



Church Matters...

Sunday 30 January - The fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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 133 (congregational)

Col. 3:12-17

John 15:9-17

4pm All Age Worship

Luke 12:22-31

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 - To protect our congregation we would encourage you to continue wearing face masks in church although Government restrictions have been eased and it is no longer mandatory. We are pleased that it is no longer necessary to book a place for services but, in order to enable us to meet safely, we will continue to offer hand sanitiser and to ventilate our churches well. There will also be seating areas for people who choose to keep a safer distance.

Introducing the Real Jesus - For those who'd like to take a fresh look at the Christian faith, and to ask questions about the ministry of Jesus, we'll be continuing our 5-week course, held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm. We'll be looking at some videos from my *In the Steps of Jesus* Film Series, tracing Jesus' movement throughout Galilee, and studying some passages from the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel. You'd be most welcome to join in, seeing the sites of the Holy Land, and taking a relaxed look at the person of Jesus - hopefully seeing him with fresh eyes.

Bible teaching based on the Psalms and the Gospels - This course is being held on a Thursday morning at 11.00am in St John's, Itchen Abbas . We will alternate each week between looking at a Psalm together or watching a video from the *In the Steps of Jesus* Film Series.

Revd Peter

Brian Billimore - we are sorry to inform you of the passing of Brian Billimore. Together with his wife Hilary, they lived in Easton for 14 years, leaving in 2008. They were both part of the church choir and involved in bell ringing.

This Week's Diary

Sunday 30 January

For service details please see page 4

Monday 31 January

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

Wednesday 2 February

7.15pm - Introducing the Real Jesus - by Zoom

Thursday 3 February

11am - Psalms and Gospels Course - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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 Florence Jordan and John Hollier, as their loved ones are laid to rest this week.

We also pray for the family and friends of Brian Billimore as they mourn his loss.

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 Mary's, Easton and on Zoom
with Revd Peter leading and preaching
Organist David Duffin

4pm All Age Worship - Avington Barn, SO21 1BZ
with Julia Wright leading and James Greig speaking
Tim Clapp will be leading the band

Sunday 6 February

8am BCP Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
10am - Valley Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

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