

Notices

Good news - we are now officially the benefice of St George, St John and St Michael. A benefice celebration will take place on 29th September - put the date in your diary.

Mothers' Union meeting Tuesday 7th May 2pm in the large meeting room at St George's Church. The speaker is Revd Becky sharing thoughts and plans about her upcoming sabbatical and exploring the biblical idea behind sabbath rest. All welcome.

St John's Ladies' Fellowship Wednesday 8th May visit to the Hillier Garden Centre and farm shop at Aldermaston. We aim to arrive by 2.00pm.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
St Michael's Church - Saturday 11th May at 10.30am.

Christian Aid Week - 12 to 18 May. Would you be willing to deliver a few envelopes to houses near you with a request that those who would like to give return their envelope to your home? Please contact David Oats on 07713 050145 if you are.

St George's Holiday Club: TRAILBLAZERS 29 July - 2 Aug 10am to 12pm. As usual we are looking for volunteers! Please speak to Kathy Winrow asap.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 BCP

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 George's on YouTube from 9.30am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Benefice Services for Ascension Day, Thursday 9 May
12 noon at St George's and 7.30pm at St John's

Next Sunday, 12th May

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

11.00am - Holy Communion

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

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter, 5th May 2024

The Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 10. 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Gospel: John 15. 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

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Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 12th May - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th May - 11am Matins
Sunday 9th June - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd June - 6pm Forest Church
Sunday 7th July - 11am Holy Communion

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 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.

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.