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CHURCHES

Church Matters...

27th September 2020
16th 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

Reading

Matthew 21.23-32

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

If you plan to come to any of the services in person please contact Beccy - admin@itchenvalleychurches.org by the Friday before the service.

APCM - We will be holding our APCM via Zoom this year at 7pm on Wednesday 30th September, the link to the Zoom meeting can be found on the APCM post on the Church website or feel free to contact Beccy and she will send it to you again. Documentation that is normally displayed on Church noticeboards will this year be on our website under public documents.

Track and Trace - we now have QR posters in each Church which will enable anyone visiting the Churches who has the NHS Track and Trace app on their phone to scan the code and check in. Can we encourage everyone to download the app as part of our commitment to reducing transmission in our community. Please note that this does not take the place of registering to attend a service, we still need to do this so that we can monitor numbers.

The Prayer Course - started a couple of weeks ago and will be running for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, if you would like to join please let me know. They will be one hour sessions on zoom and include a video discussion period and end in prayer. The course uses the Lord's prayer to explore prayer in many different ways. If you would like to take part please let me know and we will provide you with all necessary links and online resources. *Gerry*

Private Prayer - as our Churches are now opening for more services it is not always possible for us to open for private prayer on the scheduled days due to the cleaning procedures that we must adhere to if we are not able to keep them closed for 72 hours. It might mean that they are not open for one week or they may be open on a different day. Can we advise you to always check the Church website diary to check the Church is open before planning to attend. The general schedule is as follows:

**Open for private prayer
between 10am and 2pm on the following days:**

Wednesdays - St Mary's, Easton

Fridays - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sundays - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

For Your Prayers

We pray for those in our Parish, or who are known to us, who are suffering at the moment - may they know your comfort at this time. We pray for the families and friends of Jim Glasspool, Charlie Bullen and Rochienne Pearce as they mourn their loss. We also give thanks for Joseph Reynolds as he is brought for baptism today, please bless him today and always.

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 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

Sunday 27th September

10am Parish Communion at St Mary's, Easton and online
6pm Evensong at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Sunday 4th October

10am Family Worship via Zoom

Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th September

7pm APCM via Zoom

Sunday 11th October

10am Harvest Parish Communion at St John's, Itchen Abbas and online

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