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# Church Matters...

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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 online.

## Today's Service

### Acts 6, 1-6

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### Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

**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

**Alpha Online** - We are running another Alpha course online starting after Easter, it will start on Thursday 17th April at 7pm and be led by Tim Clapp and Dan Day-Robinson. The sessions will all be online which we found worked very well when we ran it last year. If you would like more information or to be added to the course please let Beccy know - [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org)

**A Collection for Alex** - we are organising a collection for a gift for Alex to recognise the amazing work he has done in our Parish for which we are so thankful. Rather than use cash at this time, please donate through this link. If you do not have a Paypal account, please pay as a guest:

<https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/115671079967396023>

If you would prefer not to donate online, please can we ask you to put cash in an envelope clearly marked with your name and any message you would like to make and deliver it to Rolls Coleman at Old School House, Abbots Worthy, SO21 1DR

## Easter Services in the Parish

29th, 30th and 31st March Compline 7pm by Zoom only

Maundy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April) 7pm at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy - live

Good Friday - Service of Reflection 12 noon by Zoom only

## Easter Sunday

Parish Communion

10am at St Mary's, Easton which will be live and also Zoomed

10am at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy - live

Easter Family Communion

10am at St John's, Itchen Abbas - live

To attend any of these live services you must book a place in advance please contact [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org)

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## For Your Prayers

We pray for the family of Richard Olden following his death, he was a regular member of Cameo and will be greatly missed. Please Lord support 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, under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen**

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs

For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us

**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. Please call or email to make an appointment. 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](http://www.itchenvalleychurches.org)

## Services

### Today

10am Valley Worship by Zoom

Led by James Wright, Talk by Revd. Alex Pease,  
Worship led by Tim Clapp, Prayers by James Greig and  
Reading by Tania Haskell

### Sunday 28th March

10am Parish Communion via Zoom

### Diary Dates

Thursday 25th March 7pm APCM via Zoom

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