

### Monday's Collect for poet Christina Rossetti, 1894

O God, whom heaven cannot hold, you inspired Christina Rossetti to express the mystery of the incarnation through poetry: help us to follow her example in giving our hearts to Christ, who is love; and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.  
Amen

### News from Newbury Deanery

We have a new Area Dean – Revd David McLeod, Vicar of St Mary's Greenham who has taken over from Revd Mark Bennett whose term of office finished at Easter. The assistant Area Dean – our own Revd Terry Winrow, has also completed his term of office and has stepped down. His replacement has not yet been announced. We pray for David in his new role.

### Items for Foodbank

Between 9am and 4pm you can leave items in a Collection Box in the St George's open cloister (by the tower). Becky and Phil will deliver to the Foodbank each week. The response so far has been fantastic with the box totally full by 4pm each day.

### In need of help?

If you need help, a listening ear, or have a prayer request contact clergy on the numbers below. Also - The Community Hub is a vital resource for both volunteers and those who need help at this time. [info.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-communityhub](http://info.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-communityhub), – 01635 503579

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Newbury, St George & St John

**George, Martyr,  
Patron on England c.304  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Easter 3**

In our Eucharist today we celebrate the patronal festival of St George's Church, marking St George's Day carried over from Thursday. We hope that all in the Benefice will join together as we remember the patron saint of England and pray for this country.

#### Online Benefice Service, Sunday at 10am

Please join us for our Benefice Service of Holy Communion, streamed through the internet.

The service will be available on You Tube here:

<http://tiny.cc/stg-stj>

Or go to the new benefice website and click the link

[www.stgeorge-stjohn-newbury.org.uk](http://www.stgeorge-stjohn-newbury.org.uk)

'Virtual Coffee and Chat' at 11am. Details on Website.

#### Prayers for the Week

Prayers for named individuals are now listed in a Prayer List circulated weekly by email. Please be assured that people will still be prayed for by name. The clergy team pray for people on our church contacts lists every day.

**This week in the Newbury Deanery prayer cycle** we pray for St Mary's Shaw-cum-Donnington, Revd Dr Marion Wood.

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Christina Rossetti, Poet 1894

Our placement curate, Revd Julie Howell.

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841

Our Public Services.

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Catherine of Sienna, Teacher, 1380

Our benefice and Associate Vicar, Revd Gary Collins.

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

Those we love and care for.

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May Philip and James, Apostles

Our hospitals, Care Homes and Hospices.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373

Our young families working from home and home-schooling children.

### The 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.**

### First Reading

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 heavens

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!’

### Gospel Reading

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

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 share the fruit of the tree of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Upcoming Services

<b>Wednesday Worship</b>	Zoom	<b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b>
link to be released on website		7.30pm
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	YouTube	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
		10.00am

All our Services, (except Zoom services) remain  
available from the benefice website and on  
YouTube.

### Benefice Website. [stgeorge-stjohn-newbury.org.uk](http://stgeorge-stjohn-newbury.org.uk)

The website is being updated on a regular basis.

It also keeps the **Online Services** – so you can catch-  
up if you missed them.

Updates also given on the two **Facebook** pages for  
St George’s and St John’s

