

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
 whose Son was revealed in majesty
 before he suffered death upon the cross:
 give us grace to perceive his glory,
 that we may be strengthened to suffer
 with him
 and be changed into his likeness,
 from glory to glory;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them

crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM Psalm 50:1-6

R Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. **R**

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: **R**

"Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice." Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has

blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

POST COMMUNION

Holy God,
 we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
 may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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 11th to 18th February

Sun 11	I before LENT		
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Sylvia C/David Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Dianne/Erna
			Half term week
Mon 12	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	V	Social & Hospitality Cttee
Tue 13	MARCH CROSSROADS DEADLINE		
	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G's	Parish Communion
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	EM	Pancake evening
Wed 14	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	2.00pm	LC	Discussion Group
	7.00pm	St G's	Service with Ashing Crucifer: Sylvia C Intercessions: Laine
Thu 15	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH/SL	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
Sun 18	LENT 1		
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Mark B Readers: Paul/Linda M Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Joceline
	4.00pm	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, V = Vicarage,
EM = English Martyrs.

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, DEODORANT, TINNED VEG (particularly peas, carrots, sweetcorn), TINNED FISH.** Thank you.

Ash Wednesday

Please do consider coming along to the Ash Wednesday service at St George's if you can; it is a very special way of marking the beginning of Lent together.

Discussion Group

Last weeks cancelled meeting (7th February) will now be held on Wednesday 14th February at 2.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

From 18th February Evensong at St Margarets will be at 4.00pm until further notice.

Intercessions

We Pray for...

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

Birthdays:

Pauline Deeley 17th.

In Memoriam:

Lyn Gibbons RIP.

Anniversaries of Death:

Ian Whittle, Doris Maddock.

Hymns at St George's:

225 449 361 295

Lent Groups

This year we will be using videos filmed in the Holy Land, which will help us to reflect on Jesus' life and ministry and what it means to be followers of Jesus today. The sessions will be on Mondays from 7.30pm until 9.00pm from 19th February and Wednesdays from 2.00pm until 3.30pm from 21st February in St George's Lady Chapel.

Social and Hospitality Group

We are looking for new members of the Social and Hospitality Group. The first meeting of this reformed group will be Monday 12th February at 7.30pm at the Vicarage. Please come if interested.

Confirmation

Bishop Rachel will be leading a Confirmation Service at St Margaret's on Sunday 28th April. If you would like to be Confirmed or if you would like to know more about this, please do talk to Rachel or Laine about this (see longer article in Feb Crossroads).

100 Club our next draw will take place on Sunday 3rd March 2024. Numbers in the draw are £1.00 each, per month or £12.00 per number for the entire year, you can pay your dues to your collector or Darrell as soon as you like. If you would like to join our 100 Club, please see, or contact Darrell. Thank you

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