

Notices

Last call for St George's Holiday Club - Seaside Surprise, 24th-28th July 10am– 12 noon. For ages 5-11. Registration essential.
Contact seasidesurprise@st-george-newbury.org.uk for details.

Songs of Ascent. Our next mini-pilgrimage to Enborne will leaving be from St John's on Saturday 29th July, 9-1pm. All are welcome. If you prefer not to walk, why not meet the wanderers at St Michael's at 10.30.

Coffee Morning at St Michael's Enborne from 10.30am on Saturday 29 July. All welcome.

Christian Aid Collections. Could you spare an hour to collect for Christian Aid at the Retail Park, Pinchington Lane, on Saturday 29th July? Slots are available between 10am and 4pm. David Oats, 07713 050145, would be delighted to receive offers of help.

Engaging with the Bible Study Group: Next meeting Monday, 31st July at 10.00am to 11.30am in the LMR at St G's. All welcome.

Forest Church, date for diary, 10th Sept, 6pm.

Summer Craft afternoons at St George's. The afternoons planned for Wednesdays during August are no longer able to happen, but people are warmly encouraged to come along to the Welcome Café in the church on Wednesday mornings for coffee and chat.

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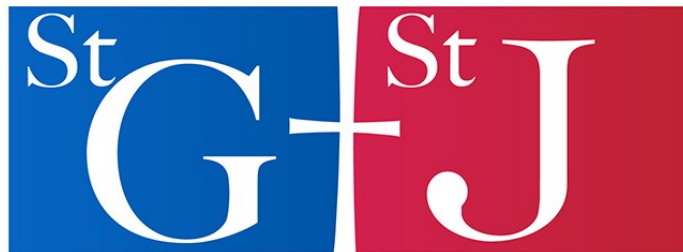
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Newbury, St George & St John

23rd July 2023

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

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 - summer break
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 - summer break

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 - summer break

Welcome Café at G's 1.30 – 4.30pm

Soup Lunch at St John's - summer break

The Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First reading: Genesis 28. 10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

The Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

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Gospel cont.

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 30th July - 11am Mattins
Sunday 13th August - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th August - 11am Mattins
Sunday 10 September—6pm Forest Church

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.

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.