

Our churches are open for personal prayer

St George's Church is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am - 2.00pm (Access via the door on tower side.)

St John's Church is open on Wednesdays from 11.00am - 1.00pm. (Access via the rear Vestry door.) Face coverings must be worn.

Benefice Morning Prayer is on Zoom for 4 weeks
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8.50am.

Wednesday Worship continues on Zoom at 7.30pm

Notices

Remembrance Sunday 8th November. No services in Church but the Government rules allow for a short outdoor act of remembrance with strict social distancing. As St George's is a memorial church to the fallen of WW1 and the Battle of Newbury, an outdoor service will go ahead at 10.45am.

Benefice Come Dine with Us - Saturday 28 Nov

Fill your lockdown diary with a zoom progressive supper on Saturday evening 28th November. From the comfort and safety of your home enjoy a three course meal with different zoom guests for each course (recipe cards will be provided so that each group can eat the same food). We will also be raising money for the Foodbank by suggesting a minimum £5 per person donation. More details will be in next weeks mailing but in the interim please save the date!

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Newbury, St George & St John

8th November 2020 Remembrance Sunday

As we enter a new lockdown with all the different emotions it provokes we mark Remembrance Sunday. Courage, dignity, sacrifice, service to others, solidarity and pulling together... these qualities so associated with former generations who had to face the horror of war, are qualities we need right now. Our battle is not the same, and any comparisons are mostly unhelpful, but our very modern individualism which works against community spirit and for-otherness has to be challenged and overcome if we are to honour the legacy of those who have gone before us and who sacrificed so much for future peace and justice. As Christians we are to love one another as Christ has loved us. This is the love which brings healing, reconciliation and fellowship, and has the power to transform the world. It is a love based on sacrifice.

Sunday Worship NOT in church for 4 weeks

Due to the lockdown, gathering for worship in churches is not permitted for the next 4 weeks. **Our Benefice Remembrance Service will be broadcast at 11am. See details below.**

Sunday Worship Online

Benefice Communion streamed on YouTube:

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, 8th November 2020

The Collect

God, our refuge and our strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
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 5: 38 - 48

Jesus said: 'You have heard that it was said, "An eye
for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you,
Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on
the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone
wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak
as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go
also the second mile.

Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not re-
fuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your
neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you,
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute
you, so that you may be children of your Father in
heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on
the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the
unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what
reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do
the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sis-
ters, what more are you doing than others? Do not
even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Post Communion

God of peace,

whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Coming Soon...

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

Due to lockdown, this meeting will take place on
Zoom only. Zoom login details will be shared in the
Friday email the week before.

The relevant documents are available online, via the
Benefice website, under 'Latest News'

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. Names can be added by contacting clergy or
the Office but please note that this must be done
with the permission of the named person.

*The full monthly cycle of prayer can be found on
the website.*

Upcoming services

Morning Prayer	Zoom	Weds and Thurs 8.50am
Sunday Worship	on-line	15 th Nov
Wednesday Worship	Zoom	11 th Nov 7.30pm

Zoom coffee and chat precedes worship at 7pm, and
is on the same login.