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VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

27th June 2021

Trinity 4

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 27.33-44

Mark 5.21-43

Collect

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; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Notice Board

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.

I will continue to host an evening prayer session via Zoom for any member of the community that would like to join in it, every other week, again for the duration of the vacancy. These sessions begin at 8 pm and last no longer than 30 minutes; the next session will be on Wednesday 30th June. A Zoom link for these sessions will be posted on the website on the day of the sessions – all are welcome to participate in them but participation is entirely voluntary.

John Barber, Ministry Team

Geraldine Phillips – Memorial Service - Unfortunately, due to the delay in Covid rule easing, the memorial service for Geraldine Phillips, planned for 8th July, has had to be postponed. It is planned to hold the service in August and more details will be announced as soon as the Government makes the future rules clearer.

Last Week's Valley Worship - thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make last week's Valley Worship such a success, we have received so much positive feedback and it was so lovely to be able to worship together again that we plan to repeat this for July.

Services for August - we plan to keep to the reduced plan of services for July and August and revert to our full schedule when Peter joins us in September.

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.

Please pray for Peter and Georgie Walker and for all the details of their forthcoming move to the Valley in August. For the future of the Parish and for good, long-term fruit to be produced from a new season under Peter's leadership.

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

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 Parish Communion live at St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom
Led by Alex Pease

6pm Evensong live at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
Led by Simon Ffennell and sermon by LLM Gerry Stacey

Sunday 4th July

10am All Age Worship by Zoom

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

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