

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...

Harvest Box Appeal 2020—make your own harvest box for the Foodbank. Simply find a box, decorate it, fill it with non-perishable foods and toiletries, deliver the box to St George's Church before 4 October.

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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Creation ... The start of a new season which runs from the start of the Orthodox church year (1st Sept) through to the feast of St Francis (4th October)
The environment, this planet, this earth is both powerful and fragile, and we are increasingly aware of our tentative place upon it. What's worse is that when we consider human impact on the earth, we realise that we are responsible for deep and lasting damage.
Creation season however is not about making ourselves feel bad. There is a place for reflection, challenge and change, but also a time to glory and revel in the wonder, beauty and diversity of the planet within the universe. Life insists, creativity insists, God insists - and if we listen and reflect we may imagine a new future; better, more just, more relational, more sustainable. Creation season is about the gift and responsibility of life ... let's celebrate together!

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.

Readings for Sunday, 6th September 2020

The Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 33. 7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Gospel: Matthew 18. 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
 where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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	9 th Sept 7.30pm
Sunday Worship, 13th 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.