

ITCHEN  
VALLEY



CHURCHES

# Church Matters...

**8th August - Trinity 9**  
**15th August - Trinity 10**

## 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

### 8th August

**Psalm 130**  
**John 6.35, 41–51**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your  
humble servants; and that they  
may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as  
shall please you; 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.

### 15th August

**Acts 15&16**

Almighty God, who looked upon  
the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary and chose her to be the  
mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed  
by his blood may share with her in  
the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
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 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***

**Covid Update** - The decision was taken at the recent PCC meeting following advice from our Covid Committee that we do not plan to relax our Covid restrictions at this stage but will be reviewing them again at the end of August. The Church of England's advice is that it is for Churches to decide locally and we are very grateful for the amount of time that our advisors have taken to review the situation and decide on the safest route for us all at this time. Until the next review masks will still need to be worn inside the Church buildings, numbers will need to be limited and attendance booked in advance and although singing can not take place inside people can enjoy singing the hymns outside in the fresh air if they wish.

**August Valley Worship** - Following the success of our informal All Age Worship in Nick and Lavinia's garden last week we are looking forward to Valley Worship **next week (15th August)** following the same format but this time in Nicky and John Barber's garden. This plan has lots of advantages as it gives the ministry team a bit of very much deserved time off as these really will be very relaxed events but we will still be hearing a talk and singing some great worship songs which leads me to the second advantage which is that as we will be outside we will be able to sing. it would be great if you can let us know that you are attending and we can send you directions, parking instructions and the service book.

Everyone is very welcome and we do hope you will be able to attend, if you are not able to and would like to watch a live service from home - here is a link to services at Winchester Cathedral. <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/our-services/service-listings/>

# 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.

We pray for Jessica and Edward as they are married this Saturday, we pray that the Lord blesses this marriage.

Please Lord bless Edith Collins as she is brought to baptism this Sunday by her parents Ruaraidh and Louise.

Please pray for Peter and Georgie that they settle happily into their new home and the Parish. 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 the Ministry Team and PCC for strength and guidance as they work so hard for the Parish at this time.

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.**

## The Church Office

Although Beccy continues to work during the school holidays she does not always work the same hours so please be patient if she doesn't reply to you in the usual way but rest assured she will pick up emails and deal with them.

**Thank You**

## Useful Information

### Contacts:

**Rector**  
Vacant

### LLM

Mr Gerry Stacey  
gerry.Stacey@biblesociety.org.uk  
01962 620263  
07554 438973

**Parish Book-keeping** - Janet Denyer, The Parish Office, St John's Church, Avington Lane, Itchen Abbas, Winchester, SO21 1BJ; [accounts@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:accounts@itchenvalleychurches.org)

**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](mailto: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

### Sunday 8th August

10am Parish Communion live at St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom  
With Revd. Peter Haughton

### Sunday 15th August

Informal Valley Worship  
Please see details on page 2 for more information

### Sunday 22nd August

10am Parish Communion live at St Mary's, Easton and via Zoom  
With Revd. Mike Norton

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

**Please book your place - [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org)**

**[www.itchenvalleychurches.org](http://www.itchenvalleychurches.org)**

**to receive regular updates from the Parish please follow us by  
registering on the homepage**