



Church Matters...

Sunday 29 May and Sunday 5 June

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.

Parish Diary

Saturday 28 May

10.00am - 3.30pm Deanery Pilgrimage from Alresford to Winchester Cathedral
please contact Beccy for further details

12.30pm - Wedding of Harriet and Adam - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 29 May

8am - BCP Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas with Revd Peter

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton
with Revd Peter, organist Tom Fetherstonhaugh

Followed by organ recital

Thursday 2 June

11.30am Jubilee Service - St Mary's, Easton

Sunday 5 June

9am - BCP - St John's, Itchen Abbas with Revd Peter

11am - Church Family Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas
with Revd Peter, worship led by Nick Fuggle

Monday 6 June

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

8pm Ministry Team Meeting - Zoom

Wednesday 8 June

8pm - Wednesday Night Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 12 June

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

6pm - Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom
in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to
strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs
of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is
awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he
loves. Selah**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a
trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing
praises;
sing praises to our King, sing
praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of
Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong
to God; he is highly exalted.

**Glory to the Father and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen**

Phil. 2:1-11

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 24: 45-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Notice Board

John Stevenette - the Thanksgiving service will take place on Monday 6 June 12 noon at St Leonard's Church, Sunningwell OX13 6RL for those who would like to attend.

Jubilee Service - amongst the other Jubilee Celebrations taking place we will be holding a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving to mark the The Queen's Platinum Jubilee at 11.30am on Thursday 2 June, St Mary's Church, Easton. Everyone is welcome.

Pentecost - please note unusual times of our service on Sunday 5 June, both services will be at St John's, Itchen Abbas and will be celebrating Pentecost. 9am BCP and 11am Church Family Worship which we hope will be celebrated outside (weather dependent).

Thy Kingdom Come - Ascension on the 26 May to Pentecost on the 5 June is the hiatus of expectation between Christ finally leaving the earth and the arrival of the promised Holy Spirit. We are all invited to use this period to identify and pray for friends and family, neighbours and colleagues who might come to faith in Jesus Christ. A prayer journal is available to help you and there are copies in all of our churches, please do call in to collect one.

Easton Flower Festival - the Festival weekend will kick off with a special celebratory Preview event on Thursday 16 June at 6.30pm. The ticket price of £25 for the Sparkling Preview on Thursday evening also includes entry into all the participating Open Gardens and church display for the entire Flower Festival weekend - more information and the link to buy tickets can be found here: <https://itchenvalleychurches.org/2022-flower-festival/>

The Hub - Beccy will be away from Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June inc. Emails and telephone messages will be picked up on her return. Please contact Peter on 01962 588313 or revd.peter@itchenvalleychurches.org if it is of an urgent nature.

For Your Prayers

For the situation in Ukraine.

For those who are ill or suffering at the moment.

For those recently bereaved

For Tania and Jon, Harriet and Adam following their weddings

For the Queen and those taking part and planning Jubilee celebrations