



Church Matters...

Sunday 25 February 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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

Friday 23 February

12pm - Lent Lunch - Judith Mezger - Farmyard, Easton SO21 1EQ

Sunday 25 February

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

10am - Valley Worship and Ark - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
led by Nicky Barber, talk by John Barber and worship led by Tim Clapp
followed by Martyr Worthy ADCM

Monday 26 February

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

Friday 1 March

12pm - Lent Lunch - Liz Platt at Meadows, Martyr Worthy SO21 1DZ

Sunday 3 March

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

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**Revd Peter will be on annual leave
from Wednesday 21 February to Saturday 2 March (inc.)**

Notice Board

The Ark - Our Parish Kid's Club continues for another month in warmer winter location! - This Sunday it will be meeting at **Martyr Worthy Village Hall** during the Valley Worship service which will be taking place at St Swithun's Church, Martyr Worthy. It is aimed for children from 3 -11 years and there will still be lots of fun - a chance to make new friends, take part in crafts, activities and adventures - everyone is welcome. **We do hope to see you there!**

Lent Wednesdays – our Bible study continues (a weekly series looking at the Psalms) over a cup of soup from 12.30-1.30pm pauses this week but returns again on the 6 March.

Lent Lunches - These lent lunches for the Valley community are taking place again this year. The lunches are held on Fridays from 12-2pm in various homes and take the form of an informal gathering, offering soup, bread and cheese. The second lunch will be on Friday 23 February, kindly hosted by Judith Mezger - Farmyard, Easton SO21 1EQ. Everyone is welcome to this community-wide event. If you are able to make soup for any of the lunches or would like further information, please contact Judith Mezger - judemezger@gmail.com or 07854 831450.

Praying in Lent – I know of several churches who are encouraging their congregations during Lent to use the daily prayers provided by Pete Greig and others on the 'Lectio 365' app. I can testify that this really is a great resource, and well worth using if you can: go to 24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365

Café Church - our next Café Church will be next Sunday (3 March) 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! (If you are able to make a cake, please let Beccy know).

Viewing Jerusalem through Jesus' eyes – I will be leading three 'Walkway Books' Zoom seminars, designed to help us think through the complex issues to do with Jerusalem that lie at the heart of the current conflict in the Holy Land. These will be on Sundays 3, 10 and 17 March in the late afternoon. The first webinar will focus on the history of Jerusalem since the time of King David, and will start at 6.30pm on Sunday 3 March. Fuller zoom details will be posted next week. **Revd Peter**

A Date for your Diary – Please join us at 7.45pm on Monday 4 March at the Rectory to pray. Looking forward to seeing you then! **Georgie**

APCM - This will take place on Thursday 21 March: more details to follow.

Electoral Roll - There is an annual period where the Electoral Roll can be updated and this year it is between 22 February and 6 March. If you would like to be added to it, or to confirm you are on it, please email Beccy - admin@itchenvalleychurches.org

ADCM Dates:

Martyr Worthy's meeting will be held this Sunday after the 10am service.
Itchen Abbas's meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 4 March at St John's.
Easton's meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 6 March at St Mary's.
Avington - details to follow. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**