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Church Matters...

19th April 2020
Easter 2

Welcome

Welcome to this week's Church Matters, although we are not congregating at this time we do hope you will take part in our online service at 10am each Sunday, further information inside.

Today's Service

Today's Reading

Romans 5:12-21

*The talk will be based on
verses 20-21*

God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die
for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Notice Board

In view of the current emergency, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a statement under which public worship is now suspended and Churches are closed until further notice. This will mean that we will not be holding any services in our churches for the foreseeable future. We will instead be broadcasting our service and emailing you a link to be able to follow it at 10am on each Sunday, knowing that others will be doing the same in their homes. It will be left on our website each week, so if you are not able to tune in on Sunday, you can do this at any time afterwards.

The link for this service will be sent to all followers of the church website www.itchenvalleychurches.org - to become a follower please add your email details in the box in the bottom right hand side of our home page so that you can be kept up to date on what the church is doing to respond to the Corona crisis.

The Bible Course NOW ONLINE - For those of us whose diaries are starting to empty and are facing days and days with little social interaction, the Bible Course is now online and maybe interesting to you - <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/the-bible-course/>

Some Useful Apps that you might like to consider at this time:

Bible in One Year (BioY) - *daily devotional by Nicky Gumbel*

Lectio 365 - *daily devotional 24/7 Prayer*

YouVersion - *numerous daily devotion schemes to choose from*

Soultime - *a beautiful app to help you look after the needs of your soul*

Winchester Villages Trust - To anyone who is facing hard times financially at the moment due to the current crisis The Winchester Villages Trust has been given donations by local Christians to benefit those in the Itchen Valley Parish who are in financial need at the moment and the Trust would like to invite residents to apply to receive funds. Further details including how to apply will be published on www.itchenvalleychurches.org

For Your Prayers

Please pray for Loulou, Dan, Anoushka, Raphie and baby Felix.

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold. For the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

Amen

We pray for the lonely, anxious and confused people of our Parish, please Lord guide us to be the support that they need at this time.

Our churches are now closed - we may not be able to gather as we normally do, but we're still here if you need prayerful or practical support.

Useful Information

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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

We have a very special Valley Worship this Sunday at 10am, where we will be gathering for the first time on a video conferencing service called Zoom. The service will be led by James Greig, one of our BCMs and we have James Wright speaking to us on Romans 5.

Please view the post on the website about how to join this service.

Our next service will be broadcast at 10am on Sunday 26th April, further information to follow.

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