

ITCHEN
VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

**18th April 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Welcome

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

Today's Service

Acts 9 1-19

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened
the disciples with the sight of the risen
Lord: give us such knowledge of his
presence with us, that we may be
strengthened and sustained by his
risen life and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
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

Church Services - although our Churches are now open for services following Covid regulations, we will not be able to return to our usual service plan until the Clerical register is up and running again and we can book Ministers to lead our communion services. We are hoping that this will take place in June but we are restricted until then.

Praying for those with Covid - If you are worried about a friend or relation who has Covid 19 at the moment please do email Beccy on admin@itchenvallychurches.org and she will be able to pass your message on to the Ministry Team and organise 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.

Parish Party - Save the Date - we are planning a parish party once the restrictions have been lifted. It will take place at The Farmyard, Easton by kind permission of Theo and Judith Mezger and will be on Friday 25th June - further information to follow.

For Your Prayers

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 pray for Tania and Phoebe as they are both brought to baptism and Tania also to confirmation, we pray that your blessings are poured on them and every day they know you more.

We pray for Alex and Lucy as Alex retires, we give thanks for all of the amazing work they have done in our Parish and we pray for good health and happiness.

We pray for our Parish moving forward and that the decision makers are guided by the Lord to hear his word.

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 all 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

Services

Today

10am Valley Worship with Baptism and Confirmation
live at St Mary's, Easton and on Zoom
With Revd. Alex Pease and Bishop David
This service is fully booked but you can still take part on Zoom

Sunday 25th April

10am Parish Communion
live at St Mary's, Easton and on Zoom

Please notify Beccy to book a place at this service
by 1pm on the Friday before.

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