

Sunday 14 September Holy Cross

Collect

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your
blessed Son made an
instrument of painful death to
be for us the means of life and
peace:

grant us so to glory in the
cross of Christ that we may
gladly suffer for his sake; who
is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Numbers 21.4–9

From Mount Hor they set out
by the way to the Red Sea, to
go around the land of Edom;
but the people became
impatient on the way. The
people spoke against God and
against Moses, Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to
die in the wilderness? For
there is no food and no water,
and we detest this miserable
food. Then the Lord sent
poisonous serpents among the
people, and they bit the
people, so that many Israelites
died. The people came to
Moses and said, We have
sinned by speaking against the
Lord and against you; pray to
the Lord to take away the
serpents from us. So Moses
prayed for the people.
And the Lord said to Moses,
Make a poisonous serpent,
and set it on a pole; and
everyone who is bitten shall
look at it and live. So Moses
made a serpent of bronze, and
put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit
someone, that person would

look at the serpent of bronze
and live.

Psalms 22.23–28

23 Praise the Lord, you that
fear him; • O seed of Jacob,
glorify him; stand in awe of
him, O seed of Israel.

**24 For he has not despised
nor abhorred the suffering of
the poor; neither has he
hidden his face from them; •
but when they cried to him he
heard them.**

25 From you comes my praise
in the great congregation; •
I will perform my vows in the
presence of those that fear
you.

**26 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied; • those who seek
the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to
the Lord, • and all the families
of the nations shall bow
before him.

**28 For the kingdom is the
Lords • and he rules over the
nations.**

Philippians 2.5–11

In your relationships with one
another, have the same
mindset as Christ Jesus: who,
though he was in the form of
God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied
himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in
human form, he humbled
himself and became obedient
to the point of death— even
death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly
exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every
name, so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every
tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading

John 3.13–17

No one has ascended into
heaven except the one who
descended from heaven, the
Son of Man. And just as Moses
lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, so must the Son of
Man be lifted up, that
whoever believes in him may
have eternal life. For God so
loved the world that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him may not
perish but may have eternal
life. Indeed, God did not send
the Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in
order that the world might be
saved through him.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his
body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to
show forth his death until he
comes:
give us grace to glory in the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life
and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

Sunday

14 September 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself;
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

At the top of Mount Sinai, the LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Or **Jeremiah 4:11-12. 22-28**

PSALM Psalm 51:1-11

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the

utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

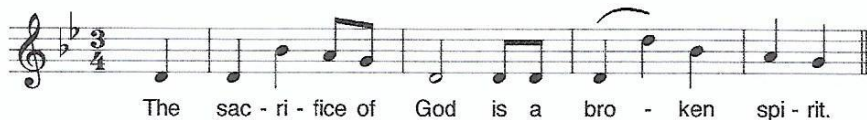
GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where
hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 14th September 2025 onwards

Sun 14 th	TRINITY 13/HOLY CROSS		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenda Crucifer: SylviaE Readers: Derek & Helen Intercessions: Linda Coffee: Dianne & Erna Private let
	3.00pm	MH	
Mon 15 th	5.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.15pm 7.15pm	Zoom MH SH MH SH	Evening Prayer Brownies Rainbows Guides Youth Group
Tue 16 th	9.30am 10.30am 5.00pm 1.30pm 6.30pm 7.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	SH LC MH LC MH LC V MH	Coffee Pot Parish Eucharist Fun and Free Evening Prayer Cubs and Beavers Safeguarding Training 2 Communications Group Karate
Wed 17 th	8.15am 9.30am 3.30pm 5.00pm	Zoom MH MH LC	Morning Prayer Phonics with Robot Reg Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Thu 18 th	10.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	St M SH SH LC MH SH	Parish Eucharist Thursday Club Art Group Evening Prayer Clubbercise Charter Band
Fri 19 th			
Sat 20 th	10.00am 10.00am	MH St G & St M	Karate Heritage Open Day
Sun 21 st	TRINITY 14/ST MATTHEW		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Darrell Crucifer: SylviaC Readers: Paul & LindaM Intercessions: Derek Coffee: Dianne & Erna Evensong
	5.00pm	St M	

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

Hymns at St George's:

- 137 Crown him with many crowns
463 My song is love unknown
649 King of love
16 All hail the power of Jesus' name

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 to St George's for a blessing in this special service.

Harvest Meal, 6.00pm 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; 12.00noon until 3.00pm: See Darrell or Rachel to book a table please spread the word! Your donations of bottles for the Tombola and prizes for the Raffle will be gratefully received from this Sunday onwards. Please note we are not running a Bric-a-Brac stall this year.

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 RICE PUDDING and TINNED CUSTARD.** Thank you.

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

Thank you to all those who attend Tuesday afternoon's Safeguarding Training – There are just three places left for this Tuesday's session at 7.00pm – please book directly with Laura.

We are part of the Church in Tuffley

