COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble

and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;

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 Isaiah 58:9b-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Or Jeremiah 1:4-10

PSALM Psalm 103:1-8

R The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; Who redeems your life from the Pit and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; R

Who satisfies you with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an

The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel. The Lord is full of compassion and

slow to anger and of great kindness. R

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet

once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Sunday 24th August

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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.

Readings - Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Psalm 145.1-7

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, • and bless your name for ever and ever. 2 Every day will I bless you • and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; • his greatness is beyond all searching out.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another • and declare your mighty acts.
5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, • and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts • and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness • and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak. but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you

might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sharing G Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 24th August 2025 onwards

			August 2025 onwards
Sun 24 th	BART	HOLOM	EW /TRINITY 10
	9.00am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist
			Welcomer: Erna
			Crucifer: Roger
			Readers: Stuart &
			Joceline
			Intercessions: Susan
			Coffee: Sylvia + Lother
Mon 25 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Tue 26 th	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.30am	LC	Parish Eucharist
	5.00pm	St G	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 27 th	8. I 5am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at
			5.00pm & 6.30pm
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
Thu 28 th	10.30am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	SH	Charter Band
Fri 29 th			
Sat 30 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 31 st	TRINITY II		NITY I I
	9.00am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist
			Welcomer: Margaret
			Crucifer: Jayne
			Readers: JonathanT &
			Susan
			Intercessions: Sylvia C
			Coffee: Sylvia + Tother

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

SH

IGBO Meeting

4.00pm

Please note: St George's Church Office is closed from Monday 25^{th} re-opening with effect from Monday 1^{st} September.

We pray for: -

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

Hymns at St George's: -

Blest are the pure in heart 77 Bartholomew Saint of Summer Love divine all loves excelling

Safeguarding Training: Please Book! If you haven't done already. Lots of space still 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.

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), JARS OF COOK IN SAUCES and TINNED TOMATOES. Thank you.

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