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# Church Matters...

**26th July 2020**  
**7th Sunday after Trinity**

## Welcome

Welcome to this week's Church Matters, although we are not all able to congregate at this time we do hope you will enjoy taking part in our service either in Church or online.

## Today's Service

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

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**The Theme for this week's  
Ark is Joy**

### Collect

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good  
things: graft in our hearts the love  
of your name, increase in us true  
religion, nourish us with all  
goodness, and of your great mercy  
keep us in the same; 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

We are very pleased to be able to return to St Mary's today for our Parish Communion, those of you who have chosen to attend will obviously find it very different but we hope you will enjoy being back in Church. Whilst we are very pleased to be able to welcome people to the Church, it is also very important for us to still to be able to broadcast the service via Zoom for those who choose to stay home and we will continue to do this. Many thanks for all of the hard work that has made this possible and for the people who operate Zoom for us each week which is no simple task.

We are very grateful to our Covid Committee, and in particular Sara, for tremendous amount of work that has gone into the planning for opening the Church for a service.

We look forward to being able to share more information with you regarding more services in St Mary's and the other Churches.

**If you plan to attend the service in person on Sunday please do let Beccy know on [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org) by the end of Friday 24th July.**

**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.*

**On the Move** - Leon and I are leaving the Itchen Valley and moving to Dorset. We have enjoyed our time here and the many activities the valley has had to offer, the churches, the FUNd raising activities, boules, Brew with a View to name but a few and above all friendship. I have really enjoyed and felt very privileged being churchwarden for the last four and half years at St Mary's Easton and have discovered so much about the building, I never thought I would ever be climbing up spiral steps and walking around the parapet! The church services on Zoom each week have kept us all in touch but we have missed, like many of you, the refreshments and chat after them and for us the chance to say farewell. With love and best wishes, Vanessa and Leon.

## For Your Prayers

**We pray for those in our Parish, or who are known to us, who are suffering at the moment. We especially pray for Sara Mason and her family as they mourn the loss of her father and David and Sally Parker as they mourn the loss of David's mother - may they know your comfort 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.

**Some of us still 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. 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 take place at St Mary's, Easton and also 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 Revd. Alex Pease, Judith Mezger will be reading the lesson and Gerry Stacey will be our intercessor.

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

Our next service will be Family Worship by Zoom at 10am on Sunday 2nd August, further information to follow.

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