

Notices

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th August - St George's Friendship Group
2pm in the LMR for chat, coffee, cake and games. All welcome.

Thursday 28th August - licencing of Revd Canon Paul Cowan as Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire, 3pm at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Theale RG7 5BZ, followed by refreshments at St Birinius House. All are warmly invited to attend by Bishop Mary. Please let the office know if you are going for catering purposes.

Short Course: The Eucharist Following the success of the Lent Course, we are arrange another short course for small groups I homes or St George's LMR. The Pilgrim course on 'The Eucharist' will start w/c 22nd September . If you are interested, please complete the sheets at the back of church asap. It would be useful to have an indication of numbers by the end of August, although you can still sign up later. If you would like to host a group in your home, or facilitate a group, please let Kathy Winrow know asap. Her email is kwinrow@btinternet.com
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Saturday 4th October - Andrew Rumsey Collodian a concert celebrating history and place through folk song, story and poetry with Bishop Andrew Rumsey. 7pm at St Michael's, Enborne. Tickets £12.

Saturday 22nd November - Advance notice of this year's Benefice Quiet Day -which will be led by Bishop Mary at Wantage convent. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the churches.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

17th August 2025

Ninth 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

Live-streamed worship this week is from St John's on YouTube from 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.southnewbury.org

Next Sunday, 24th August - Tenth 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

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 St J on a summer break 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 on a summer break
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 St John's on a summer break Evening Prayer St John's 5.00pm

The Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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: Jeremiah 23. 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Gospel Reading: Luke 12. 49-56

Jesus said, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of
your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael's Enborne

17th August - 11am Matins
7th September - 11am Holy Communion
21st September - 11am Matins
21st September - 6pm Forest Church
5th October - 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 news-letter 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.