

Sunday

15 September 2024 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Either **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

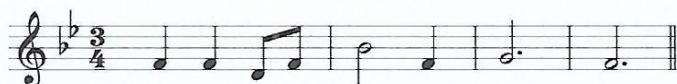
The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Or **Proverbs 1:20-33**

PSALM Psalm 116:1-8

R *Gracious is the Lord and righteous.*

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**



Gra-cious is the Lord and righ-teous.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion. **R**

The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you. **R**

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh

and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-end

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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 Sunday 15th to Sunday 22nd September

Sun 15	Trinity 16		
	10.30am	StG	Parish Communion Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Lynne & David Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Dianne & Erna
	5.00pm	StM	Evensong
Mon 16	10.30am	SH	Say Aphasia
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.00pm	SM	Youth Group
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 17	09.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	StG	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs & Beavers
	7.30pm	StB	Refresh Service
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 18	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	MH	Phonics with Robot Reg
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	SH	PCC Meeting
Thu 19	10.30am	StM	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH	Thursday Club
	2pm	SH	Art Group
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 20	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 21	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.00am	StG	Benefice Vision Day
Sun 22	9.00am	StM	Parish Communion
	10.30am	StG	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Joceline & Jonathan T. Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Sue & Stella

StG = St George's, StM = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel, StB = St Barnabas.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

This fundraising event is creeping up on all of us; so, we would like you to confirm that you will donate a raffle prize or a cake please, if you haven't already done so. We're just trying to assess how much baking we might need to do before the day. It would ease our preparations if you could let us know. Please speak to Darrell or Glenda asap. See you in the main hall on Friday 27th September from 10.00am. **It's under 2 weeks away!**

We pray for:

Jim, George, Laura, Angela, Margaret, Mark, Johanna, James, Peter, Hans, Jenny, Andrew & family, Josie, Paul.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: - Shirley Matthews & Jill Pointer

Hymns at St George's: - 762, 17, 45 & 503

Harvest Supper - This year's Harvest Supper is on **Saturday 5th October**. There will be Sherry served at 6:30pm for a **7.00pm** start. Menu includes Chicken Chasseur, Boeuf Bourguignon, Fish Pie or a vegetarian option of Spinach and Ricotta Cheese, plus a selection of desserts. Cost for the event is £20.00pp. Please contact Sylvia for details.

Saturday 21st September - Everyone is invited to a morning together on 21st September from 10.00am until 1.00pm - to think together about who we are as the benefice of St George's and St Margaret's and our next steps together. It will be a time of celebration and thanksgiving and a time of prayer and looking forward. Please do come if you possibly can. Rachel

Quiz night - Saturday 28th September - This fundraising event includes a Raffle and prizes for the winners! It's £2.00pp (teams of 6 people) to enter (Bring your own drinks and snacks). Fun for the family! For more details, please contact Sylvia.

Christmas Fair Saturday 7th December from 12.00noon until 3.00pm - If you have an idea for a stall at the Christmas Fair (to raise funds for church) and/or would be willing to be on a stall, please let Darrell or Rachel know.

Film Group - Would anybody be interested in having another film discussion group in October, meeting either on a Monday or a Wednesday afternoon, and repeated Wednesday evening? Please speak to Rachel.

Crossroads deadline - The October Crossroads article submission deadline has passed, please submit your stories, poems, notices, etc. to Darrell or Glenda asap to allow time for editing printing will commence 23rd September, anything submitted later, won't be included.

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 (not chilled) TINNED CUSTARD, SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES** Thank you.

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