SIGNPOST

We are part of: the churches tuffley

Week Commencing Sunday 3rd November 2026

We Pray For: Vikky, Peter, Terry, Jamie, Tony, Amanda, Sue, Tia, Amberley and Baby Ella.
Recently Departed: Albert Welch, Cynthia Tweed
Hymns at St George's: O God our help in ages past, I vow to thee my country

Notices:
Church Cleaning – thank you to all those that helped.
Advent Course 'in the pudding club' – Tuesdays 2pm & 7pm will be a pudding provided each week as well as tea/coffee and the material with be about following Mary's pregnancy as she made room for Jesus that first Christmas. Please see Rachel or Sister Judi
Toilet Roll Middles: Please save these for the Tuffley Wombles that meet at the Fox & Elms community Tuesday Group, they can be left in the box at back of Church
Crossroads articles submission date is 13th Nov – Please see Darrell if you have anything to submit
Foodbank - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Christmas food donation cut off for foodbank is 7th December meaning the last pick up from St Georges for Christmas items is Friday 4th December. Please ensure that items do not contain alcohol as these are unsuitable for food parcels.
The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 8th	9.30am	LC	Eucharist	Welcomer Darrell	Crucifer	Readers	Intercession	
	10.20	St George's	Remembrance Service w uniformed orgs. Crucifer: Sylvia C Coffee: Linda R Sue B					
	3.00pm	**St George's**	Time to Remember led by Fr Gerry of English Martyrs and CiT leaders					
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	**No Service Today**					
Mon 9th	5.00pm	Zoom	Evening Prayer					
	7.00pm	Small Hall	Youth Group - Y8 -10					
Tue 10th	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free					
	2.30pm	Small Hall	Mothers Union					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Wed 11th	8.30am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
	7.00pm	Small Hall	Youth Group – Y6 – 7 spaces available speak to Rachel or Sophie					
Thu 12th	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 13th								
Sat 14th								
Sun 15th	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist 2 Before Advent	Welcomer Pat	Crucifer Slyvia E	Readers Paul Lynne	Intercession Linda M	Coffee Glenice
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					

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Sunday 8 November 2026 Third Sunday before Advent

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Or **Amos 5:18-24**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PSALM Psalm 70

R *Come to me quickly, O God.*

O God, make speed to save me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.
Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame. **R**

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say always, "Great is the Lord!"
As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



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