

Notices

Sunday, 28th April - Forest Church 6pm at St Michael's, in celebration of spring.

Two Spring evenings of entertainment at St Michael's Church, Enborne:

T.S Eliot Four Quartets - Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm performed by acclaimed Storyteller Ashley Ramsden.

Wessex and Hardy - Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm Newbury Dramatic Society Presents 'Wessex and Hardy' a new play about Thomas Hardy, poet and novelist and rural life in an era of change.

Please come and support these fund-raising events for St Michael's Church and invite your friends.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings - come along...
St George's Church - Tuesday, 30th April drinks from 7.00pm, meeting at 7.30pm
St John's Church - Thursday, 2nd May at 7.30pm
St Michael's Church - Saturday 11th May at 10.30am.

Important posts to be filled – please share details about these vacancies with anyone you think might be interested in applying:

- Children and Families Worker [HERE](#)
- Choir Director [HERE](#)
- Tiddlers & Toddlers Playgroup Leader [HERE](#)

Oxford Diocese magazine 'Pathways' – a new edition is available in church. Be sure to pick up your free copy which includes a variety of articles relating to church life around the Diocese and faith in action in our people's lives.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter and St George's Patronal Festival

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 Patronal Service
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

Next Sunday, 28th April

St George's

8.00am - Holy Communion
9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's

8.30am - Holy Communion
10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's 6pm - Forest Church

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-2.30.

Monday	Warm Welcome Café at G's 9.30am-12.30
Tuesday	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 Warm Welcome Café at G's 9.30am-12.30 Social & Midday Prayer , St J from 10.30am Tiddlers & Toddlers St G 10am - 11.30am
Thursday	Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's Café Communion 12 noon 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 8.45am - 10.30am. Warm Welcome Café at G's 2.00-4.30pm Soup Lunch at St John's 12 noon Evening Prayer St John's 5.00pm

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 4. 5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Alternative first reading: 1 John 3. 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Gospel: John 10. 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 28th April - 6pm Forest Church
Sunday 12th May - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th May - 11am Matins
Sunday 9th June - 11am Holy Communion

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.

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.