

Notices

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

Tuesday, 18th June - St George's Friendship Group meets at 2pm in the Large Meeting Room for coffee, cake and chat. All welcome.

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.

Revd Becky's sabbatical - this Sunday we say au revoir to Becky and Phil for 11 weeks. Becky writes— 'Heartfelt thanks go to all who will take on extra duties while I am away. I have no doubt whatsoever that the benefice will flourish in my absence. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have this special time to rest, reflect and reboot. See you in September!'

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

9th June 2024

Second 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 - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's at 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's 11.00am - Holy Communion

Live-streamed worship this week is from St John's on YouTube from 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.stg-stj.org.uk

Next Sunday, 16th June

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 closed 6th - 11th June.

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

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of
love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before
you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 13– 5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Gospel: Mark 3. 20 - 35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; *cont...*

Gospel cont.

but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 9th June - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd June - 6pm Forest Church
Sunday 7th July - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st July - 11am Mattins

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.