

Sunday 17th August 2025

Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the
lowliness of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the
mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are
redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the
glory of your eternal
kingdom;
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.
Amen

Readings

Isaiah 61.10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the
Lord, my whole being shall
exult in my God; for he has
clothed me with the garments
of salvation, he has covered me
with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself
with a garland, and as a bride
adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its
shoots, and as a garden causes
what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause
righteousness and praise to
spring up before all the nations.

Psalms 45. 10-end

10. Hear, O daughter;
consider and incline your
ear; • forget your own people
and your father's house.

11 So shall the king have
pleasure in your beauty; •
he is your lord, so do him
honour.

Blessed Virgin Mary

12 The people of Tyre shall
bring you gifts; • the richest
of the people shall seek
your favour.

13 The king's daughter is all
glorious within; • her
clothing is embroidered
cloth of gold.

14 She shall be brought to
the king in raiment of
needlework; • after her the
virgins that are her
companions.

15 With joy and gladness
shall they be brought • and
enter into the palace of the
king.

16 'Instead of your fathers
you shall have sons, • whom
you shall make princes over
all the land.

17 'I will make your name to
be remembered through all
generations; • therefore
shall the peoples praise you
for ever and ever.'

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of
time had come, God sent his
Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, in order to
redeem those who were
under the law, so that we
might receive adoption as
children. And because you
are children, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, 'Abba!
Father!' So you are no
longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an
heir, through God.

Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God
my Saviour, for he has looked
with favour on the lowliness
of his servant. Surely, from
now on all generations will
call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me, and holy
is his name. His mercy is for
those who fear him from
generation to generation. He
has shown strength with his
arm; he has scattered the
proud in the thoughts of their
hearts. He has brought down
the powerful from their
thrones, and lifted up the
lowly; he has filled the hungry
with good things, and sent
the rich away empty. He has
helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his
mercy, according to the
promise he made to our
ancestors, to Abraham and to
his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the
Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this
sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy
Spirit and overshadow us by
your power;
strengthen us to walk with
Mary the joyful path of
obedience and so to bring
forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD,
and not a God far off? Who can hide
in secret places so that I cannot see
them? says the LORD. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? says the LORD. I
have heard what the prophets have
said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, "I have dreamed, I have
dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts
of the prophets ever turn back – those
who prophesy lies, and who prophesy
the deceit of their own heart? They
plan to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one
another, just as their ancestors forgot
my name for Baal. Let the prophet who
has a dream tell the dream, but let the
one who has my word speak my word
faithfully. What has straw in common
with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my
word like fire, says the LORD, and like
a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Or **Isaiah 5:1-7**

PSALM Psalm 82

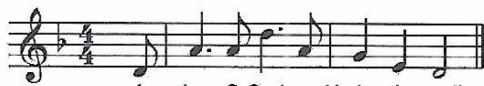
R Arise, O God, and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of
heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives
judgement:

"How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked? **R**

"You were to judge the weak and the
orphan;
defend the right of the humble and
needy;

"Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked. **R**



A - rise, O God, and judge the earth.

"They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are
shaken.

"Therefore I say that though you are
gods
and all of you children of the Most
High, **R**

"Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes."
Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for
your possession. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people of Israel passed
through the Red Sea as if it were
dry land, but when the Egyptians
attempted to do so they were
drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho
fell after they had been encircled
for seven days. By faith Rahab the
prostitute did not perish with those
who were disobedient, because she
had received the spies in peace.
And what more should I say? For
time would fail me to tell of Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets – who
through faith conquered kingdoms,
administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions,
quenched raging fire, escaped the
edge of the sword, won strength out
of weakness, became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight. Women
received their dead by resurrection.
Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a
better resurrection. Others suffered
mocking and flogging, and even
chains and imprisonment. They were
stoned to death, they were sawn in
two, they were killed by the sword;
they went about in skins of sheep
and goats, destitute, persecuted,
tormented – of whom the world was
not worthy. They wandered in deserts
and mountains, and in caves and holes
in the ground. Yet all these, though
they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,
since God had provided something
better so that they would not, apart
from us, be made perfect. Therefore,

since we are surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay
aside every weight and the sin that
clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and
perfector of our faith, who for the sake
of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its
shame, and has taken his seat at the
right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to
bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
were already kindled! I have a baptism
with which to be baptised, and what
stress I am under until it is completed!
Do you think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but
rather division! From now on five in
one household will be divided, three
against two and two against three;
they will be divided: father against son
and son against father, mother against
daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-
in-law and daughter-in-law against
mother-in-law." He also said to the
crowds, "When you see a cloud rising
in the west, you immediately say, 'It is
going to rain'; and so it happens. And
when you see the south wind blowing,
you say, 'There will be scorching heat';
and it happens. You hypocrites! You
know how to interpret the appearance
of earth and sky, but why do you not
know how to interpret the present
time?"

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 17th August 2025 onwards

Sun 17 th	BVM / TRINITY 9		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: David Readers: OT Helen & NT Derek Intercessions: Gioia Coffee: Angela & Dawn
	4.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 18 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 19 th	9.30am 8.00pm	SH MH	Coffee Pot Karate
Wed 20 th	8.15am 3.30pm	Zoom MH	Morning Prayer Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Thu 21 st	10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	St M LC MH SH	Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer Clubbercise Charter Band
Fri 22 nd			
Sat 23 rd	10.00am 2.00pm	MH MH	Karate Private Booking
Sun 24 th	BARTHOLOMEW / TRINITY 10		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Erna Crucifer: Roger Readers: OT Stuart & NT Joceline Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Sylvia

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

Please Note: - There will not be any Parish Eucharist on Tuesday as Rachel is on leave.

We pray for: -

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

Hymns at St George's: -

605 Sing we of thy blessed Mother
182 Mary mother of our Lord
631 Tell out my soul

Safeguarding Training: Please Book! There is limited space for - **Tuesday 9th September 1.30pm until 4.00pm**, but lots of space for **Tuesday 16th September from 7.00pm until 9.00pm**; this applies to anyone who needs to complete basis safeguarding training.

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.

Recycling: This has been relocated to outside the kitchen for easier access; please do use the green box and blue sack for all CHURCH related recycling.

Church Administrator's Office: is closed from 25th to 31st August for annual leave.

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 READY MEALS AND BOTTLES OF SQUASH.** Thank you.

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