

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge the living
and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence – as
when fire kindles brushwood and the
fire causes water to boil – to make your
name known to your adversaries, so
that the nations might tremble at your
presence! When you did awesome
deeds that we did not expect, you came
down, the mountains quaked at your
presence. From ages past no one has
heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has
seen any God besides you, who works
for those who wait for him. You meet
those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you
were angry, and we sinned; because
you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is
unclean, and all our righteous deeds are
like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us
away. There is no one who calls on your
name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of
our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our
Father; we are the clay, and you are our
potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20 (or 80:1-8)

R Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation. **R**

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your
people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to
drink.

You have made us the derision of our
neighbours
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man at your
right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for
yourself.

And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your
name. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you
and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to
my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you
in Christ Jesus, for in every way you
have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind – just
as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you – so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen
you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God is faithful; by him you were
called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-end

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those
days, after that suffering, the sun will be
darkened, and the moon will not give its
light, and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken. Then they will see 'the
Son of Man coming in clouds' with great
power and glory. Then he will send out
the angels, and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth
to the ends of heaven. 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 these things taking place,
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. But about that day or hour no one
knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. Beware,
keep alert; for you do not know when
the time will come. It is like a man going
on a journey, when he leaves home and
puts his slaves in charge, each with his
work, and commands the doorkeeper to
be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake
– for you do not know when the master
of the house will come, in the evening, or
at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. And what I say to you I
say to all: Keep awake."

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our
Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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 3rd to 10th December

Sun 3	ADVENT		
	Final day for Hamper donations		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Linda/Stuart Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Sue/Linda
	12.30pm	St M's	Baptism of Cora Bella Smith
	5.00pm	St M's	From Darkness to Light
Mon 4	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.00pm	SH	Monday @ 6
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	7.30pm	LC	Advent Group I
Tue 5	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH	GHCT Meeting
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
Wed 6	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Advent Group I
Thu 7	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
Sat 9	12 noon	St G's	Christmas Fair
Sun 10	ADVENT 2		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by 100 Club Draw Crucifer: Dot Readers: Joceline/Jonathan Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Stella/
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Christingle

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,

100 Club Draw: your dues for the year end draw need to be paid up before the draw takes place on Sunday 10th December.

Intercessions

We pray for...

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

Birthdays:

Hilary Brammer 7th, Alison Price celebrates her 90th birthday on 8th, and Malcolm & Dot Martin celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on 9th.

Hymns at St George's:

57 263 195 282

Advent Groups - Christmas Unwrapped

Groups will meet on **Mondays from 7.30pm until 9.00pm on the 4th, 11th, 18th December**, and on **Wednesdays from 2.00pm until 3.30pm on the 6th, 13th, 20th December**. There will be a short video each time filmed in Nazareth and Bethlehem - these are fascinating videos, which will no doubt give us questions to ask and things to wonder about the meaning of Christmas. If you are intending to come along to any of the sessions, could you sign up on the list at the back of church, please to give an idea of numbers.

CANYOU HELP?

Christmas Fair 9th December - 12.00noon to 3.00pm: If you haven't already, please could you sign up at the back of St George's if you are able to help with the Christmas Fair. Donations of items for the Grand Draw, Tombola and Bottle Stall prizes for adults, and for children would also be much appreciated. If you can provide a cake or cakes for the Mothers' Union cake stall, that would be great, they are happy to receive shop bought ones too. See Sylvia Chamberlain if you can. Thank you

FOODBANK: Keep bringing items for the Foodbank each Sunday. The Collection point is the tray at the back of the Church. The Foodbank are in **URGENT NEED OF LONG-LIFE MILK, PACKET PASTA 'N SAUCE, TINNED MEAT, DEODORANT**. Thank you.

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