

Our new Benefice Office Manager

Alex Brown has begun in her new role. The Office remains closed to the public for now but its usual functions – and lots of new ones – will soon be up and running.

Bear with us for a few weeks as new systems are put in place to help us to move forwards as a Benefice fit for the future.

The Office number is **01635 41249** and messages will be picked up daily Tuesday – Friday.

Email Alex on alex.brown@stg-stj.org.uk

Revd Julie Howell

As was announced last week we are delighted that **Revd Julie Howell's** curacy has been transferred to this Benefice. Julie was licensed to St George's and St John's in an online service conducted by Bishop Olivia last Friday at which two of our churchwardens, Simon Pook and David Oats were present. We surround Julie with our prayers as she begins a new chapter of her ministry with us.

Christian Aid Week begins today

Please support Christian Aid in their task of raising money without the usual collections and events. See www.christianaid.org.uk

In need of help?

If you need help, a listening ear, or have a prayer request contact clergy on the numbers below.

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Newbury, St George & St John

10th May 2020
5th Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week begins today. In normal times this benefice raises well over £2,000 through door-to-door collections and special events. What can we do this year to help support emergency work with refugees and supplying water to the world's poorest families? One church has come up with the great idea of everyone donating what they have saved on haircuts (and hair colour!) during lockdown. Find details of how to support Christian Aid on our website or visit www.christianaid.org.uk
Thank you!

Online Benefice Service, Sunday at 10am

Please join us for our online Benefice Service of Holy Communion. The service will be available on YouTube here: <http://tiny.cc/stg-stj>
Or go to the new benefice website and click the link www.stgeorge-stjohn-newbury.org.uk

'Virtual Coffee and Chat' at 11am. Details via e-mail.
See note on back page about new Zoom register requirements.

Wednesday Worship

This takes place each week via Zoom at 7.30pm led by a different member of the clergy team. The Zoom password can only be shared by email so please take careful note of this from the weekly Friday email sent by Revd Becky or Revd Gary.
The Service Sheet is on the Benefice Website from Tuesday midday.

Giving to our churches during Covid 19

Thank you to all who support St George's and St John's in all sorts of ways. We continue to rely on the generous giving of time and money from parishioners at this difficult time. The letters emailed last week are on the website for any who missed them and want to review their method of giving. Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have questions or require further information.
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Readings for Sunday 10th May 2020

The Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading Acts 7:55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he (Stephen) gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Gospel John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayers for the Week

Prayers for named individuals are now listed in a Prayer Diary circulated weekly by email.

This week in the Newbury Deanery prayer cycle:

Clergy who have special roles across this archdeaconry (full list on prayer diary).

Monday 11th May

Our Associate Vicar, Revd Gary Collins and family.
Christian Aid Week

Tuesday 12th May Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk,
Scholar, 1952

Our on-line worship and our faith and spirituality in lockdown

Wednesday 13th May

Those who suffer domestic and gender-based abuse.

Thursday 14th May Matthias the Apostle

Our key workers.

Friday 15th May

EU countries easing restrictions on lockdown.

Saturday 16th May Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

Refugees and all at increased risk of contracting Covid-19.

Upcoming Services

Wednesday Worship

Link to be released via email.
Zoom now requires users to have registered. This is free.

Zoom

13th May
7.30pm

Sunday Worship

YouTube

17th May
10.00am

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