

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

Memorial Service on Sunday 1st November

Remembering loved ones who have died. Please contact the Office if you would like to attend;

4pm at St George's Church.

4pm at St John's Church.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November. Acts of remembrance will form part of all our usual services. Note that St George's 11am service will be preceded by an outdoor act of remembrance at 10.45.

Service of Confirmation 22 November at 4pm at St George's church. If you would like to find out more about being confirmed please speak to one of the clergy.

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Newbury, St George & St John

18th October 2020

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

Our special day of pilgrimage is over, but the ripples continue to move outwards and we journey on... Thanks to everyone who participated in the day, we hope it was enriching. All the resources, videos and meditations from the day remain online, so please do look and share.

This week we are celebrating with St Luke, physician and evangelist - and asking something about what actually is the good news (evangelion) of the gospels? The church speaks of it all the time; but how we understand it, and *who carries* such good news is a richer and deeper question than we might first think. I wonder how you might answer the question 'what is the gospel?' (hint—there's not one fixed answer!). Like our pilgrimage day last week, this exploration is a lifetime's journey, may we listen and grow together.

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 MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP.

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

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, 18th October 2020

The Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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: Isaiah 35. 3-6

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

The Gospel: Luke 10. 1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”’

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness
to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Coming Soon...

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. Zoom login details will be shared in the Friday email.

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	21 st Oct 7.30pm
Sunday Worship, 25th Oct	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.