

## COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before  
us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for  
ever.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God. Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has  
served her term, that her penalty is  
paid, that she has received from the  
Lord's hand double for all her sins.  
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness  
prepare the way of the LORD, make  
straight in the desert a highway for  
our God. Every valley shall be lifted  
up, and every mountain and hill be  
made low; the uneven ground shall  
become level, and the rough places  
a plain. Then the glory of the LORD  
shall be revealed, and all people shall  
see it together, for the mouth of the  
LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry  
out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All  
people are grass, their constancy is  
like the flower of the field. The grass  
withers, the flower fades, when the  
breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass. The grass  
withers, the flower fades; but the word  
of our God will stand for ever. Get you  
up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald  
of good tidings; lift up your voice with  
strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good  
tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the  
cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him; his reward  
is with him, and his recompense  
before him. He will feed his flock like a

shepherd; he will gather the lambs in  
his arms, and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

## PSALM Psalm 85:1-2. 8-end (or 85:8-end)

**R** Show us your mercy, O Lord.

Lord, you were gracious to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the offence of your  
people  
and covered all their sins. **R**

I will listen to what the Lord God will  
say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people  
and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.  
Truly, his salvation is near to those  
who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed  
each other;  
Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from  
heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed give all that is  
good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

*A reading from the second letter of Peter.*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,  
that with the Lord one day is like  
a thousand years, and a thousand  
years are like one day. The Lord is  
not slow about his promise, as some  
think of slowness, but is patient with  
you, not wanting any to perish, but all  
to come to repentance. But the day  
of the Lord will come like a thief, and  
then the heavens will pass away with  
a loud noise, and the elements will be  
dissolved with fire, and the earth and  
everything that is done on it will be  
disclosed. Since all these things are  
to be dissolved in this way, what sort  
of persons ought you to be in leading  
lives of holiness and godliness,  
waiting for and hastening the coming

of the day of God, because of which  
the heavens will be set ablaze and  
dissolved, and the elements will melt  
with fire? But, in accordance with his  
promise, we wait for new heavens and  
a new earth, where righteousness is  
at home. Therefore, beloved, while  
you are waiting for these things, strive  
to be found by him at peace, without  
spot or blemish; and regard the  
patience of our Lord as salvation.

## GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is  
written in the prophet Isaiah, "See,  
I am sending my messenger ahead  
of you, who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the  
Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptiser appeared in the  
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
And people from the whole Judean  
countryside and all the people of  
Jerusalem were going out to him,  
and were baptised by him in the river  
Jordan, confessing their sins. Now  
John was clothed with camel's hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist,  
and he ate locusts and wild honey.  
He proclaimed, "The one who is more  
powerful than I is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to stoop down and  
untie the thong of his sandals. I have  
baptised you with water; but he will  
baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

## POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the  
world  
and will send him again to be our  
judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the  
humility and purity of his first  
coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Show us your mer-cy, O 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 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December

Sun 10	<b>ADVENT 2</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion followed by 100 Club Draw <b>Crucifer:</b> Dot <b>Readers:</b> Joceline/Jonathan <b>Intercessions:</b> Derek <b>Coffee:</b> Stella
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Christingle
Mon 11	<b>EXPLORE CHRISTMAS WEEK</b>		
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.00pm	SH	Monday @ 6
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	7.30pm	LC	Advent Group 2
Tue 12	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	St G's	Fun & Free
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union Social
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 13	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	2.00pm	LC	Advent Group 2
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 14	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 16	9.30am	MH	Family Christmas
	10.00am	GB	Karate
	3.00pm	MH	Private Let
Sun 17	<b>ADVENT 3</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> David <b>Readers:</b> Paul / Sylvia C <b>Intercessions:</b> Susan <b>Coffee:</b> Dianne / Erna
	12.30pm	St M's	Baptism of Beth & Harrison Birch
	4.00pm	St G's	Carol Service
	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,  
 GB = Grange Baptist

## We pray for...

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

## Birthdays:

Geraldine Norrington 12<sup>th</sup>.

Hymns at St George's: 527 557 67 582

## Advent Groups - Christmas Unwrapped

The second set of meetings will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm until 9.00pm** and on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00pm until 3.30pm**. 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.

**100 Club draw** will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the lucky winner will be contacted as soon as possible to convey the good news.

**Let Us Entertain You** was a great evening of entertainment. Readings, poetry, songs were all thoroughly enjoyed, as were the mince pies. Thank you to everyone who was able to be with us last Saturday evening. LUEY 2024 beckons already!!

**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 FRUIT JUICE, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED FISH, TOOTHBRUSHES.** Thank you.

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We are part of the Church in Tuffley

