

ITCHEN
VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

Sunday 28 January 2024
Fourth 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 28 January

8.30am – Holy Communion – St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
with Revd Peter

10am – Valley Worship and The Ark – St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
led by John Barber, Nicky Barber speaking and worship led by Tim Clapp

Monday 29 January

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

Tuesday 30 January

7.45pm – Rectory Prayers - The Rectory

Sunday 4 February

10am – Parish Communion – St Mary's, Easton
4pm – Café Church – Itchen Abbas Village Hall

Notice Board

Rectory Prayers – Please join us at 7.45pm this Tuesday (30 January) at the Rectory to pray. Looking forward to seeing you then! **Georgie**

The Ark - Our Parish Kid's Club - This Sunday we will be meeting at **Martyr Worthy Village Hall** during the Valley Worship service in St Swithun's Church, Martyr Worthy. It is for children from 3 -11 years and there will still be lots of fun - a chance to make new friends, take part in crafts and activities - everyone is welcome. If you would like any further information, please email Beccy on admin@itchenvalleychurches.org - **we do hope to see you there!**

Café Church - our next Café Church will be next Sunday (4 Feb) 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!

The Martyr Worthy Lecture Series 2023/24 - Following two very successful talks 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. Our final lecture is on Friday 16 February when Dr. Edward Impey (Master of the Armouries 2013-2022) will be talking on 'A Showplace Royall': guns, bombs and excitements at The Tower'. The lectures will be held in Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall, SO21 1BQ in aid 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 Kindly sponsored by Savills.

'Love Your Neighbour' fortnight - During the next two weeks, during this low season of the year, I'm encouraging us all to think of some ways of offering some hospitality to our neighbours, thereby helping to spread a little of Christ's love around the Valley—every little helps!

An enormous 'Thank You' - At our PCC this week the treasurer published provisional accounts for 2023, showing that—in response to our 'Advent hope' appeal which had predicted a potential deficit of £13,000—we had in fact ended the year with a surplus. This is so encouraging, and I look forward to writing in the coming weeks to everyone who kindly responded so generously. "God is good!" **Revd Peter**

For Your Prayers

for the situations in Ukraine and the Holy Land
for those who are ill or suffering at the moment
for The Ark as they meet on Sunday - the children and organisers