

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds
good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 11:1-18**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your

entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Or **Baruch 3:9-15. 32 – 4:4**

Or **Genesis 22:1-18**

PSALM Psalm 148

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host. **R**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. **R**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded and they were
created.

He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass
away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing; **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and women, old and young
together;

let them praise the name of the Lord. **R**

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are
near him. Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Or **Acts 11:1-18**

GOSPEL John 13:31-35

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

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the
truth, and the life;
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.



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SIGNPOST

the weekly newsletter of
St George's, Tuffley with St Margaret's, Whaddon

Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all

Diary Dates for w/c Sunday 18th May 2025

Sun 18 th	Easter 5		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion: Welcomer: Glenda Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Sylvia C & Joceline Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Joceline Evensong
	5.00pm	St M	Evening Prayer
Mon 19 th	5.00pm	Zoom	
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	SH/SL	Youth Group
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 20 th	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00pm	St G	Parish Communion
	1.30pm	MH	Fun & Free
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs and Beavers
	7.30pm	St G	Refresh
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 21 st	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
Thu 22 nd	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	SH	Thursday Club
	2.00pm	SH	Art Group
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 23 rd	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 24 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 25 th	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion: Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: David Readers: Helen & Derek Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sylvia E

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

APCMs:

Please do stay after the service this morning for our annual meetings, celebrating and giving thanks for 2024 and looking ahead to the rest of 2025.

Welcome to Jo Sanders:

We are delighted that Jo is joining us on placement for 6 weeks from St Catharine's, London Road, ahead of starting ordination training in September.

We pray for: -

Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Malcolm, Stella, Hugh, John, Caroline, Tim, and Sarah

Hymns at St George's: -

463 My Love Is Love Unknown
Let's Build A House
428 Love Divine
35 A New Commandment

Recycling:

It has been confirmed by Gloucester City Council that they will process any church related recycling. They cannot take recycling generated by St George's Centre users that are not the Church related, as this counts as commercial waste. In the light of this, the new recycling receptacles are stored next to the foodbank collection point and have been painted with St George's Church to avoid confusion. Recycling should be sorted as per household guidelines for those in the parish.

Christian Aid:

The collection bucket will be at the back of St George's today but will be removed after the service.

Half Term Family Fun – Saturday 31st May from 10.00am until 11.30am: Please sign up if you can help with this – Thanks!

Holiday Club full team briefing – Tuesday 29th July:

Come along from 2.00pm until 4.00pm for essential safeguarding information, to hear the songs, and to try out the crafts!

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 FISH, DEODORANT.** Thank you.

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