

Open for personal prayer during the week...

St George's Church is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am - 2.00pm
(Access only via the door on tower side.)

St John's Church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00am - 1.00pm. With midday prayers said.

Saturday is no longer open.

(Access via the rear Vestry door.)

Other news...

Revd Julie's Priesting is on 19 September and her first Eucharist as the presiding priest is on Sunday 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie as she prepares for this new chapter of her ordained ministry.

Annual Church Meetings which were deferred from March are now to take place in October.

St George's APCM is on Tuesday 6 October at 7.30pm, and St John's is on Thursday 22 October at 7pm. More details to follow.

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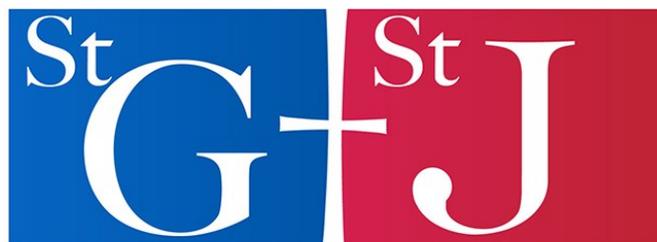
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Newbury, St George & St John

30th August 2020
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

For many in the Benefice, this week throws up some big challenges - as children get ready to return to school. Many will be facing the anxieties of Covid and safety for their families; as well as the ongoing challenges of affording uniform, supporting children and providing healthy meals. Our thoughts and prayers will be very much with children, families and teachers as they all prepare for this next big step in 'finding the new normal.'

Preparing for newness instead of the 'old normal' seems to be a challenge for Peter in this week's reading. His announcement that Jesus was the Messiah (as we heard last week) seems to fall flat on its face this week—the Messiah he was expecting was not what he was getting. May we all—in this week of weeks—discover the hope and solidarity of the God who walks with us in uncertainty.

Joining Sunday Worship online **NEW TIME**

Benefice Service, Sunday at 11.00am

Benefice Service of Holy Communion

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

Or go to the benefice website and click the link

www.stg-stj.org.uk

'Virtual Coffee and Chat' at 12.00pm. Please join us!

Sunday Worship in Church

Holy Communion at 9am at St George's

Holy Communion at 9.30am at St John's

Benefice Holy Communion at 11am at St George's and live-streamed for the congregation at home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Zoom Coffee and Chat at 12noon, usual details.

In need of help?

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

The Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Romans 12. 9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel: Matthew 16. 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

Gospel cont.

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,

Prayers for the week

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do. The Weekly Prayer Diary that is sent out by email with this newsletter includes prayers for named individuals, together with prayer intentions for the week for our benefice, the local community and the wider world. *The full monthly cycle of prayer can be found on the website.*

Upcoming services

Wednesday Worship	Zoom	2 nd Sept 7.30pm
Sunday Worship, 6th Sept	9am	St George
	9.30am	St John
	11.00am	St George

All our services (except Zoom) remain available on the Benefice Website and on YouTube.

Benefice Eucharist service available via phone

'Telephone Church' is available for those not on the internet. **Dial this number 01635 959050** which is charged at local rate to hear the 11am benefice service from St Georges.

Please note this cannot become available on the phone until Tuesday, we are sorry for the unavoidable delay.