

**SIGNPOST**

Week Commencing Sunday 12th July 2026

This week and today across the CofE is RECOGNISE – a chance to recognise and say thank you to all those involved with children, young people and families ministry – that includes so many people At St G & St M, THANK-YOU!

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

Hymns at St George's: 32 And can it be, 221 God is working his purpose out, 10,000 reasons video, 359 Jesus shall reign

Notices:

Thank you to all those who helped make the Summer Fun Day possible, and to everyone who came, it was a wonderful day!

5-year Thanksgiving – Rachel and Paul invite you all to a buffet lunch on **Sunday 26th July** around 12noon in Main Hall to say thanks for a fantastic 5 years (Rachel was licensed here on 26.7.21!) - please come along whether you've been here the full five years or are new to St George's! All welcome! Sign up at the back of church if you're planning to, for an idea of numbers.

Tuesday 28 July 2-4pm Holiday Club volunteer briefing – please come if you can.

Crossroads – Article deadline Monday 13th – See Darrell

Office Closure – Last 2 weeks of July for Annual leave.

Foodbank - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: Deodorant, shampoo, shaving foam

The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 12 th	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Trinity 6	Welcomer Erna	Crucifer Sylvia C	Readers Sylvia C Derek	Intercession Gioia	Coffee Volunteer Please
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
Mon 13 th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group -Y6-9					
Tue 14 th	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free – Last One until September					
	2.30pm	Small Hall	Mothers Union					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Wed 15 th	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.15pm	Small Hall	Youth Group – Y6 – Last one until September					
Thu 16 th	10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	10.30am	Small Hall	Thursday Club					
	1.30pm	St George's	Harewood Junior School Y6 leavers' service – families warmly invited					
	2.00pm	Small Hall	Art Group					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Fri 17 th								
Sat 18 th								
Sun 19 th	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Trinity 7	Welcomer Margaret	Crucifer Mark	Readers Susan Jonathan T	Intercession Sylvia C	Coffee Volunteer Please
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					

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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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Or **Genesis 25:19-end**

PSALM Psalm 65 [or 65:8-end]

R *Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise. **R**

[You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out
the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow
with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks
of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,

though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

POST 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.

