

### 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

**Annual Church Meetings which were deferred from March are now to take place:**

**St George's APCM** is on Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm.

**St John's APCM** is on November 19th at 7pm.

Under the current guidelines these meetings will take place socially distanced in our churches and via zoom. Further details will be shared in due course.

**THANK YOU** for your wonderful support of the Foodbank this Harvest. They have collected all our offerings and were thrilled by the response.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on 8 November. We hope to have acts of remembrance out of doors as part of our Sunday worship to include the wider community if government rules allow.

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Newbury, St George & St John

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Following the joys and challenges of creation season, for a few weeks we return to 'ordinary time'. But as we've considered already there is nothing 'ordinary' about the ordinary. This weekend's Pilgrimage and Prayer activities will have taken us on journeys to reflect and attend to what happens in the ordinary, even in the most extra-ordinary times. The path of pilgrimage doesn't stop after a day however. Instead it orientates us towards a way of living. Journeying on, one step at a time, treading into uncertainty and unknowing with only love, hope, and faith as our guide. But pilgrimage days, such as ours, remind us of another reality. We never make these journeys alone. Look to your left and to your right, look ahead, look behind.. Observe the faces, the fumbler, the stumblers, those strong, those weak, those with pierced hands... There are others journeying with you.

### Sunday Worship in Church

- Holy Communion at 9am at St George's
- Holy Communion at 9.30am at St John's
- Holy Communion at 11am at St George's

PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW

### Sunday Worship Online

**Benefice Communion streamed on YouTube for our congregations at home.**

Service of Holy Communion (pre-recorded)

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

Or go to the benefice website and click the link

[www.stg-stj.org.uk](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

**Zoom Coffee and Chat will no longer follow this service, but is moving to a 7pm gathering before Wednesday Worship.**

### 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, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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### The Collect

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### First Reading: Isaiah 25. 1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the  
heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rain  
storm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all  
peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured  
wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all  
faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that  
he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### The Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, say-  
ing: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a  
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He  
sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to  
the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

*Gospel cont.*

Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who  
have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner,  
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and  
everything is ready; come to the wedding ban-  
quet." But they made light of it and went away, one to  
his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized  
his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king  
was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those mur-  
derers, and burned their city. Then he said to his  
slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were  
not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and  
invite everyone you find to the wedding ban-  
quet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gath-  
ered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the  
wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he no-  
ticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding  
robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in  
here without a wedding robe?" And he was speech-  
less. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him  
hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,  
where there will be weeping and gnashing of  
teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

### Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this  
sacred feast:

for here we receive you,

here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,

when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

### 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 indi-  
viduals, 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

<b>Wednesday Worship</b>	Zoom	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm
<b>Sunday Worship, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	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.