Sunday 20 July 2025

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the

Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all

your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Or Amos 8:1-12

PSALM Psalm 15

R Through the greatness of your mercy, I will come into your house.

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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may rest upon your holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right; Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour; **R**

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,

but who honours those who fear the Lord.

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word; Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe against the innocent; Whoever does these things shall never fall. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without

shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-end

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,

that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all! Diary Dates for Sunday 20th July 2025 onwards

Sun 20 th	TRINITY 5/ Mary Magdalene		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion
			Welcomer: Erna
			Crucifer: Sylvia C
			Readers: Susan &
			Jonathan T
			Intercessions: Linda M
			Coffee: Lynne
	l 2.30pm	St M	Baptism of Elodie
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 21 st	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 22 nd	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.00am	St G	Parish Communion
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 23rd	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at
			5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Thu 24 th	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30pm	SH	Thursday Club
	12.00noon	St M	Teddy Bear Zip Wire
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Clubbercise
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 25 th			
Sat 26 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
		St M	Wedding of Adam and
			Heidi
Sun 27 th	TRINITY 6		
	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion
			Welcomer: Darrell
			Crucifer: Mark B
			Readers: Lynne &
			Sylvia E
			Intercessions: Sylvia C
			Coffee: Sylvia +

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

Teddy Zip Wire: Thursday 24th July at St Margaret's. Calling all Teddies – would you like to have a go at zip wiring down from the tower? Bring a picnic to enjoy with your family whilst you venture on the exciting opportunity! If you've volunteered to help, please check the sheet at the back of church, thank you!

We pray for: -

Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Malcolm, Hugh, John, Caroline, Sarah, Annia, Graham.

Hymns at St George's: -

- 54 At the name of Jesus
- 727 What a friend we have in Jesus
- 506 O let the son of God comfort you
- 32 And can it be

Fun Day: Thank you to everyone who donated, contributed to, and attended – a great community day!

Holiday Club briefing: Tuesday 29th July from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in St George's Church for all volunteers, please do attend for important safeguarding information, role descriptions, songs, and activities!!

Tesco Blue Tokens: Please use your tokens to vote for **St George's Church Fun & Free Equipment** if you are Tesco shopping as part of their Stronger Starts scheme.

Foodbank: There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in URGENT need of: LONG-LIFE MILK & FRUIT JUICE (not chilled), TINNED FISH AND TINNED FRUIT. Thank you.

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Please note: The Administration Office is closed this week owing to annual leave.

