

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'**



**Sunday worship and weekly news
30 August 2020**

Welcome everyone

We welcome our visiting priest
Archdeacon Hilary to celebrate with us today.

As we move from August into September, do you feel a certain something? Summer almost gone, and the first signs of autumn... We can be forgiven a little twinge of melancholy as the days get shorter.



But let's enjoy all the seasons, for whatever they bring. Winters may become harder for us as we get older, but we must always thank God as we walk with him, be it a long

sunny day or a dark and damp evening.

Looking at today's readings, I love this verse from Romans: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer". That seems a good motto for every season.

Jonathan McKechnie-Jarvis

To keep us all safe, we will keep doors open for ventilation.

Please :-

Use hand sanitiser
Stay 2 metres apart
Avoid touching
Sing with your heart – not your voice

The Church of England "strongly advises that face coverings should be worn by all those attending worship remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID 19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing."

Processional Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light:
Chorus

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in
humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise
The Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Chorus



Prayer for Today

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 12 Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Prayer

Lord grant us grace to follow Your instructions for living, even when it's challenging. Amen

Psalm 115 God thinks about and cares for us.

¹ Not to us, Lord, not to us,
**but to your name give the glory,
for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.**

² Why should the nations say,
'Where is now their God?'

³ As for our God, he is in heaven;
he does whatever he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.

⁵ They have mouths, but cannot speak;
eyes have they, but cannot see;

⁶ They have ears, but cannot hear;
noses have they, but cannot smell;

⁷ They have hands, but cannot feel;
**feet have they, but cannot walk;
not a whisper do they make from their throats.**

⁸ Those who make them shall become like them
and so will all who put their trust in them.



⁹ But you, Israel, put your
trust in the Lord;
**he is their help and their
shield.**

¹⁰ House of Aaron, trust in
the Lord;

he is their help and their shield.

¹¹ You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;
he is their help and their shield.

¹² The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us;
**may he bless the house of Israel;
may he bless the house of Aaron;**

¹³ May he bless those who fear the Lord,
both small and great together.

¹⁴ May the Lord increase you more and more,
you and your children after you.

¹⁵ May you be blest by the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

¹⁶ The heavens are the heavens of the Lord,
but the earth he has entrusted to his children.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor those gone down into silence;

¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore. Alleluia.

Prayer

*Living God, defend us from the idols which our hearts
enthroned, that we may not go down into silence but be raised
to our heaven of heavens in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Matthew 16

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and suffering many things
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And
Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,
'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³
But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan!
You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting
your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become
my followers, let them deny themselves and take up
their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if
they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what
will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the
glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for
what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some
standing here who will not taste death before they see
the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

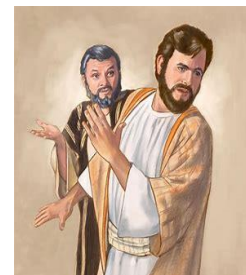
Prayer

*Lord help us each day to deny ourselves, and to truly live.
Amen*

Reflection from Archdeacon Hilary

Last week we left Peter basking in the warm glow of
Jesus' approval. His confession of Jesus, 'You are the
Messiah', led to Jesus bestowing upon him the greatest
of responsibilities. 'You are the rock upon whom I will build
my church.'

This week Peter suffers a
terrible reversal. When he dares
rebuke Jesus for speaking about
the suffering he will endure,
Jesus responds with these
words: 'Get behind me Satan'.
Peter is no longer the corner
stone but a stumbling block.



Peter's known the story by heart since the cradle. The
story of a mighty saviour who will come and free God's
people from oppression. In Jesus, he sees the fulfilment
of that salvation. He thinks he knows the end of the
story. However, when Jesus starts talking about his
own suffering and death, Peter is devastated. Jesus is
rewriting the story and his imagination refuses to allow
him to countenance it. Peter wants to stick to the
script.

In turmoil, Peter misses the end of Jesus'
sentence.....*on the third day he will be raised.* Jesus'
resurrection rewrites the story in ways beyond our
imagination. It's a full stop to the ways of power,
violence and oppression. It establishes Jesus'
embodiment of love as the road to freedom and it
invites us to walk the costly ways of justice, compassion
and peace. This is a new story.

Peter will need courage, imagination and faith to
understand and live out this good news. And so will we.
Jesus calls us to help write a new story in a world that
feels confusing, even scary. However, we have hope
because we know how the story ends. Peter will be
embraced with joy and redeemed by his resurrected
Lord. So will we, and all God's creation will see the
revelation of his glory.

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

Intercessions from Susan Scothern

Lord Jesus, we pray for our church and all who worship here. We ask you to guide those who are in positions of leadership at this time, may they be open to your leading and ready to follow where you are calling us to go. Give wisdom to all who will be involved in the choice of a new vicar, may they hear you speaking clearly. Give each one of us grace and courage to play our own part in the building up of this church. We think of those who are not here at this time, whether through a need to stay safe, or because they come to coffee pot or messy church, which isn't currently happening, and we ask they will remain conscious of your love surrounding them.

Lord, we pray for the leaders of this country, that they may be pro-active and not simply reactive. May the decisions they make be guided by you and for the wellbeing of the whole population. We bring before



you those whose lives are becoming harder, with lost jobs, reduced income, and the mental strain this causes. We remember all children,

students and teachers as they return to school and encounter new and possibly difficult situations.

We pray for those we know who are ill and those who care for them, whether in their own home, in hospital or in care homes. We remember those who mourn, asking that you will give them your peace.

And we pray for ourselves, as we go forward into a new week. We ask you will be with us in all the challenges we face, guiding us as we make decisions, encouraging us as we reach out to others, and calling us to walk beside you day by day. Amen

Offertory Hymn

Take up thy Cross

The saviour said,
If thou would my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly ev'ry danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Preparing to receive Holy Communion

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", respond **Amen**
A steward will guide you forward.

We each receive a wafer, the priest alone receives the wine on behalf of us all.

We receive communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free

Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,
Walk in the light, walk in the light of
the Lord*



By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
Walk, walk in the light.

The Father's kindness is revealed,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

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Please leave the building immediately after the priest, and catch up outside.

This week's News

2020 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The APCMs of St George's and St Margaret's will take place on Sunday 4 October. St George's will follow the 10.30am service and St Margaret's will follow the 5.00pm Evensong. The current Electoral Rolls will be displayed on notice boards shortly. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Rolls will not be eligible to vote or be elected to the PCC.

We seek to elect our Parish Church Councils and our Churchwardens. Please consider people you may wish to nominate for these positions. In addition consider humbly and honestly whether you yourself might be willing to serve your church too! Nomination forms will be pinned to the porch noticeboards in both churches soon so watch out for them and make your nominations as soon as you are able.

With our APCMs taking place on Sunday 4 October you might like to re-read your copy of our Annual Report for 2019. They were made available in the lead up to our original APCM dates in April, if you didn't get a copy then we can send you one just email the Church Office and we will email you a copy.

In memoriam:

Philip Brown, Ruby Lodge, Marjorie Griffiths RIP

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Laura, Darren and family, Mike, Ann and Steve, Baby Obi (cochleae implant being turned on the 27th) Susan and Sophie, Angela, Georgina, Laura and Mike, Lynne, Sarah, Christine.

Anniversaries of death:

Vera Taylor, Audrey Moore, Terry Wootton, Charles Meadows, David Sykes, Mavis Oldfield, Anne Waite, Stephen Greatorex, George Ball, Beatrice Collett, Barbara Hellaby, Glenice Hern, May Milns, Maud East

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Bruce & Gloria Wiggall celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary on 3rd.

Banns of Marriage:

2nd calling at St George's –

Robert Samuel Share & Deborah Elizabeth Redfern

DIARY DATES – 30 August – 6 September -

Sun 30			White Box day
	9.00am	*	Parish Communion
	10.30am		Parish Communion
	4.00pm	MH	Private Let
Mon 31			Bank Holiday
Tue 1	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
	7.30pm	zoom	Bible Course
Wed 2	8.15am	zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	7.00pm	zoom	PCC meeting with the Venerable Hilary Dawson, Archdeacon of Gloucester and Michael Garland, Area Dean.
Thu 3	10.30am	*	Parish Communion
Sun 6	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Parish Communion
	5.00pm	*	Evensong with prayers for healing

MH=Main Hall, * = St Margaret's

Linda, Aimee and Katie would like to Thank You for all your prayers and cards at the loss of Philip.

Due to the restrictions we were unable to have a service at St Georges and have you all there. Hopefully once these have been lifted and it can be arranged, we will be able to have a memorial service to celebrate and remember Philip. Thank you for your love and support. Love to you all. Linda Brown.

Exciting new Tree planting project

We have been invited by the council to participate in a local tree planting project, partnering with The Church in Tuffley. There will be an initial meeting on 7th September at 7pm with the council arboriculturist to discuss potential sites and after care. Please contact Helen if you would like to be involved.

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Please bring **Food & toiletries for the Foodbank to the Church Centre hallway.**– Thank you!

❖ Borrow a good book from Sarah's church library

Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519 if you know someone who:

- ❖ is stuck at home without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am until midday until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



THE CHURCH IN TUFFLEY