

Notices

THIS Saturday, 24th February - Songs of Ascent Mini Pilgrimage to Enborne. Leaves St John's 9am. Return by 1pm.

Lent benefice evening worship begins this week Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm at St George's. The following Tuesday 5th March will be at St John's, and then St Michael's on 12th March. These services offer an opportunity to come together as a benefice in this season of Lent for quiet, reflective worship using the ancient and beautiful structure of Compline (Night Prayer).

Lent lunches at St George's begin this Thursday 29th February at 12.45pm come for a simple lunch of homemade soup and bread, and support the work of Christian Aid. The lunch is followed at 2pm by a short service of holy communion for any who wish to stay.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March 10.30am at St John's. The theme this year is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love', and has been written by Christian women from Palestine. All are warmly invited to come along.

Choral Workshop - 2nd March 10am – 5pm at St George's – with a guest professional. The cost is £25 pp (under 18s £15). Contact the Church Office or Lorraine Bowden.

Holy Week and Easter services—all details are given in full on our website www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

25th February 2024 Second Sunday of 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 John's on YouTube from 10.00am - <https://www.youtube.com/@thebeneficeofstgeorgeandstjohn/featured> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Next Sunday, 3rd March

St George's 8.00am - Holy Communion,

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion,

10am - Parish Communion

St Michael's 11am - Holy Communion

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 - 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 8.50am-10.15am Welcome Café at G's 2.00pm – 4.30pm Soup Lunch at St John's - 12 noon

Readings for Sunday, 25th February 2024

The Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First reading: Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

The Gospel: Mark 8. 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

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Gospel cont.

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent and Easter 2024

Full details of all services and events are on the website at www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter.

Upcoming Services at St Michael's, Enborne

Sunday 3rd March - 11am Holy Communion
Tuesday 12th March—7.30pm Benefice Compline
Sunday 17th March - 11am Matins
Good Friday - 12pm service of reflection and prayer
Easter Sunday 31st March - 11am Family Communion
Sunday 11th April - 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 mainly open Tuesday to Friday from approx. 9-5pm. The red flag flying indicates openness!
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.