

## Notices

**Good news for our benefice** - a new curate, Leanne Fowler (currently part of St Mary's Thatcham), will be joining us this summer. Leanne is a part-time stipendiary curate who will be based at St John's initially but ministering across our three parishes in due course. She will be part of our team for six years on a 3 day a week basis. More details to follow in due course, but please hold Leanne and husband Graham in your prayers as she prepares for ordination on 29th June.

**THIS Sunday, 17th March - Downe House concert.** 5pm at St John's. All welcome. Donations in aid of Christian Aid. **Cakes for a good cause.** The Christian Aid committee would be most grateful if you could contribute a cake for the tea they provide at the concert.

**Monday 18th March - The Monday Meet** 7.30pm for 8pm start at The Bowler's Arms. Mark Darley from All Angels Vineyard will talk about the vineyard and lead a wine tasting session. This week's event will cost £5, payable in cash on the door, to cover the cost of the wine. Please let Craig Brown know if you plan to attend [craigbrown1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:craigbrown1@hotmail.co.uk).

**Tuesday 19th March - St George's Friendship Group** meets at 2pm in the Large Meeting Room for coffee, cake and chat. All welcome.

**St George's Church** is closed for the lighting refit from 11th to 23rd March. Services THIS 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).

## Key contacts

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### Churchwardens

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For all other contacts please see the website:



South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

**17th March 2024**

**Passion Sunday - Fifth 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 IN THE HALL

**9.30am** - Parish Communion IN THE HALL

**St John's at 8.30am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** - Parish Communion

**St Michael's at 11.00am**—mattins

**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](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

## Next Sunday, 24th March - Palm Sunday

**St George's** 8.00am - Holy Communion,  
9.30am - Parish Communion or gather at 9am at the Falkland Memorial to process

**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](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter)

## Weekly Services and Events

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

Monday	<b>Welcome Café</b> at G's 9.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.50am</b> at St John's <b>Babies &amp; Toddlers</b> at St J 9.30am-11.15am <b>Eucharist at 12.30pm</b> at St John's
Wednesday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.50am</b> at St John's <b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>Welcome Café</b> at G's 9.30am-12.30pm <b>Social &amp; Midday Prayer</b> , from 10.30am St J <b>Tiddlers &amp; Toddlers</b> - St G 10am - 11.30am
Thursday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>Eucharist at 2.00pm</b> at St George's <b>Contemplative Prayer</b> - 6pm at St John's
Friday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>'and Breathe'</b> school-run café at St John's 8.50am-10.15am <b>Welcome Café</b> at G's 9.30 - 12.30pm <b>Soup Lunch at St John's</b> - 12 noon

### The Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### First reading: Jeremiah 31. 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### The Gospel: John 12. 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and Sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### 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](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk/lent-and-easter).

### Upcoming Services at St Michael's, Enborne

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.