

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.

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.

This Sunday 12 May, Christian Aid Week begins.

It's not too late to offer 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 07713 050 145.

Monday, 20th May - The Monday Meet, Battlefield Walk. Led by Dave Stubbs, this is a walking tour around Wash Common, setting off at the earlier time of 6.30pm sharp from The Bowler's Arms carpark and last around 2 hours. More details in the weekly emails.

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

12th May 2024

Sunday after Ascension Day

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

St John's at 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's at 11.00am - Holy Communion

Live-streamed worship this week is from St John's on YouTube from 9.30am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Next Sunday, 12th May - Pentecost

St George's

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's

8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish 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

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and
compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Gospel: John 17. 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

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Gospel cont.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

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.