



Church Matters...

**30th May and 6th June 2021
Trinity Sunday and Trinity 1**

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

Sunday 30th May

**Romans 8.12–17
John 3.1–17**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

Sunday 6th June

2 Timothy 3:15b-17

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Good News - We have seen white smoke. I am pleased to inform you that our next Priest in Charge and Rector Designate is to be Peter Walker. He comes to us following a distinguished career as a tutor, an extensive writer and as a pilgrimage guide. He is also an able musician and singer. He and his wife Georgie will move into the Rectory at the beginning of August and Peter will be installed in early September. Those of us that have met them have found Peter and Georgie both impressive and delightful. We are confident that Peter will be a great pastoral leader, be a wonderful teacher and contribute greatly to our worship. Further, both Peter and Georgie will bring a great deal to the wider community in the Valley. Peter will be a worthy successor to Alex. This appointment is excellent news!

Theo Mezger, Lay Chair, PCC

Parish Party - Our parish party will take place at The Farmyard, Easton by kind permission of Theo and Judith Mezger and will be on Friday 25th June - **please let Beccy know if you would like to attend.**

Praying for the Parish - We are committing to pray individually, but at the same time each week, during the vacancy, for all that this process involves, so that we are united as a community in doing so. We suggest that this time be at 11 am every Monday morning, for the duration of the vacancy (of course if this time on a Monday is not convenient for you please choose another one that suits your schedule). Some suggestions for areas on which to concentrate in prayer will be posted each week in advance of Monday morning on the Parish website. ***John Barber, Ministry Team***

For Your Prayers

We continue to pray for Doug Phillips as he mourns the loss of his wife Geraldine. Please comfort and support both Doug and all of their family and friends at this time. 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.

We pray for Lizzie and Kilian who were married at St Mary's, Easton last week. We pray for a long and happy marriage.

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

We give thanks for the guidance you have given to the appointment team and for bringing Peter and Georgie to our Parish, please Lord, continue to bless and guide all those leading our Parish during the vacancy.

We pray for the people taking part in Alpha at the moment and also the leaders.

We pray for families and children enjoying half-term this week, please protect them as they enjoy this time together.

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

Sunday 30th May

10am Parish Communion live from St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom
Revd. Peter Haughton will be leading and preaching

Sunday 6th June

10am All Age Worship live from St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom
Led by James Greig, Julia Wright will be giving the talk and worship
will be led by Tim Clapp.

Sunday 13th June

10am Parish Communion live from St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom
Revd. David Chattell will be leading and preaching

**Please let Beccy know if you would like to attend a live service
by 1pm the Friday before.**

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