

Notices

Shrove Tuesday 21 February at 5pm Pancakes and palm crosses - All are warmly invited to come for pancakes and the ritual burning of last year's palm crosses to make the ash for Ash Wednesday. Tuesday 21 February 5pm – 6pm in St George's.

Lent Groups. Meeting Jesus afresh in John's Gospel – a journey to Easter based on the Sunday Gospel readings for Lent. Groups meet in St George's Church on Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 7.30pm and begin in the last week of February/first week of March for 4 weeks. Sign up sheets are at the back of church, or phone the office - 01635 41249. All warmly welcome.

Sunday 5 March at 11am Welcome meeting for all new (or new-ish!) to St George's. A warm invitation to come for drinks, chat, informal sharing of information, a chance to ask questions and offer feedback, for all who have started coming to St George's over the past few years. Sign-up sheet in church or phone the Office.

Soup lunches for Lent at St George's - Join us on Fridays in March at 12.30pm on 3rd, 10th, 17th in the North Meeting room area for a simple soup lunch to support the work of Christian Aid. No need to book.

Services at St Michael's Enborne - please see overleaf for upcoming services.

Warm Welcome Café - Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday, 9am - noon at St George's. All welcome.

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Newbury, St George & St John

12th February 2023

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Second Sunday before Lent

**Everyone is welcome at our churches and all are warmly invited to come along.
We look forward to seeing you.**

Today's Services

St George's at 8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's at 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

Live-streamed worship this week is from St George's on YouTube from 9.30am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Services coming up

Ash Wednesday 22 February services of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at 2pm and 7.30pm at St George's and 7.30pm St John's.

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-2.30

Monday Warm Welcome Café at G's 8.45am-noon

Tuesday Babies & Toddlers at St J NOT THIS WEEK
Eucharist at 12.30pm at St John's

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.50am at St John's
Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's
Warm Welcome Café at G's 8.45am-noon
Social & Midday Prayer, from 10.30am St J
Tiddlers & Toddlers St G NOT THIS WEEK

Thursday Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's
Eucharist at 2.00pm at St George's
Contemplative Prayer 6pm at St John's

Friday Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's
'and Breathe' school-run café at St John's NOT THIS WEEK.
Warm Welcome Café at G's 8.45am-noon
Warm & Wonderful Soup Lunch, St John's 12.00-1.30pm.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen

First reading: Romans 8. 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gospel: Matthew 6. 25-end

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael’s Enborne

Sunday 19th February, 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th March, 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th March, 6pm Forest Church
Good Friday, 12 noon - 1pm Prayer and Reflection
Easter Day 9th April, 11am Holy Communion

Prayers for the week

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do. A Weekly Prayer Diary 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, only with the permission of the named person.

In need of help?

If you need a listening ear, or have a prayer request contact the clergy on the numbers given on the front of this newsletter. We also have a space to write prayer requests, please ask a steward.

Open for personal prayer ...

St George’s Church is open daily (except Monday) from 9.30am - 2.30pm. (Access via the door on tower side.)

St John’s Church is open on Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.30pm, and many other times in the week.

St Michael’s Church, Enborne is open every day in daylight hours.

Come, sit in peace, and enjoy the quietness of these sacred spaces.