



**SIGNPOST**



Week Commencing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

**Recently Departed:** Hugh Broad, Marlene Thomas (funeral Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am St M), Carol Tunstall

**Hymns at St George's:** Lord for the years, Brother sister let me serve you, I will offer up my life, Rejoice the Lord is King

**Notices:**

**Coffeepot / Thursday Club:** Could you help with either of these? Speak to Rachel for more details.

**Confirmation** – sessions for this on Wednesdays 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June 6pm young people 7pm adults – all welcome!

**Food Hygiene – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** 9.30am-4pm course for anyone who makes food in the kitchen – speak to Rachel for info.

**Sun 31st May** – Sylvia and David Chamberlain will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a 'thanksgiving for marriage and renewal of vows' during the 10.30am Eucharist at St G – please do come along.

**Youth Ministry Day** – would anyone like to join Sophie and Rachel on this diocesan day? Sat 6 June 10am-4pm.

**Spring Family Fun 30<sup>th</sup> May** 10-11.30am – if you can help please sign up at the back of church.

**Summer Fun Day 11<sup>th</sup> July** 12-3pm – can you help? Please sign-up Also, have you any donations for tombola or raffle? Thanks!

**Foodbank** - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: UHT Milk and Juice, Toiletries

The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: [www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk) Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Easter 7	Welcomer Darrell	Crucifer Sylvia E	Readers Helen Stuart	Intercession Paul	Coffee Dianne Erna
	11.45am	St George's	APCM – All welcome to attend – reports available from back of church.					
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					
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Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group					
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	12.30pm	Cathedral	Funeral of Fr Hugh Broad					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.30pm	St Barnabas	Refresh – all welcome, please come along					
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	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 22 <sup>nd</sup>								
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.30am	St Barnabas	All welcome to Join St Barnabas for a Church in Tuffley Litter Pick					
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Pentecost	Welcomer Erna	Crucifer Jayne	Readers Derek Sylvia C	Intercession Linda M	Coffee Joss
	3pm	St George's	Reflect – a quiet prayer service					

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# Sunday 17 May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven;  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.


Either **Acts 1:6-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Or **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

## PSALM

**Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end (or 68:1-10)**   
R Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those that hate him flee before him.  
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them make merry with gladness.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**  
Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R**

O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R**

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.  
Your people came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;  
make music in praise of the Lord;  
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens  
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. **R**

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel,  
whose power is above the clouds.  
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary,  
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!  
Blessed be God. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,

looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Or **Acts 1:6-14**

## GOSPEL John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom;  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sing - to God, sing prai-ses to his name.