

Notices

Wednesday 14th June - St John's Ladies Fellowship:

Visit to Stockcross House garden, to arrive by 2.00pm. The nearby church will be open too.

Engaging with the Bible Study Group: Next meeting Monday, 19th June at 10.00am to 11.30am in the LMR at St G's. All welcome.

Monday 19th June - The Monday Meet: Musings on modern art. 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start at The Bowler's Arms. Have you ever wondered why a pile of bricks, or a messy bed are celebrated as pieces of art? If you have (or even if you haven't), join us as Fr Gary takes a breathless whistle-stop tour through 20th century painting and sculpture.

Tuesday 20th June - Friendship Group: An afternoon of games, chat and tea, including the chance to learn and play Mah-jong. 2pm in St George's LMR. All welcome.

Sunday 25th June - Summer BBQ at St George's Vicarage: Food will be provided, please bring your own drinks and something to sit on (chairs will be provided for those who need them). There is sign-up sheet at the back of St G's to give an idea for catering and a separate sheet if you are able to bring a salad. No charge but donations will be welcome.

Sunday 9th July - Summer Serenade at St George's Church: 3.30pm for a relaxing afternoon of music for all tastes with Pimms and strawberries at the interval. Tickets are £10 and are available from the church office from 20th June (cash only please).

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Newbury, St George & St John

11th June 2023

Barnabas the Apostle

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 John's on YouTube from 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Services coming up

Forest Church 2nd July, 6pm St Michael's Enborne

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-2.30

Monday **Welcome Café** at G's 9.00am-noon

Tuesday **Babies & Toddlers** at St J 9.30am-11.15am
Eucharist at 12.30pm at St John's

Wednesday **Morning Prayer 8.45am** at St John's
Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's
Welcome Café at G's 9.00am-noon
Social & Midday Prayer, from 10.30am St J
Tiddlers & Toddlers St G 10am - 11.30am

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 8.45am - 10am.

Welcome Café at G's 1.30 - 4.30pm
Soup Lunch at St John's 12 noon

The Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon your servant
Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements
and unselfish in our service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 11. 19-end

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel: John 15. 12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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Gospel cont.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 18th June - 11am Mattins
Sunday 2nd July - 6pm Forest Church
Sunday 16th July - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th July - 11am Mattins
Sunday 13th August - 11am Holy Communion

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 most days of 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.

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.