



Church Matters...

Sunday 14 January 2024
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 14 January

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

10am - All Age Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas
Sarah Noble leading, talk by Revd Peter

Monday 15 January

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

Tuesday 16 January

12pm – Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 21 January

10am – Parish Communion – St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
6pm – Christian Unity Service – St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Revd Peter is away from the parish Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 (inc.)

Notice Board

A message of thanks from Kelly and Mike Gibson - We wanted to let you know our daughter Aoife came home from hospital on New Years Eve. We wanted to say a big thank you for the many prayers for both us and Aoife whilst she was in the neonatal unit. We are so very grateful for all the prayers, love and kindness shown to us and Aoife.

A Date for your Diary – Please join us at 7.45pm on Tuesday 30 January at the Rectory to pray. Looking forward to seeing you then! **Georgie**

Anne Sutcliffe - a thanksgiving service for the late Anne Sutcliffe will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 10 February at St Swithun's, Marytr Worthy - everybody is welcome.

Second Sundays in Itchen Abbas (14 January, 11 February, 10 March)

8.30am Communion - At the start of this New Year might I encourage you to think of joining us for this quiet Communion Service. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a reflective time of worship and to experience the riches of the Book of Common Prayer (but in 21st-century language!). The service is followed by coffee and croissants with some biblical teaching. During the next three months we will be looking at three of the 'Comfortable Words': 1 John 2:2 (Jan), John 3:16 (Feb) and 1 Tim 1:15 (March).

10.00am All Age Worship - We also look forward to welcoming our younger families to join us over the coming months for this relaxed service designed for All Ages—from 0 to 100! It's an opportunity for us all to grow in the faith and to enjoy being a Church Family together. And in our March service we'll be joined by some children from Itchen Abbas Primary School as we celebrate Mothering Sunday together. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries! **Revd Peter**

Sunday 21 January – We look forward to Lesley Ann Ritchie leading us in our Ecumenical Evening Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; this will take place at 6.00pm in St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy.

The Martyr Worthy Lecture Series 2023/24 There are two further lectures in the Series: Friday 2 February when Dr John Davies will be talking on Fame and Obscurity – Queen Victoria's two favourite court artists and why Landseer's fame has survived whilst Burton Barber's name has been lost in obscurity and Friday 16 February when Dr Edward Impey - Master of the Armouries 2013-2022 - will be talking on 'A Show-place Royall': guns, bombs and excitements at The Tower. The Tower of London's centuries of stories brought to life. The lectures 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 are £25 each available online from www.buytickets.at/martyrworthylectures For enquiries please email martyrworthylectures2023@gmail.com. This event is kindly sponsored by Savills.

For Your Prayers

for the situations in Ukraine and the Holy Land
for those who are ill or suffering at the moment

for Philp Mounstephen as he is consecrated as our diocesan bishop
on Saturday 13 January