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VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

**7th February 2021
2nd Sunday before Lent**

Welcome

Welcome to this week's Church Matters, although we are not 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

1 Peter 2:24

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Notice Board

National Lockdown and Church Attendance - we have decided that it is best if we revert entirely to zoom for our services during National Lockdown restrictions. This will mean that although we will continue to lead services from either church or home as has been the practice over the last few months, it will not be possible for any worshippers to join us in the flesh in the churches.

Praying for those with Covid - If you are worried about a friend or relation who has Covid 19 at the moment please do email me so that we can get together a group of people to pray for them. Amazing things happen when we ask the Lord to intervene in moments of great anguish and there will be many of us who are suffering in this way at the moment. We can help bring our fears and concerns about those we love before our Father. Alex

DailyHope - a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. This is a Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

Light a candle - by lighting a virtual candle, you're making space to pray. You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Whatever is going on, make space to pray in your life. Follow this link to light a virtual candle <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>

Private Prayer - Church opening times have been revised and will be open between 10am and 2pm as follows:

St Mary's, Easton - Not open Wednesday 10th February

St John's, Itchen Abbas - Fridays

St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy - Sundays

St Mary's, Avington - Every day by arrangement

please contact Dan at Ivy Cottage or on 07500 860949

For Your Prayers

We pray for the families of Keith Young, Jean Dunn and Cliff North as they mourn their losses. We also pray for those in our Parish, or who are known to us, who are ill and suffering at the moment - may they know your comfort at this time.

Keep us, good Lord, within the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
through 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 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

Today

10am Family Worship by Zoom

Led by James, Talk by Julia, Worship by Tim and Kat,
Reading by Jess and Heidi, Prayers by the Cheesman family

Sunday 14th February

10am Parish Communion via Zoom

Diary Dates

Sunday 28th February 11am Easton ADCM by Zoom

Monday 1st March 6pm Itchen Abbas ADCM by Zoom

Thursday 25th March 7pm APCM via Zoom

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