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CHURCHES

Church Matters...

28th November - Advent Sunday

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

10am Parish Communion

Psalm 25 1-10

Isaiah 52:7-10

Mark 1: 1-8

6pm Advent Evensong

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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.

Christmas Unwrapped - During the first 3 weeks of Advent, we will have an opportunity to prepare for Christmas by participating in this new course, Christmas Unwrapped, which I have been developing with some clergy friends for use around the country. The course is based on 3 Episodes from my Film Series 'In the Steps of Jesus', which will be released next year with videos filmed in 15 different locations in the Holy Land. During Advent we will see the filming done in Nazareth and Bethlehem. Hopefully this will give us all an opportunity not just to imagine what these places might have looked like at the time of Jesus but also to have a greater confidence in the essential historical authenticity of the stories described in the Gospels.

Revd Peter

Christingle - our Christingle service will take place next Sunday 5th December at 4pm at St John's, Itchen Abbas. James Greig will be leading, Julia Wright will be talking on Hope and our worship will be led by the band.

Christmas Card Delivery - we are producing a card that lists what we are doing over Christmas and we would like to deliver them to all the houses in the Parish next week - if you have some spare time and would be able to help, please let Beccy know.

The Ark - will be meeting at Itchen Abbas Village Hall this Sunday from 9.45am.

This Week's Diary

Sunday 28th November

For service details please see page 4

Monday 29th November

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

Wednesday 1st December

11am - Christmas Unwrapped - St John's, Itchen Abbas

**Revd Peter will be away from Thursday 2nd December
until Wednesday 8th December**

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 the family and friends of Judi Lerwill Harris as they mourn her passing this week.

We pray for the planning of our Christmas events in the Parish and ask that we may be guided by the Lord in this work.

Useful Information

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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 - St John's, Itchen Abbas
with Revd Peter Walker
Organist John Dover

The Ark will meet at Itchen Abbas Village Hall from 9.45am

6pm Advent Choral Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
with Revd Peter Walker
Organist John Purver

Sunday 5th December

8am BCP - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
4pm Christingle - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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