

Notices

Monday 19th May - The Monday Meet Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Revd Becky and Alison Gill. 7.30 for 8pm at The Bowlers Arms.

Dates of our Church Annual Meetings (APCMs)

St Michael's - THIS Sunday at 12pm (after service)

St John's - THIS Sunday at 11.30am (after service)

St George's - Tuesday 20th May at 7pm for refreshments, meeting begins at 7.30pm

Bat Discovery Day 24 May at St Michael's Enborne—2-4pm children's bat crafts and activities; 8.45pm learn more about our resident bats with ecologist, author and bat enthusiast James Shipman. All welcome.

Sunday Smash at St George's, 11am 25 May—all primary school aged children and their adults welcome.

Thursday, 29th May - Ascension Day services

St George's - 12 noon Holy Communion (said service)

St John's - 7.30pm Holy Communion

Benefice Celebration to mark Revd Leanne's priesting Sunday 29th June - 10am joint Benefice Holy Communion at St George's, followed by bring and share lunch, Benefice Evensong at 6.30pm at St Michael's.

Summer walking pilgrimage 21st - 24th August - This year's walking pilgrimage will begin in a medieval chapel in the centre of Winchester and follow St Swithun's Way through Alresford, Alton and Farnham before finishing with a celebration service in Guildford Cathedral—a journey of just over 40 miles. If this might be of interest to you, contact Peter Wright on 07770 968182 for further information.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion (followed by APCM)

St Michael's at 11am Matins (followed by APCM)

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, 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

St George's at 8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

11am—Sunday Smash

St John's at 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish 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
Listening Prayer at St George's at 10am
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 12 noon at St John's

Evening Prayer St John's 5.00pm

The Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading: Acts 11. 1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Gospel Reading: John 13. 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

18th May - 11am Matins (followed by APCM)
1st June - 11am Holy Communion
15th June - 11am Matins
29th June - 6.30pm Benefice Evensong

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.

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.