

Notices

THIS Sunday 10th March - Mothers' Union invite you to enjoy a slice of cake with your coffee after the Mothering Sunday Service. Birthday and occasion cards will be sold, cash only. Proceeds to Mothers Union Appeal 'Make a Mothers Day'.

Lent benefice evening worship 12th March, 7.30pm at St Michael's. A final 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).

Wednesday 13th March at 2.00pm. Ladies' Fellowship meet at Newbury Museum to enjoy the current Exhibitions and a cup of tea.

Lent lunch at St George's this Thursday 14th 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.

John King's funeral Eucharist is at St Michael's Church at 12pm on Tuesday 12th March.

Cakes for a good cause. The Christian Aid committee would be most grateful if you could contribute a cake for the tea they provide for the Downe House pupils when they present their concert in aid of Christian Aid Sunday 17th March at 5pm in St John's.

St George's Church is closed for the lighting refit from 11th to 23rd March. Services on Sunday 17th March will take place in the hall, and the Welcome Café and all other midweek activities will move to the Large Meeting Room (café on the Fridays will take place 9.30am - 12.30pm instead of the usual afternoon).

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

10th March 2024 Mothering Sunday

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 - All-age 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, 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

St George's 8.00am - Holy Communion,

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion,

10am - Parish Communion

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

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 9.30 - 12.30pm Soup Lunch at St John's - 12 noon

The Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First reading: Exodus 2. 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

The Gospel: John 19. 25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through 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 which 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.

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

Tuesday 12th March -
12pm Funeral Eucharist John King
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 14th April - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April - 6pm Forest Church
Sunday 12th May - 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.