

Sunday

7 September 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or
deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we
are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-end

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Or **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

PSALM Psalm 1

R *The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.



The Lord knows the way of the right-eous.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and
night. **R**

Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows
away. **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to
stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the
righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

SECOND READING Philemon 1-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary

and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 7th September 2025 onwards

Sun 7 th	TRINITY 12		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: MarkB Readers: SylviaE & David Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Sue and LindaR Evensong
	5.00pm	St M	
Mon 8 th	10.30am	SH	Say Aphasia
	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
Tue 9 th	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.30am	LC	Parish Eucharist
	1.30pm	LC	Safeguarding training
	2.30pm	SH	Mothers' Union
	5.00pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs and Beavers
	7.00pm	SH	Joint PCC meeting
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 10 th	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 11 th	10.30am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	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 12 th	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
Sat 13 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
	10.30am	St G & St M	Heritage Open Day
Sun 14 th	TRINITY 13/ Holy Cross		
	9.00am	St M	Parish Eucharist
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenda Crucifer: SylviaE Readers: Derek & Helen Intercessions: Paul Coffee: Dianne & Erna

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

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**



We pray for: Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Hugh, John, Sarah, Sarah, Andy, and children, Sarah, Paul, and children.

Hymns at St George's:

343 Jesus, lover of my soul

626 Take up thy cross

Reflection video – Remembrance by Matt Redman

13 All for Jesus

Safeguarding Training: Please Book! If you haven't done so already, there are four spaces still for **Tuesday 16th September from 7.00pm until 9.00pm**; this applies to anyone who needs to complete basis safeguarding training. Please book with Laura in the Church Office.

Heritage Open Day/Ride & Stride, Saturday 13th September: This year, we've been asked to open both churches from 10.00am until 3.00pm. Please let Rachel or Jonathan know if you could be available for an hour or two at either church to welcome our visitors. Thank you!

Tuesday 30th September: Children. Youth and families review and future planning 7.00pm onwards, all are welcome

Pets Service – Sunday 5th October: Bring your pet or soft toy along for a blessing in this special service.

Harvest Meal, Saturday 11th October: Tickets are £15 each to include a Sherry reception, bring something to drink. Contact Sylvia or Helen to book

Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday 29th November: See Darrell or Rachel to book a table please spread the word!

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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