



Church Matters...

12th May 2019

Easter 4

Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome you to our services today. If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time, then please do make yourself known to the person leading the service.

Today's Service

Readings

Acts 9.36-end (p894)

John 10.22-30 (p873)

**In The Ark today the children
will be learning about
Jesus feeding the 5000**

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Notice Board

Itchen Abbas Church Car Park - work has been carried out and the car park has been reseeded and is closed for possibly 3 months. We need to provide a better all-weather use, hence the work. The long period is needed to allow grass to regrow. Our apologies for the inconvenience. If you have any queries please contact Tony Gaster 779110

Dying Well Talk - There will be a talk and a discussion led by David Butler - a retired oncologist, he will be covering such subjects as why we find talking about death difficult, exploring ways in which we can help somebody who is dying, reviewing some of the issues for Christians in supporting people who are approaching death and considering preparing for dying ourselves. The talk will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th May at Southwood House - everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend please contact Lavinia Owen on 01962 779162.

Bridge and Tea in aid of St Mary's, Easton - Tuesday 10th September, 2pm at Dymoke House. For further information please contact Sara Janssen on 779337

Praying for 5 - I would like you to agree to pray daily every day until Pentecost Sunday 9th June for five specific people who live in the parish that you know, who are not church goers, who are not followers of Christ, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and that they will start to engage with God and will start to worship with us. It doesn't matter how difficult this might appear. Think of even the most atheistic of your neighbours...think of someone who really could not care less if there was a church here in 20 years time. And then wait and see what happens...see what God does... see how the Holy Spirit moves. Then encourage them to 'come and see'; to come to our Evensong service at 6pm on Pentecost Sunday which is Sunday 9th June when we will be having the Itchen Valley Parish Choir singing and will be a wonderful evening at St Swithun's Martyr Worthy.

Revd. Alex Pease

Church Cleaner - we are looking for a kitchen and office cleaner for St John's Church, Itchen Abbas. At present it is an hour a week and the timings can be flexible. Does anyone know of someone who might be willing to take this on? The job is paid at the going rate. Please do let me know at admin@itchenvalleychurches.org if you have any suggestions.

Barn Dance - Saturday 29th June 2019. Funds for Itchen Valley Churches and Easton Village Hall. Band booked. Details to Follow.

Diary for the Week

Monday 13th

10am	Little Rainbows	St John's, Itchen Abbas
2pm	Monday Group	18 Little Hayes Lane

Tuesday 14th

7.30pm	After Alpha House Group	TBC
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Wednesday 15th

7.30pm	Dying Well Talk	Southwood House, IA
8pm	Itchen Valley Church Choir Rehearsal	St Swithun's, MW

Saturday 18th

12pm	Wedding of Claire Baxter and Matthew James	St Mary's, Avington
2.30pm	Wedding of Rebecca Hoskins and Benjamin Mills	St Mary's, Easton

For Your Prayers

We ask your blessings on Charlie Bullen and Georgie Black and anyone else known to us who may be suffering in our parish or are close to us at this time. May they know God's love, peace and healing.

Please pray for our friends, neighbours and relations to want to know more about Jesus and to join us at Church.

Please pray for the Dying Well talk this week, we pray that people are led to attend and it is a positive experience for everyone.

We pray for Claire and Matthew and Rebecca and Benjamin as they are married on Saturday, please bless these couples and their life together.

We pray for Martin and Kylie as they bring their son Jack to be baptised today, we pray that you surround this precious child with your love.

Useful Information

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Parish Book-keeping - Madeline Quest-Ritson, The Parish Office, St John's Church, Avington Lane, Itchen Abbas, Winchester, SO21 1BJ; accounts@itchenvalleychurches.org

The Hub and the Parish Office at St John's, Itchen Abbas. Office hours are generally 9am-1pm, weekdays; 01962 779845. Please call or email to make an appointment.

Church Matters - If you would like a notice to be put in Church Matters please send by email to Beccy Clark at admin@itchenvalleychurches.org by 1pm the previous Wednesday. If you wish to receive Church Matters weekly by email then please contact Beccy. You can also download it from the website www.itchenvalleychurches.org

Services

Today

10am Parish Communion and Baptism

St John's Itchen Abbas

With Revd. Alex Pease

Organist David Duffin

6pm Evensong

St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

With Revd. Alex Pease

Organist John Purver

Next Sunday 19th May

8am BCP

St John's Itchen Abbas

10am Valley Worship

St Mary's, Easton

Children

Our Sunday groups for children meet from 9.45am as follows:

2nd Sunday

Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall

3rd Sunday

Dymoke House, Easton

4th Sunday

Martyr Worthy Village Hall

5th Sunday

Dymoke House, Easton



Children On A Sunday

All children are welcome from 3-11yrs, come along and join in. Children will be returned to parents before the end of the service.