



6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 12TH JULY 2026



COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

FIRST READING

(Genesis 25.19-34)

A reading from the book of Genesis:

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

(Romans 8:1-11)

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with

the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL.

(Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23)

Alleluia, alleluia, Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the Sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

'He told them many things in parables...'



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NOTICES for 12th July 2026

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PREACHER THIS MORNING – We welcome Richard Winchester from All Saints' Church as our preacher this morning. Please pray for Richard as he proclaims the gospel among us.

LITTLE STEPS - Thank you to all who have supported and helped at Little Steps. Wednesday 15th July will be our last meeting before the Summer break. We will resume on Wednesday 2nd September at 10:30am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy the summer!
Elizabeth Wilding group leader.

PRAYER TREE - Much will change in both churches over the next few weeks. Please offer your prayers to God for our future with Toby and his family and wish God's blessings on Jordan, Becky and Maisie as they move on to new and exciting things. You are free to write prayers on anything that may be troubling you at any time and hang those on the tree too.

ST GEORGE'S QUIZ - The latest version dubbed "Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside" is available at the back of Church or direct from Bill Walker. Price £1.

THE MESSENGER JULY / AUGUST – this edition of the magazine is also available online and has a letter of introduction from our new vicar Revd Toby Webber. Link: https://www.stgeorgechorley.co.uk/assets/pdf/July_Aug2.pdf

SAVE THE DATE! - our new incumbent, Rev Toby Webber will be instituted and inducted as our next vicar in St George's church on Wednesday 29th July at 7:30pm. Please make every effort to attend and welcome Toby and his family to our parish.

HELP NEEDED! – after our new vicar is inducted, we will be serving drinks and cakes after the 7:30pm service on 29th July in the Church Hall. **Please**, can you help!? There is a list at the back of church to sign with offers of homemade cakes and / or help on the night. *Thank you, The Mothers' Union.* (please contact Barabra Horsfield for more information.)

Our hymns this morning:

Processional **131** Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
Gradual **420** Lord, thy word abideth
Offertory **684** Thou, whose almighty word
Communion **Choir** *Greene - Thou visitest the earth*
473 Now my tongue (tune. 2)
108 Colours of day
Post Communion **766** You shall go out with joy x 2

FR JORDAN'S LAST SERVICE HERE AT ST GEORGE'S - will be on Sunday 26th July, and Jordan will Preside at our 9:30am service. We are having a Jacob's Join afterwards in the Hall. There is a list at the back of church for anyone willing to contribute. Thank you all in advance and apologies as this event is so close to the one for our new vicar's arrival.

MORNING PRAYER FRIDAYS 9:15AM - though we have appointed a new vicar these are still continuing and proving to be a valuable time and space to pray and hear God's word. All are welcome to join with us.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP - will be taking a break over the summer. Thank you to everyone who attends this group and for your prayers. Please keep praying over the summer and we will meet again in September.

THIS YEAR'S HARVEST TEA - will take place on 26th September, we are planning to perform two short sketches along with a selection of show tunes. If any children or adults would like to take part, or even perform something on their own or with someone else, we would love to hear from you. There will be an initial get together on Sunday 2nd August at 5.15pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more. Hope to see plenty of you there. *Cath Jolly.*

FUNERALS – this week there are two funerals here in St George's: Simon Newell, Wednesday 15th at 1:30pm and then on Friday 17th is Audrey Clark at 10:30am. Please pray for their families at this time.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank,
Jonathan Yates, Margaret Salisbury,
Dorothy Treadwell, Marjorie Baxendale**

Also the recently departed:

**Simon Newell, Audrey Clark,
Joyce Binns, Philippa Lancaster (child)**
and for those whose years' mind falls at this time:
**Michael Jepson, Edith Lowe, Annie Hilton, Shirley Mitton,
Irene Cowell, David Kearsley, Hilda Boothman,
Leslie Akroyd, Brian Clayton**

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