

Notices

A new Archbishop of Canterbury - the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury, the first woman in history. We pray for her and her family as she prepares to take up her role.

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

This Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival across the Benefice - donations are requested for West Berks Foodbank and Newbury Soup kitchen.

Tuesday 7th October - Wash Common Mothers' Union meeting in the LMR at St George's Church at 2pm. All welcome.

'Becoming Greener', Carbon Literacy Course. St John's will be hosting a 3-week course on October 7th, 14th & 21st. A simple opportunity to think about the environment, the effects our choices make, and what we can do to 'walk lightly' on the earth. All are welcome, (and come to as many as you can). 7.30-9pm, in Church.

Saturday 18th October - Murder Mystery at St George's Hall. Note start time is 6.30pm Now sold out.

St G's Welcome Café Knitters - poppies must be completed by Friday 31st October ready for Remembrance Sunday. After this our focus will turn to making winter warmers for Newbury Soup Kitchen. If you want to know more, come along to the for knit and natter sessions in the café on Wednesday mornings.

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South Newbury - St George, St John, St Michael

5th October 2025

Harvest Festival

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 BCP

9.30am - All-age Harvest Communion

12 noon - Parish Lunch

St John's 8.30am - Holy Communion

10.00am - Parish Communion

St Michael's - 11am Harvest Holy Communion

Live-streamed worship this week is from St John's on YouTube from 10am - <https://bit.ly/3PMxGPY> or via www.southnewbury.org

Next Sunday, 12th October Seventeenth 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 4pm— 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 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

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First reading: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading: John 6. 25-35

When the crowd found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

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Gospel cont.

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant with in us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming services at St Michael’s Enborne

5th October - 11am Holy Communion Harvest Festival
12th October - 4pm Forest Church
19th October - 11am Matins
2nd November—11am Holy Communion
9th November— 9.15 Act of Remembrance in Hamstead Park followed by 10am Mattins in Church

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.