



Week Commencing Sunday 26th April 2026

Today we celebrate our Patronal Festival (St George's Day) and the Baptisms of Steve and Tony!

We Pray For: Vikky, Peter, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Paul & Children, Andy & children, Jamie, Tony, Tess & Bill, Mike & Hilary, Amanda, Sarah, Jonathan and Children.

Hymns at St George's: Let us build a house, St George's Hymn, I vow to thee my country, 33 And did those feet (Jerusalem)

Notices:

Thank you to Rich – sadly we say goodbye to Rich Flower today who has been with us on placement since the beginning of February. We give thanks for all that he has brought and given, and we wish him well in his future ministry.

Foundation Safeguarding Training – in person, Monday 11th May 2-4pm & Thursday 14th May 7-9pm contact Laura to book. Please check the list at the back of church to double-check if you need to do this training or ask Laura or Rachel (If you help with children's activities or are on the PCC you will need to complete this training).

Rota – Roger will soon be completing the 4 month St George's rota – please let him know if you would like to be a welcomer (smile, say hello, give out book) or read or lead prayers or carry the cross in church. For more info on any roles speak to Roger.

Confirmation – Bishop Rachel will be with us at St George's on 5th July 10.30am to lead a Confirmation service – if you would like to be confirmed or know anyone who would, please let Rachel or Gioia know (and ask them for info!)

Foodbank - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: Deodorant, Shaving foam & toothpaste
The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event						
Sun 26 th	9.00am	St Margaret's	Eucharist						
	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist & Baptisms	WelcomerErna	Crucifer Sylvia C	Readers Linda M Jonathan T	Intercession Rich	Coffee Sylv	
Mon 27 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer						
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group						
Tue 28 th	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot						
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist						
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free						
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer						
	7.00pm	Small Hall	PCC						
Wed 29 th	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer						
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer						
Thu 30 th	10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist						
	10.30am	Small Hall	Thursday Club						
	2.00pm	Small Hall	Art Group						
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer						
Fri 1 st									
Sat 2 nd	10am	St George's	Church Cleaning						
Sun 3 rd	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Easter 5	Welcomer Margaret	Crucifer Mark B	Readers Joceline Paul	Intercession Sylvia C	Coffee Volunteer Please	
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong						

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GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND C.304 (FESTIVAL)

COLLECT

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; 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.

REVELATION 12.7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heaven and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

PSALM 126

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**
3. Then said they among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.
4. The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. **R**
5. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.
6. Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

2 TIMOTHY 2.3-13

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. 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.

JOHN 15.18-21

If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, Servants are not greater than their master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr George: by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection, give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**