



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 8 October 2023**  
**18<sup>th</sup> 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 7 October**

PCC and Ministry Team Parish Awayday

### **Sunday 8 October**

8.30am - Holy Communion (said) - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
with Revd Peter

*coffee and teaching*

10am - Harvest All Age Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
with Revd Peter

6pm - Harvest Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
with Revd Peter

*organist John Purver*

6pm - UTX - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### **Monday 9 October**

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

### **Tuesday 10 October**

2pm - Itchen Abbas Primary School Harvest Service - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### **Wednesday 11 October**

7.30pm - 'Talk, Eat, Walk' Teaching Series - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### **Sunday 15 October**

10am - Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking that which is  
behind  
and reaching out to that which  
is before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting  
joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Harvest Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your  
goodness and you give us the  
fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them  
to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need  
and for our own well being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Psalms 65:1, 5-13

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
**By awesome deeds you answer us  
with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the  
earth and of the farthest seas.**

By your strength you established the  
mountains;  
you are girded with might.

**You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.**

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are  
awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and  
the evening shout for joy.

**You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

**You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow  
with richness.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
**the meadows clothe themselves  
with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.**

**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**

## Harvest Hymn

(Psalm 65:9-13: sung to 'Wareham')

From out thy unexhausted store  
Thy rain relieves the thirsty ground;  
Makes lands, that barren were before,  
With corn and useful fruits abound.

On rising ridges down it pours,  
And every furrow'd valley fills,  
Thou mak'st them soft with gentle  
show'rs,  
In which a blest increase distils.

Thy goodness does the circling year  
With fresh returns of plenty crown;  
And, where thy glorious paths appear,  
Thy fruitful clouds drop fatness down.

They drop on barren forests, chang'd  
By them to pastures fresh and green;  
The hills about in order rang'd  
In beauteous robes of joy are seen.

Large flocks with fleecy wool adorn  
The cheerful downs; the valleys bring  
A plenteous crop of full-ear'd corn,  
And seem for joy to shout and sing.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom earth and heav'n adore,  
Be glory; as it was of old,  
Is now, and shall be evermore.

## Matt. 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

<sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

<sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

<sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

# Notice Board

**Martyr Worthy Lecture Series is back** - this begins on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.buytickets.at/martyrworthylectures)

**Supporting our Harvest Charities** - We would be very grateful to accept donated produce which will be passed on to the Winchester Basics Bank. They are in need of most grocery items, in particular the following: Tinned vegetables or fruit, squash and fruit juice, jam, marmalade, tinned puddings, UHT milk (dairy and non-dairy), noodles, coffee, dog food. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, this can be done by scanning this QR code with your mobile phone camera. All financial donations will be divided between these charities: Trinity Winchester, Winchester Beacon and Winchester Basics Bank.



**Coward at Sea** - Michael Lunts presents a nautical musical comedy based on Noël Coward's P&O 1930: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 6pm in St Mary's Church Easton. The event will be followed by drinks and canapés. Tickets are £25.00 - in aid of St Mary's Fabric Fund, please book by contacting Penelope Kellie T: 01962 779317 M: 07860 402942 E: [pkellie@pkworldwide.com](mailto:pkellie@pkworldwide.com)

**Talk, Eat, Walk**": our next two Wednesdays in this teaching series will be on **11 October** and **15 November** (7.30-8.45pm). This week we will look at 'Enjoying the Christian's MEAL' [i.e. Holy Communion]. I will be joined by our Rural Dean, the Revd David Chattell, and we will be highlighting some of the great things to look out for in the wording and prayers of our Anglican Communion services. Often these 'set' words may sound to us formal and dry, but here's an opportunity to ponder more their depth and brilliance and to discuss what they can mean to us today—something we never have an opportunity do when we're attending one of these services!

*Revd Peter*

## For Your Prayers

for the situations in Ukraine, Morocco and Libya

for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for the family and friends of Anne Sutcliffe as they mourn her passing

for the Harvest events taking place in the Parish

for our parish Awayday