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# Church Matters...

**12th July 2020**  
**5th Sunday after Trinity**

## 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 13 1-23**

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### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of  
the Church is governed and  
sanctified: hear our prayer which  
we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and  
truth to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ, who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Notice Board

We are very pleased with how the opening of our Churches for private prayer continues to go. St Mary's Easton continues to open on Wednesdays, St John's, Itchen Abbas on Fridays and St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy on Sundays. The opening times for all of the churches is between 10am and 2pm - we do hope you will enjoy being able to return to our Churches for private prayer.

Thank you for those who took part in our recent survey, we are pleased to see that most of you seem to be enjoying the online services and those of you who are not able to return to worshipping in our Churches plan to continue tuning in online. Some of you also expressed the opinion that until things return to what we are more familiar with they will also choose to continue taking part online. With this feedback in mind we plan to work towards opening St Mary's Church, Easton for a service at the end of the month and then maybe one a month going forward.

We look forward to being able to share more information with you about this in the coming weeks. Many thanks to everyone who continues to work so hard to make this possible.

**Collection** - Vanessa Rosewell is standing down as Church Warden for St Mary's Easton as she and Leon are moving to Dorset. She has done so much work for St Mary's, ably supported by Leon and we will miss them both. We would like to give them a gift and if you would like to donate please pay online into the Glynde Easton account; sort code 30-99-71, account number 00717724 and marked Vanessa. (or cheque payable to Glynde Easton marked Vanessa on the back, to Sara or Penelope) Preferably no cash at this Covid time. Any queries to Sara Janssen 01962 779337. Many thanks.

**Walk of Hope** - You are invited to join us as we try to walk as much of the Itchen Valley Parish as we are able during the three-week period from Saturday 11th July to Sunday 2nd August. There is a lot of information about this on our website - <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/walk-of-hope/> We do hope you can take part in this walk. *Lucy Pease, Nicky Barber and Julia Wright.*

**Ark Zooming Back** - This week we are resuming the Ark, our Sunday school, but with the slight difference of it being held online on Zoom. The Ark is aimed at Primary School aged children, or those just under – and we'll be starting a new series looking at the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. So see you there at 10am, please have paper and pens at the ready, and please can at least one adult be present at all time. Zoom details will be sent out at 9am on Sunday morning. *James Greig*

## **For Your Prayers**

**We pray for the gradual re-opening of our Churches and for the people planning and making decisions regarding our safety at this time.**

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.

**We may not be able to gather as we normally do, but we're still here if you need prayerful or practical support.**

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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. At this time Beccy is working from home.

**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 Parish Communion this Sunday will be via Zoom and coming from St Mary's, Easton a link will be sent out prior to the service and you can log on from 9.45am. The service will be led by Revd. Alex Pease, Robin Greenwood will be reading the lesson and John Bouldin will be our intercessor.

The Ark will be returning by Zoom today details will be sent out prior to the service details on Sunday.

Our next service will be Valley Worship by Zoom at 10am on Sunday 19th July, further information to follow.

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