

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 Prayer said.
(Access via the rear Vestry door.)

Notices

Harvest Box Appeal 2020—for the Newbury Food-bank. Non-perishable foods and toiletries, (shopping list on website), Deliver the box to St George's, or St John's (contact David or Fr Gary) Of course, individual items are also still very welcome. As a bit of extra fun, if you wish, decorate your box and fill it before 4 October. St George's and St John's will both celebrate **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 4 October.

Saturday 10 October 'Listening on the Way' - A Benefice Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer. All are encouraged to set aside all or part of the day to deliberately focus on listening to God. Guided reflections will be offered in church and online throughout the day and mini pilgrimages around the benefice and further afield are encouraged. More details to follow, but please put the date in your diary.

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This is a special Sunday Eucharist for the Benefice!
We give thanks for Revd Julie's ministry and we're thrilled about her ordination as Priest. We hold in our prayers all who are ordained priest this weekend, and for those to be ordained deacon next week, especially St George's Angela Brennan, who will serve her curacy in the Thatcham Team.

In Creation Season we may reflect on the role of a priest as an in-between role on God's earth; joining the stories of God and people – and planet – together, sharing God's love across every divide. This season may also cause you to reflect on whether God is calling you to offer yourself in a new or different way, as a layperson or perhaps even to explore a vocation to ordained ministry. If so, speak with someone who knows you well and can help you reflect. Gary and Becky are also happy to speak too. Furthermore, If you are wondering about serving on the PCC of your church please speak to Rita Gardner or Simon Pook at St George's and David Oats or Alison Foulkes at St John's.

Sunday Worship online Benefice Service, 11.00am

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, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Jonah 3.10-end 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

The Gospel: Matthew 20. 1-16

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Coming Soon...

Annual Church Meetings which were deferred from March are now to take place in October. St George's APCM is on Tuesday 20 October at 7.30pm, and St John's is on Thursday 22 October at 7pm.

Upcoming services

Wednesday Worship	Zoom	23 rd Sept 7.30pm
Sunday Worship, 27th 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.