

COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told

him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

PSALM Psalm 139:1-5. 12-18

(or 139:1-9)

R Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether. **R**

You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.
For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb. **R**

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth. **R**

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,
As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them. **R**

How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I count them, they are more in number
than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence. **R**

SECOND READING Revelation 5:1-10

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,

the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

GOSPEL John 1:43-end

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

POST COMMUNION

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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

Today's services led by Rev Mark Watson

Diary Dates from 14th to 21st January

Sun 14	EPIPHANY 2		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Joceline/David Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Dianne / Erna
	4.00pm	St M's	Family Praise
Mon 15	5.00pm	zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	6.15pm	SL	Mondays at 6.15!
	7.00pm	SH	PCC
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 16	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
	7.00pm	SL	Centre Working Group
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 17	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	1.30pm	St G's	Funeral for the late Julie Tandy RIP
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	7.00pm	SL	Gardening Club Ctte
	7.30pm	St B	Refresh
Thu 18	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Sat 20	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 21	EPIPHANY 3		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Paul / Sylvia E Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Joceline /
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong

St G's = St George's, St M's = St Margaret's,
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
LC = Lady Chapel, St B = St Barnabas.

Storage cupboard! Thank you so much to all who helped to clear and streamline the storage cupboard in the Centre - it was a transformational miracle; definitely made easier by so many hands helping out!

FOR SALE: 4 wheeled WALKER 'Drive': Sturdy and in very good condition, £30.00 ono, please ring 07756905414

Intercessions

We pray for...

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

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 & MILK, PACKET MASH, TINNED VEGETABLES (Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn), DEODORANT**
Thank you.

Wednesday Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet for three weeks before Lent. Wednesday afternoons at 2.00pm on January 24th, January 31st and February 7th to talk about Baptism and Confirmation, The how and the why. Please join us in the Lady Chapel at St George's if you can. Mark.

Laine curacy

It has been announced that Laine will serve her curacy at St Laurence's, Barnwood. Laine will remain with us on placement until the end of May and then will be ordained deacon at the end of June. There will be plenty of time for us to say a proper thank you to Laine and to have something of a 'do' but for now please do keep Laine and family in your prayers as preparations for transition begin.

Mondays @ 6.15!

Thanks very much to everyone who contributed to the conversation about Mondays @ 6! These sessions will start again this week (15th) and will have a new start time of 6.15pm. Please do pray for all the young people and volunteers.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

will be in concert in St George's Church on Friday 9th February at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £10.00, children free entry if accompanied by an adult. The choir will have a guest singer with them on the night. More details soon!

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