

Sunday 5 October
St Francis

Collect

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 61.10-62.5

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. The Vindication and Salvation of Zion.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no

more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalms 34.1-8

1. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord

Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Matthew 11.25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Post Communion

Merciful God, who gave such grace to your servant Francis that he served you with singleness of heart and loved you above all things: help us, whose communion with you has been renewed in this sacrament, to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday

5 October 2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call
upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to
do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM Psalm 37:1-9

R *The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord.*

Fret not because of evildoers;
be not jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like grass
and like the green herb fade away.
Trust in the Lord and be doing good;

dwell in the land and be nourished with truth. **R**

Let your delight be in the Lord
and he will give you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to the Lord and put
your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
He will make your righteousness as
clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday. **R**

Be still before the Lord and wait for
him;
do not fret over those that prosper
as they follow their evil schemes.
Refrain from anger and abandon wrath;
do not fret, lest you be moved to do
evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall
possess the land. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his

own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 5th October 2025 onwards

Sun 5 th	TRINITY 16/St Francis		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Erna Crucifer: Jayne Readers: Lynne & Paul Intercessions: Sylvia C Coffee: Angela
	3.00pm	St G	Pet Service
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 6 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer
	5.00pm	MH	Brownies
	6.00pm	SH	Rainbows
	7.15pm	MH	Guides
	7.15pm	SH	Youth Group
Tue 7 th	9.30am	SH	Coffee Pot
	10.30am	LC	Parish Eucharist
	5.00pm	MH	Fun and Free
	1.30pm	LC	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	MH	Cubs and Beavers
	8.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 8 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 9 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 10 th	7.30pm	MH	Gardening Club
	7.30pm	SH	Entertainers
Sat 11 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
	6.30pm	MH	Harvest Supper
Sun 12 th	TRINITY 17/HARVEST		
	9.00am	St M	Harvest Eucharist
	10.30am	St G	Harvest Eucharist
			Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Jonathan T & Sylvia C Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Dianne & Erna
	4.00pm	St M	Family Celebration of Harvest

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

Pets Service – TODAY, 3.00pm: Bring your pet or soft toy along to St George's for a blessing in this special service.

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

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

Recently Departed: Andrew Russell.

Hymns at St George's:

- 184 For the beauty of the earth
437 Make me a channel of your peace
Let everything that has breath by Matt Redman
6 All creatures of our God and King

Harvest Meal, 6.30pm Saturday 11th October:

Tickets are £15 each to include a Sherry reception, bring something to drink. All places filled!

Donation for Harvest: Donations of **FOOD** for Foodbank and donations of **TOILETRIES** are requested for next Sunday as our donations for Harvest.

Light Party Tuesday 28th October from 4.30pm

until 6.00pm: Please sign up on the sheet at the back of St George's if you can help us out!

Sharing God's Love Groups: Sign up for this film/discussion group on Monday 27th October from 2.00pm - 3.30pm and on 3rd, 10th, and 17th November or Wednesday 29th October from 7.00pm - 8.30pm and on 5th, 12th, and 19th November. To be held jointly by Rachel, Gioia, and Mark.

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 **TODAY** onwards. Please note we are not running a Bric-a-Brac stall this year. Have you put your name down to help yet?

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 UHT SEMI SKIMMED MILK, SUGAR, PET FOOD, TINNED MEATS, BEANS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PUDDINGS** Etc. Thank you.

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