

St George's Church Wash Common

The Church of St George the Martyr (St George's) is the Anglican Parish Church of Wash Common and is here to serve all who live in Wash Common and all who may visit or pass through the area.

You are very welcome at St George's, whether you are a regular churchgoer, or go to church occasionally, or whether going to church is completely new for you – we would be delighted to see you.



The church is unlocked most days in daylight hours and is a peaceful, beautiful place just to come and be quiet or to light a candle and leave a prayer request.

***St George's is a place of peace where all can ask questions
and search for answers.***

www.stg-stj.org.uk

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If you have any questions about the information in this booklet, or if you would like more information about any of the services, groups or clubs, please call the church office or the Vicar.

Visit our website for up to date information on services and events
www.stg-stj.org.uk

What's on at St George's

St George's is a thriving church with people of all ages, and offers a variety of services and events in church and in the wider community.

Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion

A quiet, traditional service without hymns lasting about 50 minutes (1st Sunday of the month the service is from the Book of Common Prayer 1662)

9.30am Parish Communion

A service of Holy Communion with hymns lasting about an hour. There are groups for children (see below). On the first Sunday of the month all-ages worship together. A choir, organist and music group support and enrich Sunday worship.



Children and young people

Children are welcome at all services at George's. We take safeguarding very seriously, and all volunteers are trained and DBS checked.



The annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve is one of the major events of Wash Common!

Sunday Club and Star Club are for children at primary school.

CIA is for 11 plus.

All are run during the 9.30am service with youngsters joining the congregation for the latter part of the service.

For younger children there is a carpeted area in the main body of the church stocked with books and toys so that parents or carers can remain part of the service.

Justacross Youth Group for ages 13-18, meets on alternate Sunday evenings for lively discussions on topics relevant to young people, with social events, food and the opportunity to have fun with friends.

Tiddlers & Toddlers Playgroup for children 0-5 with their parents or carers meets on Wednesdays from 10am - 11.30am in St George's Hall next to the church.

Our full safeguarding policy can be viewed on our website.

Weekday Services in church

Morning Prayer

Wednesday – Friday 8.45am

Holy Communion

Thursday 2pm

Christenings/Baptisms

We would love to hear from you if you are thinking about baptism either for yourself or your child. Don't hesitate to contact the office or the Vicar to find out more.



Weddings

Marrying in church is personal, meaningful and spiritual just as you want it to be.

With the minister's help you can blend ancient tradition with your own personal choices and style to create a celebration with true meaning and lasting impact. Contact the office if you want to find out more.

Funerals

St George's is here to support you in times of sadness and distress. We can conduct services in church or at the crematorium.

We have a Memorial Garden where ashes can be interred for parishioners even when the funeral has been conducted elsewhere. If you need to discuss a funeral or burial of ashes, please call the office, or Revd Becky.

Pastoral Care and Social Groups

Clergy and members of the Pastoral Care Team are available to visit in times of particular need; to pray with individuals and families, or to offer support.

Holy Communion at home

We can arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to those who are housebound or unwell and unable to get to church.

Services at Falkland Grange Care Home

A monthly service is held for residents at Falkland Grange.

Social Groups

There are many social events run by St George's Church in the course of a year. Our quiz nights and murder mystery evenings are usually packed out and great fun. Keep an eye on the notice boards and the website for details.



*The St George's Annual Quiz night
This is always a very popular event.*

Café: We run a Welcome Café in the church on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30am - 12.30pm) and on Friday afternoons (2.00pm - 4.30pm). All are welcome for coffee and chat.

Friendship Group: A varied programme of entertainment and friendship on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm.

Monday Meet: A social group for all, with guest speakers, which meets on the third Monday of the month, usually at the Bowler's Arms at 7.30pm.

Mothers' Union: A world-wide Anglican organisation supporting families all around the world. Meetings, which are open to all, take place on the first Tuesday of every month.

Facilities

Situated centrally in Wash Common on the Andover Road and next to Falkland School the St George's site is a hive of activity.

The church is open most days and is a lovely place to visit just to look around or to light a candle or pray. St George's is available for hire as a concert or meeting venue. Following the George Goes Green Project which began in 2009, the church is fully insulated, warm, and heated entirely by renewable energy.

St George's Centre

The Church Hall and the Annexe (comprising three meeting rooms) were built as part of a development project in the 1990s. Facilities are available to hire for a wide variety of uses and bookings can be made through the church office.



The St George's site hosts many different local groups and organisations during the week.

St Luke's Chapel, New Era Theatre

The former parish church for Wash Common, St Luke's Chapel, occupies the south east corner of the church site and is now a theatre and home to the New Era Players. Have a look at the notice board at the front of the chapel or check the website www.neweraplayers.org, for information about performances.



South Newbury Benefice

St George's is part of a three parish team, working together with St John's, Newbury and St Michael's, Enborne and served by the same clergy team and administrative hub based at St George's.

St John's, Newbury

St John's Road, Newbury,
RG14 7PY

St John's is a modern Anglo-Catholic church, offering a warm welcome to all.

St Michael's, Enborne

Church Lane, Enborne
RG20 0HD

A 12th century church nestled in the rolling landscape of Enborne, a perfect spot for weddings, festivals and Forest Church.



A parish church is for everyone.

Don't hesitate to be in touch or come along.