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# Church Matters...

**17th October - Trinity 20**

## Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome you to our services today. If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time, then please do make yourself known to the person leading the service.

## Today's Service

### Today's Readings

#### 8am Holy Communion

Psalm 23 (congregational)

Ephesians 5:15-20

Matthew 22:1-14

#### Valley Worship

Psalm 23 (congregational)

Acts 20:18-35

### Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

**Covid Update** - So that as many people as possible in the Church family can come with confidence and in safety, we are asking you to give a priority to the wearing of masks and the good ventilation in our buildings. So we are asking that everyone wears a face covering – especially when singing – to give maximum protection. Though inconvenient, this is far better than not being able to worship God in song at all!

Please sanitise your hands on entering the Church. Please collect your own service book. You are welcome to sit where you wish. For those who wish to remain socially distanced, we will be providing cards to put next to them when sat down, asking people to leave the place next to them free. The receiving of communion will continue to be in one kind following previous Covid directions.

**Service Books will be available at the service along with hymn books and bibles.**

**Harvest Donations** - as our final Harvest service takes place at the end of the month we will continue to be pleased to accept donated produce in the usual way. Your kind donations are passed on to both the [Winchester Churches Night Shelter](#) and [Winchester Basics Bank](#), these links show what they are currently most in need of. If you prefer to make a regular or one-off online donation to either of these charities or to Trinity Winchester you can do so from the following links - [Winchester Churches Night Shelter](#) or [Winchester Basics Bank](#) or [Trinity Winchester](#)

**Valley Worship** - there will be toys set up at the back of the church this Sunday to help keep the children amused during the service, please feel free to take your child to this area if they would like. Refreshments will be served after the service, please do stay to catch up with friends both old and new.

**Winchester Villages Trust** - If someone you know is facing hard times due to the current fuel crisis and the rise in utility bills (or as a result of other challenges) the WVT can help. The Trust has been given extra funding by local Christians to help individuals or families living in the rural areas of Winchester who may be suffering hardship during these difficult times. If you are in need at the moment for any reason, or you know someone who might be please contact Itchen Valley Trustee at [penny@flemons.co.uk](mailto:penny@flemons.co.uk). All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

# This Week's Diary

## **Sunday 17th October**

For service details please see page 4

## **Monday 18th October**

9.30am - Little Rainbows - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
8pm - Standing Committee Meeting - Zoom

## **Tuesday 19th October**

12 - 2.30pm - Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas

The Hub will be closed from Monday 18th to Friday 29th October  
Beccy will be working from home, limited hours.

Revd Peter will be away from Thursday 21st October  
to Sunday 7th November

# 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 those in our community who are suffering from Covid,  
please lay your healing hands on them.

We pray for those attending Cameo this week and for the organisers  
and helpers who work so hard to make it so enjoyable.

Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good  
things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all  
those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day.  
Lord, Bless all those who suffer.

## Useful Information

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**The Hub and the Parish Office** at St John's, Itchen Abbas. Office hours are generally 9am-1pm, Mon-Thurs; 01962 779845. Beccy works from home on Fridays.

**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

### Today

8am Holy Communion at St John's, Itchen Abbas  
With Revd Peter

10am Valley Worship at St Mary's, Easton  
John Barber leading, Revd Peter preaching  
and Tim Clapp leading the worship.

**Families with children very welcome**

### Sunday 24th October

10am Parish Communion at St John's, Itchen Abbas  
6pm Evensong at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

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