

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and
bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram
in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I
am your shield; your reward shall be very
great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD,
what will you give me, for I continue
childless, and the heir of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and
so a slave born in my house is to be my
heir." But the word of the LORD came
to him, "This man shall not be your heir;
no one but your very own issue shall be
your heir." The Lord brought Abraham
outside and said, "Look toward heaven
and count the stars, if you are able
to count them." Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be." And
he believed the LORD; and the LORD
reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Or **Isaiah 1:1. 10-20**

PSALM Psalm 33:12-end [or 33:12-21]

R *The earth is full of the loving-kindness
of the Lord.*

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his
own.

The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth. **R**

From where he sits enthroned he turns
his gaze

on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works. **R**

No king is saved by the might of his
host;

no warrior delivered by his great
strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his
steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be
upon us,
as we have set our hope on you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16

*A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the conviction of things not seen.
Indeed, by faith our ancestors received
approval. By faith we understand that
the worlds were prepared by the word
of God, so that what is seen was made
from things that are not visible. By faith
Abraham obeyed when he was called to
set out for a place that he was to receive
as an inheritance; and he set out, not
knowing where he was going. By faith he
stayed for a time in the land he had been
promised, as in a foreign land, living in
tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. For
he looked forward to the city that has
foundations, whose architect and builder
is God. By faith he received power of
procreation, even though he was too
old – and Sarah herself was barren –
because he considered him faithful
who had promised. Therefore from one
person, and this one as good as dead,
descendants were born, "as many as the
stars of heaven and as the innumerable
grains of sand by the seashore." All
of these died in faith without having
received the promises, but from a
distance they saw and greeted them.
They confessed that they were strangers
and foreigners on the earth, for people
who speak in this way make it clear
that they are seeking a homeland. If
they had been thinking of the land that

they had left behind, they would have
had opportunity to return. But as it is,
they desire a better country, that is,
a heavenly one. Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God; indeed,
he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be
afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Sell your possessions, and give alms.
Make purses for yourselves that do not
wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven,
where no thief comes near and no moth
destroys. For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also. Be dressed
for action and have your lamps lit; be like
those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet, so
that they may open the door for him as
soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed
are those slaves whom the master finds
alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he
will fasten his belt and have them sit
down to eat, and he will come and serve
them. If he comes during the middle of
the night, or near dawn, and finds them
so, blessed are those slaves. But know
this: if the owner of the house had known
at what hour the thief was coming, he
would not have let his house be broken
into. You also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an unexpected
hour."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



Transfiguration of Our Lord

Collect

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you. in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

7.9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

13 As watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him- His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; •
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; •
righteousness and justice are the foundation of
his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him • and burns up his enemies
on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world; • the earth saw it
and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence
of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the
whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness, • and all
the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in mere idols. •
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of
Judah rejoiced, • because of your judgements, O
Lord.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;
• you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; • he
preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers
them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous • and joy
for the true of heart

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, •
and give thanks to his holy name.

2 Peter 1.16-19

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, this is my Son, my Beloved, with whom am well pleased. 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place. until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

This is the word of the Lord. All:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 9.28—36

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord,

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter, John, and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, Master. it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you. one for Moses, and one for Elijah- not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him! 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 10th August 2025 onwards

Sun 10 th	TRANSFIGURATION / TRINITY 8		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Darrell Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Sylvia C & Paul Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Hilary & Glenice
Mon 11 th	10.30am 5.00pm	SH Zoom	Say Aphasia Evening Prayer
Tue 12 th	9.30am 2.30pm 8.00pm	SH SH MH	Coffee Pot Mothers' Union Karate
Wed 13 th	8.15am 3.30pm	Zoom MH	Morning Prayer Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Thu 14 th	10.30am 6.30pm 7.30pm	St M MH SH	Parish Eucharist Clubbercise Charter Band
Fri 15 th	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 16 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 17 th	BVM / TRINITY 9		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: David Readers: Helen & Derek Intercessions: Gioia Coffee: Volunteer please
	4.00pm	St M	Evensong

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 Evening Prayer on Tuesday or Thursday, or Parish Eucharist on Tuesday as both Rachel and Gioia are on leave.

Holiday Club: A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped at Holiday Club – the children had a fantastic time making stained glass sheep, sheep masks, boats and thank you cards as well as some fantastic singing and dancing! It was such a fun week for all, full of God's Love and Joy

We pray for: -

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

Hymns at St George's: -

616 Stand up and bless the Lord
494 O God our help in ages past
84 Breathe on me breath of God
573 Praise to the Lord

Safeguarding Training: Please Book! If you haven't done already. Limited space - **Tuesday 12th September 1.30pm until 4.00pm**, lots of space for **Tuesday 16th September from 7.00pm until 9.00pm**; this applies to anyone who needs to complete basis safeguarding training.

Crossroads: A reminder that articles need to be with the editors for Saturday 13th August please.

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.

Church in Tuffley, Afternoon Tea at English Martyrs, Tuesday 14th August. If you would like to go to the annual CIT Afternoon Tea at English Martyrs, you can get a ticket from Rachel.

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)**, **PACKETS OF PASTA'N SAUCE** and **FRAY BENTOS PIES**. Thank you.

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