

## Notices

**We welcome Becky (and Phil) back from sabbatical this Sunday!**

**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 Evensong** at St Michael's.

More news later!

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

**1st September 2024**

**Fourteenth 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 (not All-age)

**St John's at 8.30am** - Holy Communion

**10.00am** - Parish Communion

**St Michael's at 11am** - Holy Communion

**Live-streamed worship this week** is from St John's on YouTube from 10.0am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via [www.stg-stj.org.uk](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

## Next Sunday, 8th September

### 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	<b>Warm Welcome Café</b> at G's 9.30am-12.30
Tuesday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.50am</b> at St John's <b>Babies &amp; Toddlers</b> at St J 9.30am-11.15am <b>Eucharist at 12.30pm</b> at St John's
Wednesday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.50am</b> at St John's <b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>Warm Welcome Café</b> at G's 9.30am-12.30 <b>Social &amp; Midday Prayer</b> , St J from 10.30am <b>Tiddlers &amp; Toddlers</b> St G - summer break
Thursday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>Café Communion 12 noon</b> at St George's <b>Contemplative Prayer 6pm</b> at St John's
Friday	<b>Morning Prayer 8.45am</b> at St George's <b>'and Breathe' school-run café at St John's</b> 8.45am - 10.30am <b>Warm Welcome Café</b> at G's 2.00-4.30pm <b>Soup Lunch</b> at St John's - summer break <b>Evening Prayer</b> St John's 5.00pm

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### First reading: Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### The Gospel: Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

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You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

### Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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.**