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# Church Matters...

**31st October - Trinity 22**

## 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

Psalm 111 (congregational)  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 11.32-44

### Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of  
love in the hearts of the saints:  
grant to us the same faith and  
power of love, that, as we  
rejoice in their triumphs,  
we may be sustained by their  
example and fellowship;  
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

**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. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

**All Saints Day** - Some of us will want to remember loved ones who have died. If that's you, please note there will be an opportunity for names to be read out in public during the prayers at our Harvest Parish Communion in Easton at 10.00am this Sunday (names can be given in advance to Beccy Clark on admin@itchenvalleychurches.org, or simply given at the door that morning). St Swithun's church, Martyr Worthy, will also be open for a time of silent prayer and the lighting of candles on All Saint's Day, Monday 1st November from 5.15-5.45pm. You are most welcome to drop by at the end of your day for a few moments.

**Martyr Worthy Lecture Series 2021/2022** - is back and begins on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 when Rear Admiral John Lang will be speaking on Venice and the Sea: An Odyssey. John will repeat this lecture via Zoom on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 6.00pm. There will be two further lectures in the series – Saturday 29th January 2022 when Tracey Sheppard, a highly respected glass engraver, will be speaking on Glass and Eye Too and on Friday 25th February 2022 when Kim Wilkie, Strategic & Conceptual Landscape Architect, will be speaking on Towards a Sustainable Landscape. The lectures will again be held in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall in aid of the four churches of the Itchen Valley Parish, starting at 7.15pm and ticket prices are £25 each to include a complimentary glass of wine and canapes beforehand from 6.30pm (£20 for zoom talk). Please apply for tickets via the website [www.itchenvalleychurches.org/martyr-worthy-lectures](http://www.itchenvalleychurches.org/martyr-worthy-lectures)  
Enquiries: Verity Coleman 01962 882800 or Gilly Greenwood 01962 779540

**Harvest Giving** - At our Harvest Parish Communion today we will 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. Finally, if you would prefer to make a cash donation. there will be collection plate at the back of church on Sunday and this will also be split between these 2 charities and Trinity Winchester.

**Retiring Collection by Card** - This Sunday we will be trialling a new system for donating to our retiring Harvest collection via contactless card payment. There are four options of amounts and you just need to select the amount you wish to give on the tablet screen and tap your debit card on the card reader. We are currently just trialling this simple system for accepting card payments and Beccy would welcome any feedback you have following the use of this. Please do bear with us if it is not as seamless as we hope!

# This Week's Diary

## **Sunday 31st October**

For service details please see page 4

## **Monday 1st November**

9.30am - Little Rainbows - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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 mourning a loved one and ask for your comfort  
at this time.

We pray for those in our community who are experiencing hard times  
due to financial pressures and we pray that you guide them to where  
they can find 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, 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

10am Harvest Parish Communion at St Mary's, Easton, also on Zoom  
With Revd Warwick Heathcote  
*Organist John Dover*

### Sunday 7th November

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
10am All Age Worship at St John's, Itchen Abbas

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