

Notices

Please note that the Benefice Office is closed from 6th - 11th June.

Tuesday 4th June - Mothers Union Outing to Hillier Garden Centre Hermitage RG18 9TG. Gather at 1.45pm in the Large Meeting Room at St George's for shared lifts. Contact Val Bolan for more information.

Welcoming our new benefice Curate, Leanne Fowler - Leanne will be ordained at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford at 2pm on 29th June. Her first service in the benefice will be at St John's on the 30th June. Ahead of her ordination, Leanne and her husband Graham will be joining the St George's congregation on 9th June.

Becky's sabbatical - this begins on 10th June for 11 weeks. Full plans have been put in place to ensure other clergy, Alex in the office and our churchwardens do not get overburdened, and everything functions as normal. Revd Gary is Becky's deputy and will function as de facto incumbent while she is away, with churchwardens carrying overall responsibility for all non pastoral/worship matters. Please note that the cut-off point for sending her any emails is Thursday 6 June.

St George's Holiday Club: TRAILBLAZERS 29 July - 2 Aug 10am to 12pm. If you would like to help, or if you want to find out about how to book children in, contact the Benefice Office.

Flower Festival at St Michael's Enborne over the benefice celebration weekend 27-29 September with around 20 floral displays in church by flower arrangers from across the three parishes.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

2nd June 2024

First Sunday after Trinity

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 - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am - All-age Parish 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

Next Sunday, 9th June

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

The Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

First reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Gospel: Mark 2. 23 - 3. 6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of 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
Sunday 21st July - 11am Mattins

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.