



Church Matters...

Sunday 28 August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28 August

10am - Parish Communion and Baptism - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
with Revd Peter

Saturday 3 September

3pm - Marriage of Nina Burness and Charles Gallagher-Powell - St Mary's, Easton

Sunday 4 September

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

Please note: cash collections will now be taken during our services.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

Psalm 148:1-2, 7-8, 11-14

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**
Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Praise the Lord!

**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**

Philippians 4:10-19

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:16-24

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Notice Board

The Jesus Way - Starting fortnightly from Wednesday 14 September in St Mary's, Easton, I will be teaching a Discipleship Course based on my book *The Jesus Way: Learning to live the Christian life*. The book highlights some themes found in two great chapters of the New Testament (Luke 24 and Acts 2) which provide us with twelve key steps for following Christ today. Each evening will run from 7.30-9.00pm. For some of that time I will be teaching from the front, but there will also be the opportunity to watch a short video (7-9 mins each: filmed in USA and Africa) and to have some Q and A or small group discussion.

The evenings will also be available on zoom, but it would be great to have Itchen Valley parishioners attending in person, if you can. The dates for your diary until Christmas are: Wednesdays 28 September, 12 October, 9 and 23 November. **Revd Peter**

All Age Farm Service - will take place on Saturday 10 September at 3.30pm and will be held at Grace's Farm, Martyr Worthy SO21 1DX. Please join us for this informal service. It may be wet so please wear boots or stout shoes and bring a waterproof coat.

Revd Peter - Peter returns to the parish from the Holy Land on Friday 26 August and will be taking the service on Sunday. He then will be travelling to Oberammergau on Thursday 1 September and will be returning to the parish on Friday 9 September.

For Your Prayers

for the situation in Ukraine

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment including Gerry who is suffering from Covid

for those recently bereaved

for the family and friends of Edward James Seymour as he is baptised

For the marriage of Nina and Charles