

## Notices

**Forest Church at Enborne** - THIS Sunday 22 October at 4pm. Why not come along? Bring a chair.

**Songs of Ascent - Mini Pilgrimage to Enborne.** The next walk leaves St John's 28th October 9-1pm

**Memorial Services next Sunday 29th October** at 3pm at St George's and 4pm St John's

**Sunday 5th November - Choral Evensong** at St Mary's Speen. 6pm.

**Saturday 18th November - St George's Scottish Evening** from 7pm in St George's Hall. Food, dancing, singing, games and a quiz! Tickets £15 from the office.

**Christmas is coming!** Details of advent and Christmas events and services are on the website [www.stg-stj.org.uk/christmas-2023](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk/christmas-2023)

**Advent Carol Service with Enborne Consort** at St Michael's Enborne Sunday 3 December at 6pm.

**Benefice Quiet Day** - advance notice of our Benefice pre-Lent Quiet Day on Saturday 3rd February at Wantage Community of St Mary with Bishop Andrew Proud. Cost for the day including lunch £25. Save the date!

**Community Christmas Day at St George's Hall** - for over 65s who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Contact the Benefice Office for further details about attending or offering help with the day.

## Key contacts

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Newbury, St George & St John

**22nd October 2023**

**Twentieth 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 George's on YouTube from 9.30am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via [www.stg-stj.org.uk](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

## Upcoming Services

**October 22nd - Forest Church** at Enborne, 4pm

**October 29th - Annual memorial services** at St George's 3pm, and St John's 4pm.

**November 12th - Remembrance Sunday** services will take place across the benefice.

## Weekly Services and Events

**Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-2.30.**

**Monday** **Welcome Café** at G's 9.30am-12.30pm

**Tuesday** **Morning Prayer 8.50am** at St John's  
**Babies & Toddlers** at St J 9.30am-11.15am  
**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  
**Welcome Café** at G's 9.30am-12.30pm  
**Social & Midday Prayer**, from 10.30am St J  
**Tiddlers & Toddlers** - 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 8.50-10.15

**Welcome Café** at G's 2.00pm – 4.30pm  
**Soup Lunch** at St John's - 12 noon

### The Collect

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty  
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### First reading: Isaiah 45. 1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

### The Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.'

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Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A Prayer for peace in the Middle East

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in Israel and Gaza.  
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 22nd October - 4pm Forest Church  
Sunday 5th November - 11am Holy Communion  
Sunday 12th November - 10.45 Remembrance Service  
Sunday 3rd December - 6pm Advent Carol Service

### 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.