

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your  
own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored  
us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in  
our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his  
divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3**

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

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my  
God; for he has clothed me with  
the garments of salvation, he  
has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness, as a bridegroom  
decks himself with a garland, and  
as a bride adorns herself with her  
jewels. For as the earth brings  
forth its shoots, and as a garden  
causes what is sown in it to spring  
up, so the Lord GOD will cause  
righteousness and praise to spring  
up before all the nations. For Zion's  
sake I will not keep silent, and for  
Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like  
the dawn, and her salvation like a  
burning torch. The nations shall see  
your vindication, and all the kings  
your glory; and you shall be called  
by a new name that the mouth of  
the LORD will give. You shall be a  
crown of beauty in the hand of the  
LORD, and a royal diadem in the  
hand of your God.

**PSALM Psalm 148 (or 148:7-end)**

**R** Praise, O praise the name of the  
Lord.

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you his angels;  
praise him, all his host. **R**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you stars of light.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens. **R**

Let them praise the name of the  
Lord;  
for he commanded and they were  
created.  
He made them fast for ever and  
ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not  
pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and mist,  
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his  
word;  
Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and birds on the  
wing; **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and women,  
old and young together;  
let them praise the name of the  
Lord. **R**

For his name only is exalted,  
his splendour above earth and  
heaven.  
He has raised up the horn of his  
people  
and praise for all his faithful  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who  
are near him.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING

**Galatians 4:4-7**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to  
the Galatians.*

When the fullness of time had  
come, God sent his Son, born of a  
woman, born under the law, in order

to redeem those who were under  
the law, so that we might receive  
adoption as children. And because  
you are children, God has sent the  
Spirit of his Son into our hearts,  
crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are  
no longer a slave but a child, and  
if a child then also an heir, through  
God.

## GOSPEL Luke 2:15-21

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

When the angels had left them and  
gone into heaven, the shepherds  
said to one another, "Let us go now  
to Bethlehem and see this thing  
that has taken place, which the Lord  
has made known to us." So they  
went with haste and found Mary  
and Joseph, and the child lying in  
the manger. When they saw this,  
they made known what had been  
told them about this child; and  
all who heard it were amazed at  
what the shepherds told them. But  
Mary treasured all these words and  
pondered them in her heart. The  
shepherds returned, glorifying and  
praising God for all they had heard  
and seen, as it had been told them.  
After eight days had passed, it was  
time to circumcise the child; and he  
was called Jesus, the name given by  
the angel before he was conceived  
in the womb.

## POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at  
Nazareth the life of an earthly  
home:  
help your Church to live as one  
family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home  
in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Praise, O praise the name of the 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 31<sup>st</sup> December to 7<sup>th</sup> January

Sun 31	<b>CHRISTMAS I / NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Susan / Stuart Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Sylvia E / Dot
	10.30am	GB	Messy Church
Mon 1	<b>New Year's Day</b>		
Tue 2	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	3.00pm	Store	Cubs/Beavers clear out
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Wed 3	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 4	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Sat 6	10.00am	MH	Karate
	1.00pm	St G's Store	The Great Space Generation Event
Sun 7	<b>EPIPHANY</b>		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Jonathan/Linda Intercessions: Laine Coffee: Glenice/Hilary
	4.00pm	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 Church.**

The next issue of **Crossroads**, our church magazine, is due out towards the end of January 2024 the price will remain at 60p per copy and there will be 11 issues during 2024. The annual fee will be just £5.00 for 2024, you will pay £6.60 if you buy your magazines each month, just saying! See Darrell to pay for your magazines annually. Or, of course, you can read them online on our website for free. I'm happy to receive articles for the February issue any time between now and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Thank you.

### Mondays@6!

You are invited to an open conversation about Mondays@6 (our weekly gathering for 10 to 13 year olds) on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January from 2.30 to 3.30pm at the Vicarage if you are interested in hearing more about this group or in having an input to the future shape of the group.

### Intercessions

#### We pray for...

Laura, Angela, Margaret & Mark, Johanna, James, Peter, Hans, George, Jenny.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Aimee Brown celebrates a special birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Hymns at St George's:

589 745 Every star shall sing a carol 148

### Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in the life of our benefice in any way this year. Paul and I are very grateful for each and every one of you and to be here with you. We look forward to discovering where God is leading us all in the new year in our life together here, living in the love and hope of Jesus. With our thanks, prayers, and good wishes to you all. Rachel

### Mothers' Union:

The annual subscription for Mothers' Union is now due. It is £35.00 per member (includes Roundabout) and the Branch Report form has to be submitted by January 22<sup>nd</sup> so members' payments should be made before or by our next meeting, which is our AGM on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024. Payments to be made to our treasurer, Geraldine Norrington. Many thanks, Sylvia Chamberlain (Branch Leader).

### Coughs and Sneezes spread diseases.

We will miss you, but if you feel unwell, please stay at home, and protect your friends in the congregation.

### 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, JARS OF COOKING SAUCE, PACKET PASTA 'N' SAUCE, TOOTHBRUSHES.**

Thank you.

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

