

## Notices

**Wednesday, 11th September - St John's Ladies' Fellowship** 2.00pm in the Parish Room: meet for another challenging Beetle Drive. Come and shake the dice and have some fun.

**Monday, 16th September - The Monday Meet** 7.30 for 8pm at the Bowlers Arms. Nick Selsey with a talk entitled: Angola and the Islamic State Republic of Somaliland: a tour d'horizon on African elections. All welcome.

**Tuesday, 17th September - St George's Friendship Group** 2pm in the LMR for tea, cake, chat and games. All are welcome.

**HOLD THE DATE!** Over the weekend of 27th - 29th September we will be celebrating becoming a three parish benefice, a joint festival weekend across the churches. See below.

**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 Benefice Holy Communion** (with joint choir, invited guests and dignitaries) at St John's. Informal celebration lunch for all the benefice at St George's.

**Sun 29 6pm Festival Evening Worship** at 6pm—a service at St Michael's on their patronal festival to mark the end of a very special weekend.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

## 8th September 2024 Fifteenth 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](http://www.stg-stj.org.uk)

## Next Sunday, 15th September

### 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

11am - Harvest Thanksgiving

6pm - Forest Church

## 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 10am - 11.30am
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 - 12 noon <b>Evening Prayer</b> St John's 5.00pm

### The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: James 2. 1—10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### The Gospel: Mark 7. 24—end

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

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But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

### Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday 15th September - Harvest Thanksgiving  
Sunday 15th September - 6pm Forest Church  
Sunday 29th September - 6pm Benefice Celebration  
Sunday 13th October - 11am Matins  
Sunday 27th October - 11am Holy Communion

### 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.**