

**St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

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



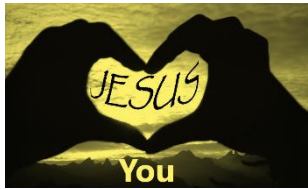
**Sunday worship and weekly news
14 February 2021**

I before LENT

Welcome everyone

**As the Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar leads our
Video Service**

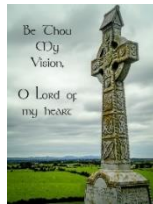
Happy Valentine's Day.



Romantic love is wonderful, and it is a sad fact that some people never experience it, but the heady experience doesn't usually last and true love then becomes the task

of finding the hidden treasure in very ordinary earthly jars of clay.

For the disciples it was not easy to see the glorious image of God in the heavenly son hidden as it was in the very ordinary earthly form of the human Jesus. So that glory was revealed on the Mount of transfiguration.



As we look around at the present time may we remember that as long as we can see Jesus that is all we need. True love has been revealed.

Lorraine Best

Today's service on YouTube: The service can be accessed from the church website www.glos-stm-stg.org.uk

Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page. Enjoy, and sing aloud to your hearts content.

Do you have 'YouTube' as a channel on your TV?

You may not have internet connection, but if you have 'YouTube' as a channel on your TV? You should be able to access this morning's service by moving to 'search', then search for **HANS RACKHAM**. Then select the service you wish to view.

PCC Meeting tomorrow: Just a reminder to all PCC members. The next meeting of the joint PCCs will be via Zoom on...

Monday 15th February 2021 at 7.00pm.

Order of Service

Love revealed.



Processional Hymn

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart

Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Gathering

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Preparation for Worship

Let us pray.

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all desires known from whom no secrets are hidden cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers of penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen, Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Assured of Christ's love for us, and calling to mind our own failures to love, let us confess our sins in sorrow and faith, firmly resolving to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, and against our neighbour in thought, and word, and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Today

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

2 Corinthians 4 Treasure in Clay Jars

Read by David Westcott

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

Prayer:

Lord preserve us from blindness to the light of Your glory. Amen

Psalm 50 God the Righteous Judge

Read by Darrell & Glenda Stevens

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoke **and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; **our God comes and will not keep silence.**

3 Consuming fire goes out before him **and a mighty tempest stirs about him.**

4 He calls the heaven above, **and the earth, that he may judge his people:**

5 'Gather to me my faithful, **who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'**

6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, **for God himself is judge.**

Prayer:

Mighty God, dwelling in unapproachable light, forgive our vain attempts to appease you, and show us your full Salvation in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Mark 9 The Transfiguration

Read by Georgina Wood



² Six days later, 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, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ 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.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

⁹ 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.

Prayer:

Lord teach us to listen. Amen

Reflection from Helen McGeoch

Today is Valentine's day, the day we express our love. We all know love goes deeper – so much more than our bunches of flowers and cards. Love makes us do things we didn't think we were capable of. Sometimes silly things, sometimes really sacrificial things. Love is transforming – we see our behaviours change. Where does that come from?

The Bible answers that question for us in telling us that God is love – that all love comes from God. God's love is for everyone.

In our gospel passage this week we see the power of that transforming love. Something totally transformational happened up that mountain. God's beloved son changes, his humanity appears to suddenly fall away from him, and Peter and John see his divinity in his transfiguration figure standing before them in all his glory, the light dazzling them.

Then God's presence comes in the form of the cloud and he speaks of his love for his son: - 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

How we long for those words to be spoken of us – 'this is my beloved'. We need to turn over very few pages of our Bibles to see that this love is for us too. This is a love that will transform us. Ok – don't get too excited – I don't think any prophets will actually show up beside us and people might not offer to make tents – our clothes certainly won't become more white than what Daz can do for them. But the transformation is from within. We only need open our hearts to him. We are loved unconditionally. It's not earned or at risk of being removed. God sees who we are and loves us.

As people transformed by God's love, we live in love and love the people around us. Life is just so tough for many of us. People need to know they are loved. Let's commission ourselves to do whatever we can to share God's abundance of love with our neighbours and community so they, too will know the words 'this is my beloved'.

Our Declaration of Faith

We declare together our commitment to faith:

**We believe: in God the Father,
who raised Jesus from the dead.
We affirm: Jesus is Lord of our lives.
We will follow: the Holy Spirit
who enables us to live
in His goodness and love,
now and in all eternity. Amen**

Intercessions from Sylvia Chamberlain

Lord as we bring to you our prayers of intercession, we ask you to open our ears to hear your voice, open our eyes to see your glory, open our hearts to receive your grace and open our lips to praise you. We pray for your church today and give thanks that although we are unable to meet physically, we can still offer our prayers to you and listen to your holy word.

Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our churches of St. George and St. Margaret



and for all who are working to produce our services week on week. Help us to remain faithful and to keep your commandments. We continue to pray for Christian unity and respect

those of other faiths.

Lord in your mercy...

Lord we know that you see the entire world in this moment and no instance of pain escapes your attention.

We pray for all who have suffered and are still suffering because of the Covid pandemic and for all those working in the health service to treat patients and families in these difficult times. We continue to pray for peace throughout the world and remember all the places where there is conflict, famine, injustice and poverty. We trust in your everlasting triumph and look to you with hope for the future.

Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our families and friends and especially today for all those who live in Grange Road, St. George's Close, St. David's Close, Ryelands and Meredith Way. Help us in our relationships with all people and fill us as we pray with love and forgiveness for any who have offended us. The lockdown is a difficult time for many confined to their homes and we pray for all who are lonely or depressed and those who have no family help. Give your grace and strength to all whose lives are built around caring for others.

Lord in your mercy...

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering, and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer. We pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Lord in your mercy...

Lord our God keep us in the grace that is ours through Jesus Christ. Uphold others also in this grace. Reveal yourself everywhere to those who trust in you and who await your kingdom. We thank you for helping us, and with your help we want to be faithful to you. Then when hardships come, we can be certain of your presence. We know and trust you. We know and trust the Saviour, and we know and trust the Holy Spirit, in whom we can have community and be strengthened to serve your glory.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

God's peace

Minister: We are reconciled to one another, and to God through Christ. We are called to be peacemakers in the world. Therefore, let us share God's peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.



Melt me,
Mould me,
Fill me,
Use me,

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.

Melt us,
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THE SACRAMENT

The Table is prepared

Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven, and on earth, is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise holy Father, heavenly King almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead, and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life giving Spirit and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, with angels and archangel XI with all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might heaven and earth are full of your glory hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly father through your son our saviour Jesus Christ and as we follow his example and obey his command grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine maybe to us his body and his blood.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you thanks he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying this is my body which is given for you do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks he gave it to them saying: Drink this all of you this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly father we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension we look for the coming of your Kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and in heaven, we worship you Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom, as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we share in one bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

<p>Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar takes communion on our behalf</p>

Post Communion prayers

Almighty God we thank you for feeding us, with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. Through him, we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and all whom you love. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us -
Shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness:
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

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WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ *Keep bringing items for the Foodbank; new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.*

Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank. In addition, Foodbank need 'long life milk' and 'Tinned Carrots' Thank you!

Know someone who:

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

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

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 Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am 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).

News 14 – 21 February

In Memoriam:

Hilda Morgan, Graham Best, William Tweed,
Raymond Manley, Joan King RIP

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

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Sarah, Pat, Christine, June, Daphne, Marian, Wendy, Darren and family, Hedley and Rosemary, Florence, Christopher and Christine, Carol, David and Angela, Jan, Richard and family.

Anniversaries of death:

Edward Mitchell, Mildred Smith, Iris Lewis, William Jeffroy (priest), Michael Townsend, Hilda Robinson, Eva Greenwood, Dorothy Welford, Roger Aylward, Granville Collett, Elsie West, Joan Allen, Terry Waite, Michael Haynes, John Davis, Kevin Easterby, Richard Clarke, Heather Merrett.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Pauline Deeley 17th, Ethel Haines 17th.

DIARY DATES – 14 – 21 February

Sun 14			No Service today
Mon 15		C	Funeral for the late Raymond Manley RIP
	7.00pm	Z	Joint PCC meeting
Tue 16	10.00am	G	Food Parcels
	7.00pm	Z	Refresh Fun Night with Pancakes, Fun, Praise & worship
Wed 17			ASH WEDNESDAY
	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Pioneers
	4.30pm	I	Ash Wednesday service from the Cathedral
Thu 18			No Service today
Fri 19	10.00am	G	Food Parcels
	10.30am	Z	CiT Lent Group
Sun 21			No Service today

G = St George's C = Crematorium Z = Zoom
I = Internet

Food Parcels: St George's Church, Grange Road, is open for Food Parcel collections on:-

**Tuesdays and Fridays only
from 10.00am until 12.00noon**

Anyone requiring help outside of these times please phone Sylvia on 01452 416184

Each parcel contains 15 items and is...

FREE OF CHARGE

Please be aware of social distancing guidelines.

ANNUAL REPORTS: If you normally write a report for St George's APCM, would you please prepare it NOW and send it to Glenda as soon as possible. Emailed documents are preferred; but if your report has to be handwritten please let Glenda have it immediately, in order that she can process it in time for the Annual Report and Accounts pack.

Remember your report covers the period:-

1 JANUARY 2020 to 31 DECEMBER 2020 only.

The deadline for ALL reports is **SUNDAY 6 MARCH**; your report will not appear in the report pack if it is received after this date.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The 2021 Annual meetings of St George's and St Margaret's will be held at some point in 2021. If your name does not appear on the current Electoral Roll you will not be eligible to vote at the APCMs or be elected on to either PCC.

The Electoral Roll for St George's and St Margaret's would normally be displayed on the notice board from **Sunday 6 March 2021 until 27 March 2021** but neither church may be open during that period.

If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from Margaret Barber, for St George's or Jill Ponter, for St Margaret's (see contact details at the front of Crossroads).

Completed forms should be returned by no later than **Sunday 27 March 2021.**

VACANCY STANDING COMMITTEE on ZOOM

4.00pm Tuesday 23 February

REFRESH

FUN NIGHT on Zoom

7.00pm Tuesday 16 February

Pancakes, Fun and Ash Wednesday

Helen has all the information

Tree planting in Randwick Park postponed until the 27 February

Lent Groups start Friday 19 February from 10.00am and Monday 21 February from 7.00pm on Zoom and will run for 6 weeks.

Speak to Helen for more information