

Sunday 12 October
Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 26.1–11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us. When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched

arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 100

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Philippians 4.4–9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and

heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 6.25–35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, Rabbi, when did you come here? Jesus answered them, Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal. Then they said to him, What must we do to perform the works of God? Jesus answered them, This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent. So they said to him, What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?

Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said to them, Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. They said to him, Sir, give us this bread always. Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly
city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15c

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do

something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

PSALM Psalm 111

R *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them.
His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures
for ever. **R**

He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure. **R**

They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." your faith has made you well."

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to
all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!

Diary Dates for Sunday 12th October 2025 onwards

Sun 12 th	Harvest Thanksgiving/TRINITY 17		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Harvest Eucharist Harvest Eucharist Welcomer: Darrell Crucifer: Sylvia E Readers: Jonathan T & Sylvia C Intercessions: Linda M Coffee: Dianne & Erna Family Celebration of Harvest
	4.00pm	St M	
Mon 13 th	10.30am 5.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.15pm 7.15pm	SH Zoom MH SH MH SH	Say Aphasia Evening Prayer Brownies Rainbows Guides Youth Group
Tue 14 th	9.30am 10.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 8.00pm	SH LC MH SH LC MH MH	Coffee Pot Parish Eucharist Fun and Free Mothers' Union Evening Prayer Cubs and Beavers Karate
Wed 15 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 16 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 17 th	7.30pm	MH	Entertainers
Sat 18 th	10.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 19 th	St Luke/TRINITY 18		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist Welcomer: Glenice Crucifer: Roger Readers: Stuart & Linda M Intercessions: Susan Coffee: Volunteer please!
	5.00pm	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.



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: Joyce Daniele

Hymns at St George's:

133 Come ye thankful people come
559 Praise God for the Harvest
67 Be still for the presence of the Lord
558 Praise and thanksgiving

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 at the Light Party!

Time to Remember Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm: Please add names of departed loved ones to be remembered on the list at the back of either church.

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 or spread the word! Your donations of **BOTTLES** for the Tombola and **PRIZES** for the Raffle will be gratefully received from **TODAY** onwards. Please note we are not running a Bric-a-Brac stall this year. Have you put your name down to help yet?
We need help in the kitchen!

Foodbank: There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in **URGENT** need of: **PACKETED and TINNED FOODS and PERSONAL CARE ITEMS.** Thank you.

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