



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 5 November 2023**  
**All Saints Sunday**

## 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

### Sunday 5 November

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton  
with Revd Peter  
*organist John Dover*

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall  
*details on page 4*

### Monday 6 November

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

### Wednesday 8 November

12.30pm - Praying David's Psalms - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
8pm - Wednesday Night Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### Remembrance Sunday Services

8.30am - BCP - St Mary's, Avington

10am - Acts of Remembrance - Avington and Martyr Worthy War Memorials

10am - Act of Remembrance - Itchen Abbas War Memorial  
followed by family activities and coffee for all - St John's Church, Itchen Abbas

10.45am - Act of Remembrance followed by Remembrance Service  
starting at Easton War Memorial and moving to St Mary's Church

6pm – UTX - St John's, Itchen Abbas

## Collects

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to  
be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly  
digest them  
that, through patience, and the  
comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever  
hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our  
Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## All Saints' Sunday Collect

Almighty God, you have knit  
together your elect in one  
communion and fellowship in the  
mystical body of your Son Christ  
our Lord: grant us grace so to  
follow your blessed saints in all  
virtuous and godly living that we  
may come to those inexpressible  
joys that you have prepared for  
those who truly love you; 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 34:1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in  
my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the  
Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered  
me, and delivered me from all  
my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be  
ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was  
heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every  
trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and  
delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord  
is good;  
happy are those who take refuge  
in him.**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have  
no want.

**The young lions suffer want and  
hunger, but those who seek the  
Lord lack no good thing.**

**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**

## 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# Notice Board

**Café Church** - our next Café Church will be this Sunday (5 November) from 4-5pm in 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).

**Martyr Worthy Lecture Series is back**- this begins on Tuesday 28 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*; this is a new history of the English Civil War, focussed on the story of the siege of Basing House (1643-45). The lecture will 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 with details of the three further lectures all at: see [www.buytickets.at/martyrworthylectures](http://www.buytickets.at/martyrworthylectures)

**'Praying David's Psalms'**: this week is the final lunch-time meeting (12.30-1.30pm on Wednesday 8 November) in which we will sit round over a cup of soup to explore one of David's Psalms.

## **A Prayer for the Holy Land**

Almighty God, the God and Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you in our weakness, not knowing how to pray for the peoples living together in such tension within the Holy Land. We pray that you will bring your comfort to those who mourn, and a spirit of deep wisdom for all those in authority, that the ways of righteousness and peace might prevail. Especially we pray that the presence of the Risen Christ may guard the hearts of those who turn to Him at this time, and that they may be a powerful witness to His love, grace and peace: we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Revd Peter**