, tickets are available from Darrell and Glenda at £5.00 each to include mince pies (or an alternative). 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.

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The Administration office is open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am. Church email messages are monitored outside office opening hours.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**

