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# Church Matters...

**7th June 2020  
Trinity Sunday**

## **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**

### **Matthew 21:28-32**

A Story About Two Sons "Tell me what you think about this: There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'I will not go.' But later the son decided he should go, and he went. Then the father went to the other son and said, 'Son, go and work today in my vineyard.' The son answered, 'Yes, sir, I will go and work.' But he did not go. Which of the two sons obeyed his father?"

The priests and leaders answered, "The first son." Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth. The tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do. John came to show you the right way to live. And you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and prostitutes believed John. You saw this, but you still refused to change and believe him."

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

## 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 Bible Course ONLINE** - the Bible Course is now online and maybe interesting to you - <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/the-bible-course/>

**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](http://www.itchenvalleychurches.org)

**Free National Phone Line** - Archbishop Justin has launched Daily Hope, a free national phone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services by telephone for those members of our communities who do not have access to the internet, and may be most isolated at this time. The new free phone line is **available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044**. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. We hope that it will be a useful tool offering hope and encouragement to those in you who are struggling.

**A Message from Alex and Lucy** - we are delighted to be back from our staycation for our house move in Chilland. Thank you for all the messages of good will from so many. We are very happy in our new house. As the country moves slowly towards opening up from the lockdown we are watching very carefully what we are permitted to do in terms of worship in our church buildings. We hope to be able to move to a live broadcast of some kind from one of our churches before the end of the month. Until then we will continue with recorded and zoom services from our homes. Thank you for all the encouragement you have been giving us and the Parish Ministry Team during this difficult time! Many blessings.

**STOP PRESS** - The Martyr Worthy Plant Sale has now raised over £6,000 - a massive achievement during these times and we are very grateful.

## **For Your Prayers**

**We give thanks for Loulou's improvement and continue to pray for her, Dan, Anoushka, Raphie and baby Felix as she gains strength over the coming weeks.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake

**Amen**

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**

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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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**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](mailto: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](http://www.itchenvalleychurches.org)

Our Family Worship service this Sunday will be via Zoom, a link will be sent out prior to the service and you can log on from 9.45am, the service will be led by Julia Wright, the Hunt family will be doing the talk and the Hodge family will be leading the prayers.

Our next service will be Parish Communion at 10am on Sunday 14th June, further information to follow.

### Updating Zoom

If you have not yet updated Zoom this link will tell you how <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/2020/05/28/updating-zoom/>

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