

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the  
works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his  
glorious majesty to judge the  
living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and  
reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### PSALM Psalm 122

**R** *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.*

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem; **R**

Jerusalem, built as a city  
that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes  
of the Lord,

as is decreed for Israel, to give  
thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of  
judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

"Peace be within your walls

and tranquillity within your

palaces." **R**

For my kindred and companions' sake,  
I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the

Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good. **R**

### SECOND READING

**Romans 13:11-end**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead,

put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep  
us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son  
our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Diary Dates for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 onwards**

Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St G</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist; Welcomer:</b> Erna, <b>Crucifer:</b> Roger, <b>Readers:</b> Stuart & Sylvia E, <b>Intercessions:</b> Susan, <b>Coffee:</b> Sylvia E
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>Darkness into Light:</b> St Margaret's will be in complete darkness at the start of our service and will gradually fill with light as the service progresses a symbolic representation of hope emerging from darkness.
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.00pm 7.15pm	Zoom SH	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Youth Club
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am <b>10.00am</b> 1.30pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	SH <b>LC</b> MH <b>LC</b> Softley	Coffee Pot <b>Parish Eucharist-</b> Owing to Explore Christmas will not be a Eucharist on 9 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Fun and Free</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> Heating meeting
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>8.15am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Zoom <b>LC</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am</b> 10.30am  <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>St M</b> SH  <b>LC</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Thursday Club No Art Group until 8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Evening Prayer</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm 7.30pm	MH MH	Gardening Club Christmas Party Entertainer's rehearsal
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>St G</b>	Church Cleaning Crew
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Advent 2</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St G</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist; Welcomer:</b> Glenice, <b>Crucifer:</b> Jayne, <b>Readers:</b> David & Helen, <b>Intercessions:</b> Paul, <b>Coffee:</b> Volunteer please
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>ST M</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

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

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

**Hymns at St George's:** 128 Come thou long expected Jesus; 19 All our hope on God is founded; In Christ alone; 263 Hark a herald voice is calling;

**Christmas Craft Fayre:** Thank to everyone who helped with or attended our Christmas Craft Fayre yesterday!!

**Christmas Hampers:** As a church in Tuffley, we are collecting for hampers for schools again; there are still a few sheets at the back of St George's Church.

**Explore Christmas:** We will be welcoming some local schools into church during week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December, if you could help in any way please sign up.

**St George's Entertainers' Christmas Sing-along:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm; tickets are £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. Contact [st.georgesent@gmail.com](mailto:st.georgesent@gmail.com) for more information.

**It's the Foodbank Anniversary Event in Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December; from 2.00pm until 4.00pm: Please contact by email manager @gloucester.foodbank.org.uk if you are interested. Foodbank:** There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in **URGENT** need of **sugar, tins of meat, tins of vegetables**. Or you can check for the latest needs on [www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk) Thank you.

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