



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 28 May 2023**  
**Eighth Sunday of Easter**

## Parish Diary

### Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome you to our service. 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.

### **Sunday 28 May**

8.30am - Holy Communion (1662) - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
with Revd Peter Haughton

10am - Valley Worship and The Ark - St Mary's, Easton  
led by John Barber and Revd Sarah Tillett speaking

### **Thursday 1 June**

2pm - Thankgiving Service for John Platt - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

### **Sunday 4 June**

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

Beccy will not be working from the Hub during half-term, phone calls will be forwarded to her and emails will still be seen but maybe not replied to as promptly as normal.

# Notice Board

**Winchester Pantry - Donation for May - regular size washing powder and cleaning products** - Thank you so much to everyone who is already regularly giving to our donation box, as you may have seen in the news there is a massive need for this help at the moment so every donation is very gratefully received.

**The Ark - Our Parish Kid's Club** - will be happening this Sunday (28 May) during the Valley Worship service at St Mary's Church, Easton. This is its new regular time-slot (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month) and will be based outside in the churchyard during the summer months. It is aimed for **children from 3 -11 years** and will be lots of fun - a chance to make new friends, take part in crafts, activities and adventures - **everyone is welcome**. If you would like any further information, please email Beccy on [admin@itchenvalleychurches.org](mailto:admin@itchenvalleychurches.org) - **we do hope to see you there!**

**John Platt** - the Thanksgiving service for John will take place at 2pm on Thursday 1 June at St Swithun's Church, Martyr Worthy and afterwards at Meadows, Martyr Worthy. All those that knew John and would like to celebrate his life are warmly invited.

**Intercessor Evening** - I am very grateful for those who lead us in our Intercessions at our various services. We would love more people to help in this ministry. So we are planning an evening - open to anyone who might like to offer to help in this way - when we can share ideas and help each other to develop our gifts in this ministry. The date we have gone for is Monday 26 June at 7pm. Please let me or Beccy know if you would like to join us.

**Revd Peter**

**Café Church** - our next Café Church will be on Sunday 4 June from 4-5pm at Itchen Abbas Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, come and meet new friends and old. There will be activities for all ages or just an opportunity to relax with tea and cake! (If you are able to make a cake, please let Beccy know).

## For Your Prayers

for the situation in Ukraine

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for those recently bereaved including the family and friends of John Platt as they meet at his Thanksgiving Service this week

for the organisers, helpers and children attending the Ark