



Church Matters...

Sunday 20 November - Sunday before 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.

Parish Diary

Sunday 20 November

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton
with Revd Peter
organist David Duffin

4pm - Café Church - St John's, Itchen Abbas
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5pm - Ecumenical Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
with Revd Peter leading and bishop Peter Doyle preaching
Choir led by Tim Tyler and organist Ian Waring-Green

Monday 21 November

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

Tuesday 22 November

7pm - PCC Meeting - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Wednesday 23 November

7.30pm - The Jesus Way - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Thursday 24 November

7.30pm - Alpha - by Zoom

Sunday 27 November - Advent Sunday

8.30am - Holy Communion (1662) - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended
to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of
the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created
order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king; he is robed in
majesty;
the Lord is robed; he is girded
with strength.

He has established the world;
it shall never be moved;
**your throne is established from
of old;
you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their
voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

**More majestic than the thunders
of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves
of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

**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**

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’

Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’

Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

Notice Board

Café Church - we will be meeting at **St John's, Itchen Abbas** this Sunday (20 November) from 4-5pm. **Everyone is welcome**, come and meet new friends and old. There will be activities for all ages or just an opportunity to come along and read the papers with tea and cake! (If you are able to make a cake, please let Beccy know).

Ecumenical Choral Evensong - will take place at 5pm this Sunday (20 November) at St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy. Revd Peter will be leading and the Roman Catholic bishop Peter Doyle will be preaching; the choir will be singing, led by Tim Tyler. There will be refreshments afterwards.

The Jesus Way - the next evening will be on Wednesday 23 November, at 7.30pm in St John's, Itchen Abbas when we will focus on what the apostles teach us about welcoming the Holy Spirit.

Winchester Villages Trust - If you feel you can live without the government's fuel-allowance this year, can we please encourage you to donate this to the Winchester Villages Trust? Details can be found on our website www.itchenvalleychurches.org

Preparing for Advent - each year one of the most special services at Winchester Cathedral is the 'Advent Procession' which takes place on the eve of Advent Sunday: It is described on the website as "a spectacular service of darkness and light, music and the spoken word, mirroring the journey of the human race from the darkness of sorrow and death into the light of Christ's dawning Kingdom." The service starts at 6.30pm on Saturday 26 November but you are advised to arrive earlier to ensure a seat.

For Your Prayers

for the situation in Ukraine

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for the recently bereaved

for those experiencing financial difficulties

for the PCC meeting this week