

Open for personal prayer during the week...

St George's Church is NOT open on Tuesday to Thursday this week. We have a half-term Holiday Club in church for our children and young people. Note that the Tuesday Eucharist is also not on. Morning Prayer will go ahead but in the Upper Room. **St John's Church is open on Wednesdays** from 11.00am - 1.00pm. With Midday Prayer said.

Notices

Memorial Services on Sunday 1st November

Remembering loved ones who have died. Please contact the Office if you would like to attend or to give a name you would like to be remembered.

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 10.45am.

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 this week.

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Newbury, St George & St John

25th October 2020 The last Sunday after Trinity and Bible Sunday

British Summer time ends and the clocks go back an hour this weekend. Summer seems a distant memory! The journey through the church year also moves into a new season after today as we mark All Saints' Day next Sunday, Remembrance Sunday the week after, and Advent beckons at the end of November. Our readings today remind us that in every season of the year, and at the very heart of Christianity, is the commandment to love. We know that love is the heart of the Gospel, but we also know that it is a logical impossibility to command someone to love. So how we are to interpret the commandment to love in our own lives, and what was revealed in Jesus' life and death to help us? In a world torn apart by conflict and division there are no greater questions than these.

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, 25th October 2020

The Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
We may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Leviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel
and say to them: You shall be holy, for I
the LORD your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall
not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with
justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not
go around as a slanderer among your people, and
you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I
am the LORD.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur
guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a
grudge against any of your people, but you shall love
your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced
the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of
them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test
him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the
greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first
commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall
love your neighbour as yourself." On these two com-
mandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,
Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think
of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him,
'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then
that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet' "?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his
son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor
from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Coming Soon...

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

Under the current guidelines this meeting will take
place socially distanced in the church and via zoom.
Zoom login details will be shared in the Friday email.

At the St George's APCM, the following people were
elected: Churchwardens Rita Gardner and John Huck-
le; new PCC members John Bolan, Francis Clayton
and Sarah Pook.

Thanks were expressed especially to Simon Pook,
Glenn Wycherley and Eileen MacKay for their service
to the church over many years.

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

Wednesday Worship	Zoom	28 th Oct 7.30pm
Sunday Worship, 1st Nov	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.**