

Notices

All weekly events at our churches start again from Monday, 3rd January. Take a look at the list on the front of this newsletter to see what's on.

Tuesday 7th January - Mothers' Union. 2pm in St George's LMR with guest speaker our Curate, Leanne Fowler.

Thursday 9th January - St John's at 12.30pm.
Funeral of Joyce Hewitt with reception afterwards.
All who remember Joyce are invited to attend.

Wednesday 15th January - St John's Ladies Fellowship
10th anniversary tea party 2pm in the Parish Room.
Come along to celebrate!

Monday 20th January - The Monday Meet is back with a full programme for the year ahead with an interesting and varied mix of speakers. Peter Wright begins with a look back at the 2024 St George's Church pilgrimage from Stratford Upon Avon to Lichfield in August. The Bowler's Arms at 7.30 for 8.00pm start. All welcome.

Tuesday 21st January - St George's Friendship Group.
2pm for tea, games and chat.

Sunday 9th February - Forest Church 4pm at St Michael's.

Advance notice - Saturday 28th June our Curate Leanne's ordination as priest will take place at 11.30am in Reading Minster.

Key contacts

Benefice Office Manager

Alex Brown 01635 41249 alex.brown@stg-stj.org.uk

Vicar of Benefice - day off Monday

Revd Becky Bevan 01635 524994
bbevan.vicar@stg-stj.org.uk

Associate Vicar - day off Monday

Revd Gary Collins 07986 901879
gcollins.priest@stg-stj.org.uk

Curate (part-time)

Revd Leanne Fowler 01635 41249
lfowler.curate@stg-stj.org.uk

Churchwardens

St John's: David Oats, Alison Foulkes
churchwarden@st-john-newbury.org.uk

St George's: John Huckle, Linda Ling
churchwardens@st-george-newbury.org.uk

St Michael's: John Bolan, Julian Dickens
churchwardens.stm@stg-stj.org.uk

For all other contacts please see the website:

Website www.stg-stj.org.uk

Facebook facebook.com/stjohnnewbury
facebook.com/StGeorgesNewbury



South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

5th January 2025 Epiphany Sunday

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 (BCP)9
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, 12th January

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 at 11.00am - Holy Communion

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-3.00pm

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 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

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First reading: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'
arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to
you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2. 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

cont...

Gospel cont.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

Sunday, 12th January - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th January - 11am Matins
Sunday 9th February - 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th February - 4pm Forest Church

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.