

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
These services are on the usual zoom login given by email.

Notices

Advent and Christmas Services and Events

It is our hopeful expectation that services in church will take place when lockdown finishes at the beginning of next month. Obviously there will be differences from previous years, the main one being that due to the requirement for social distancing, attendance at Christmas services will be limited and will have to be booked. The full details will be available next week. Be assured that online worship will continue to be offered.

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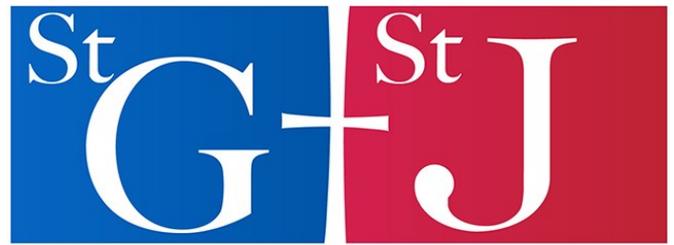
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Newbury, St George & St John

22nd November 2020
Christ the King

We have reached the end of the Church year, it's the last Sunday of a year's journey with Jesus. And before we enter Advent and before we rush off to find a baby in a manger we pause and look back down the road we have travelled and ask ourselves once again the question behind the whole gospel story, the question Jesus himself put to his closest followers - 'Who do you say that I am?'

Who this king Jesus is and what kind of king reigns from a cross with only a crown of thorns - these are the questions we ponder on the threshold of a new Church year.

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 Eucharist will be broadcast at 11am. See details below.

We very much hope and trust that churches will be open again for gathered worship on Sunday 6th December.

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

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 George's.

Readings for Sunday, 22nd November 2020

The Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, one glory.

Amen

First Reading: Ephesians 1. 15-end

Paul wrote, 'I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.'

The Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Gospel cont.

Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit
of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Coming Soon...

For details of all the planned Christmas services and celebrations across the Benefice, go to our website: www.stg-stj.org.uk/Christmas

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. 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	YouTube	29 th Nov
Wednesday Worship	Zoom	25 th Nov 7.30pm

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