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CHURCHES

Church Matters...

12th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

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

Isaiah 12:2-6 - congregational

Phil. 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Notice Board

Cameo - as Cameo has sadly been cancelled for December, if you or someone that you know would like to receive house communion over the coming weeks please let Beccy know - admin@itchenvalleychurches.org.

Updated Covid Guidelines - following the update of the Government's Covid guidelines we plan to maintain all of our current guidelines **but face coverings are now mandatory in Church buildings with immediate effect**. In addition to these guidelines we are now restricting the numbers attending our services to two thirds capacity to enable social distancing and households to sit together. **You must also book to attend any service after 12th December. To book a place please email Beccy on admin@itchenvalleychurches.org - 24 hours in advance.**

Christmas Services

Sunday 19th December

4pm Carols in the Barn - Avington Barn

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Crib Service - St Mary's, Easton and by Zoom

11pm Midnight Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Christmas Day

10am Family Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

**Booking is required for all services by emailing:
admin@itchenvalleychurches.org**

Carol Singing around the Parish

Tuesday 21st December

6.30pm in The Plough's garden, Itchen Abbas

Wednesday 22nd December

6.00pm St Swithun's Church, Martyr Worthy
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

6.45pm The Cricketers, Easton

This Week's Diary

Sunday 12th December

For service details please see page 4

Monday 13th December

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

8pm Ministry Team Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday 15th December

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

7pm - Christmas Unwrapped - by Zoom

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 continue to pray for the family and friends of Judi Lerwill Harris as they mourn her passing.

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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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 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 Mary's, Easton and by Zoom
With Revd Peter
Organist Harry Linegar

6pm Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
Led by Simon Ffennell and LLM Gerry Stacey preaching
Organist Harry Linegar

Sunday 19th December

8am BCP - St John's, Itchen Abbas
4pm - Carols in the Barn - Avington Park Barn

Please book if you intend to attend either of these services on the 19th December - admin@itchenvalleychurches.org

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