

Notices

St George's APCM is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 July, held in church and via Zoom. Documents for the meeting can be found on the website here or contact the office:

<https://stg-stj.org.uk/apcms-2021/>

Organ recital All will be welcome at an organ recital given by Rosemary Evans at St Nicolas' Church, Thursday July 8th 1.10 - 2pm. Retiring collection.

Advance notice that for the five Sundays of August we will be directing our online worshippers to services on the Oxford Diocese YouTube channel. More details to follow.

Clergy Cricket match at Falkland Cricket Club on Monday 12 July from 1pm. We are hosting a clergy cricket match at Falkland Cricket Club on Monday 12 July - come and enjoy the entertainment ...

Last Sunday's Service of Confirmation at St George's is available to view on our YouTube channel.

We continue to pray for the newly confirmed from our benefice—Karl, Maddie, Chloe and Juliet.

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Newbury, St George & St John

4th July 2021

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

'Sharing the good news' has often been understood as a one-sided thing - the church carries the good news of Jesus the Christ to a world outside. Increasingly this model simply doesn't add-up - and for too many reasons to go into here. Suffice to say - as our understanding of God continues to grow, so does a realisation that God does not do borders or 'insiders and outsiders', (although if God did, Jesus shows God would be with the *outsiders* and *misfits*). Many speak now of 'Missio-Dei' the mission of God (not us) as 'finding out what God is doing in the world and joining in.' The commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in this week's readings follows this same principle. Their sharing is dependent upon the hospitality of others. In a subtle way, this practice of vulnerability and openness to others turns the 'sharing' on its head. Who now is sharing love and kindness with whom? The good news is like that, vulnerable, open, waiting for a moment from God to ignite our humanity. Today we might ask - who, on 'the outside', will share good news with the church?

Sunday Worship Online

Please join us at 10am for our Benefice Eucharist available on YouTube -

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

Or go to the benefice website and click the link www.stg-stj.org.uk

Please note that Sunday Zoom Coffee and Chat has now stopped for the summer .

Upcoming services this week

Morning Prayer at 8.50am, Wednesdays on Zoom and Thursdays at St George's Church and on Zoom.

Wednesday Worship on Zoom at 7.30pm, preceded by chat at 7pm.

Sunday, 11 July: Eucharist at St George's at 9.00am and 10.30am (booking is essential).

Eucharist at St John's at 10.00am (booking is essential).

Benefice Eucharist at 10.00am on YouTube.

Readings for Sunday, 4th July 2021

The Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 2. 1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Gospel: Mark 6. 1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably
ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

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.

Face coverings must be worn in both churches.

Benefice Morning Prayer at 8.50am

Wednesdays on Zoom

Thursdays at St George's Church and on Zoom

In need of help?

If you need a listening ear, or have a prayer request contact the clergy on the numbers given here.