

Notices

Advance notice: Sunday 22nd September, 3pm at St John's, a short music recital, French horn, piano, recorders, by Steve Bowey and Matthew Prior. Retiring collection for Christian Aid.

HOLD THE DATE! Over the weekend of 27th - 29th September we will be celebrating the inclusion of St Michael's and all Angels, Enborne into our Benefice. This will be a joint celebration by all 3 congregations and each church will be highlighted as a venue for some part of the celebration. Final plans are being pulled together by the 6 Churchwardens but this currently includes:

Fri 27 to Sat 29 **Flower Festival** at St Michael's

Sat 28 - **Songs of Ascent** mini pilgrimage from St George and St John to St Michael

Sat 28 - **Benefice Stand** at Wash Common Community Fair at Falkland Cricket Club

Sun 29 - 10am **Thanksgiving Service** (with invited guests and dignitaries) at St John's, followed by an informal celebration lunch for all at St George's.

Sun 29 6pm **Celebration Closing Service** at St Michael's.

More news later!

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

25th August 2024

Thirteenth 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

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, 1st September

St George's

8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion (not All-age)

St John's

8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's

11am - 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	Morning Prayer 8.50am at St John's Babies & Toddlers at St J - summer break 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 - summer break
Thursday	Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's Café Communion 12 noon at St George's Contemplative Prayer 6pm - summerbreak
Friday	Morning Prayer 8.45am at St George's 'and Breathe' school-run café at St John's Summer break Warm Welcome Café at G's 2.00-4.30pm Soup Lunch at St John's - summer break Evening Prayer St John's 5.00pm

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world
to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First reading: Joshua 24. 1-2, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors - Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor - lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Gospel: John 6. 56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

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But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly
pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

- Sunday 1st September - 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 15th September - 11am Matins
- Sunday 15th September - 6pm Forest Church
- Sunday 29th September - 6pm Benefice Celebration
- Sunday 13th October - 11am Matins

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.