



Church Matters...

Sunday 22 October 2023
20th Sunday after Trinity

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.

Parish Diary

Saturday 21 October

6pm – Coward at Sea - St Mary's, Easton

Sunday 22 October

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

10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton
led by John Barber and Nicky Barber speaking
activities in Church for the children

Sunday 29 October

8.30am – Holy Communion (1662) - St Mary's, Avington
10am - Morning Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Beccy will be working more flexible hours during half term (23-27 October), she can still be contacted in the same way but may not respond as promptly.

Revd Peter will be working remotely from Weds 25 - Sat 28 October

Notice Board

The Ark - Our Parish Kids' Club is now moored during the winter months. Valley Worship is a very informal and welcoming service and **the children are very welcome**, we really hope they will join us. We will have activity bags to keep them amused during the talk and we hope they feel relaxed enough to enjoy being with us.

Harvest Thanks - thank you to everyone who very kindly donated to our Harvest Charities, we are very pleased that the donations have exceeded £1,000 and will be split between the three charities we are supporting: Trinity Winchester, Winchester Beacon and Winchester Basics Bank. All of the produce has been delivered to the Winchester Basics Bank.

Martyr Worthy Lecture Series is back - this begins on Tuesday 28th November 2023 when the award winning author and historian, Jessie Childs, described by Hilary Mantel as a 'brilliant speaker as well as a writer' will be talking about her book, *The Siege of Loyalty House*, a new history of the English Civil War, through the story of the siege of Basing House 1643-45. To be held in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall, SO21 1BQ in aid of the four churches of the Itchen Valley Parish. 6.30pm for drinks and canapés, lecture 7.15pm. Tickets £25 available online and details of the three further lectures all at : www.buytickets.at/martyrworthylectures

'Praying David's Psalms': two remaining lunch-time meetings (12.30-1.30pm on Wednesdays 1 & 8 November) in which we will sit round over a cup of soup to explore one of David's Psalms. Please note there is **not** one this week (25 October)

Revd Peter

For Your Prayers

for the situations in Israel and Ukraine

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for the families and children as they enjoy the half term holidays,

please keep them safe.