

Notices

This Sunday we are delighted to welcome Bishop Mary to our benefice - we warmly invite everyone to take this opportunity to meet her and welcome her to South Newbury. **The arrangements are:**

9.30 for 9.45 am at St John's to bless the new accessible entrance followed by 10am Eucharist.
From 11.15 - benefice wine and soft drinks at St John's Church followed at 11.30am by an opportunity to get to know Bishop Mary as she speaks to us and we have a chance to put questions to her.

Forest Church THIS Sunday 20th, 6pm at St Michael's

Monday, 21st July - The Monday Meet. 7.30pm for 8pm at The Bowlers Arms. A screening of 'The Hardest Bridge' which explores the relationship between Jo Berry and Patrick Magee who planted the IRA bomb that killed Jo's father. Jo will be at the meeting to answer questions.

Saturday, 26th July - Coffee Morning at St Michael's, Enborne. 10am - 12noon. All welcome, as are donations of cakes or biscuits! If you wish, why not join...

Saturday, 26th July 'Songs of Ascent' Mini-Pilgrimage from St John's to St Michael's, leaving at 9am.

Holiday Club is fast approaching at St George's (28 July - 1 August). Over 80 children are booked in but there's still room for more. See further details [here](#) on the benefice website.

Living with Loss monthly drop-in café starts 5th August at St George's - first Tuesday of each month at 11am in the café area. Open to all, no need to book.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

20th July 2025

Fifth 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 8.00am - Holy Communion

9.30am - Parish Communion

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion with Bishop Mary, followed by 'Meet the Bishop'

6pm - Forest Church at St Michael's Enborne

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, 20th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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 at 6pm - Forest Church

Weekly Services and Events

Benefice Office open Tuesday to Friday 9.30-3.30

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 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 on a summer break
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 on a summer break 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

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First reading: Genesis 18. 1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10. 38-end

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably
ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all
godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

20th July - 6pm Forest Church
3rd August - 11am Holy Communion
17th August - 11am Matins
7th September - 11am Holy Communion

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.