



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 15 January - Second 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.

## Parish Diary

### Sunday 15 January

10am - Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
with Revd Peter  
*organist David Duffin*

### Monday 16 January

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

### Tuesday 17 January

12pm - Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
7pm - PCC Meeting - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### Friday 20 January

6.30pm - Suez Canal Talk - St Mary's, Easton  
*see page 4 for more information*

### Saturday 21 January

10.30am - Coffee Morning - St Mary's, Easton  
*see page 4 for more information*

### Sunday 22 January

8.30am - Holy Communion (1662) - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton  
5pm - Iona Service - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
*see page 4 for more information*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things  
new:  
transform the poverty of our  
nature by the riches of your  
grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly  
glory;  
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 126:1-6

When the Lord restored the  
fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
**Then our mouth was filled with  
laughter and our tongue with  
shouts of joy;**  
**then it was said among the  
nations,**  
**“The Lord has done great  
things for them.”**  
The Lord has done great things  
for us,  
and we rejoiced.  
**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the  
Negeb.**  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
**Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts  
of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**  
  
**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**

## Romans 12:6-18

<sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

<sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

## John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’

<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

# Notice Board

## Biblical Verse for the Year

For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations! (Psalm 100:5)

**Suez 1956: The end of an Era** - There will be a talk in St. Mary's Church, Easton on Friday 20 January by Commander James Ekins in aid of St Mary's Fabric Fund. The talk will start at 6.30 pm and will be followed by drinks and canapés. Tickets are £15.00 and available from Penelope Kellie - [pk@pkworldwide.com](mailto:pk@pkworldwide.com)

**Bereavement Journey** - we are planning to run this course at St John's, starting in January. This is a six-week course and it aims to help the bereaved explore their feelings in a supportive environment (but is not led by trained bereavement counsellors). The six sessions will run from 7-9 pm starting on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> and on the following five Mondays. The format of each session will be a short film, followed by discussion, coffee (and cake!!) and finishing with another short film. Please contact Elaine Labram on [emlabram@gmail.com](mailto:emlabram@gmail.com) or Beccy if you would like to attend or if you would like more details.

**'Coffee Morning with a difference'** - Please join us between 10.30 and 11.30am in St Mary's, Easton on Saturday 21 January: an opportunity (for people of ALL ages - young children included) to try bell-ringing or to ring some hand-bells, under the guidance of Roger Booth; or to buy local products; or just to enjoy some coffee and croissants.

**Service of Prayer for Christian Unity Week** - 5pm on Sunday 22 January. We are looking forward to this annual ecumenical event in St John's, Itchen Abbas. This year Lesley Ann Ritchie, a licensed Local Preacher in the Methodist church, who is also an associate member of the Iona Community, will be leading us in a service that draws upon the prayerful tradition, music and Celtic spirituality of Iona. Tea and refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Vacancies** - I am so grateful for all those who give of their time and energy to fulfil some of the vital roles within our church life—not least our Wardens and Vergers. However, some of these positions are currently vacant in some of our churches; and we also need to appoint a Secretary for the PCC. May I ask you to be praying for the Lord to be helping us to fill these roles in the coming months? **Revd Peter**

## For Your Prayers

for the situation in Ukraine

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for those recently bereaved including the Liz and the family and friends of John Platt and the family and friends of Jonathan Booth.

for the PCC as they meet this week

for Cameo - the guests and helpers