



Church Matters...

Sunday 26 May 2024
Trinity 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 26 May

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

10am - Valley Worship - St Mary's, Easton
with Revd Peter

*there will be no separate teaching for children in the Ark as it is half term,
but they will be welcome to join us throughout the service*

Saturday 1 June

1pm - Wedding of Harry and Rachel - St Mary's, Easton

Sunday 2 June

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

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

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As it is half term next week, Beccy will be working from home and will not be in the office.

Notice Board

Café Church - our next Café Church will be next Sunday (2 June) 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 Becca know).

Dates for your diary in June

Wednesday 12 June: Parish 'Quiet Morning' – Life can be so busy, just running around after one thing or another. We can get so distracted by many tasks, that we begin to lose contact with our own heart. The Welsh poet, William Henry Davies, in his famous poem 'Leisure', asked a good question: "What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?" Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6), when encouraging us not to "worry about life", advised us to "look at the birds of the air" and to "consider the lilies of the field", so we could get a truer perspective on how our "heavenly Father" cares for us.

So please consider clearing a few hours in your diary in order to enjoy a Quiet Morning in Judy Bishop's garden. Judy has worked hard in recent years to develop a wonderful area at the back of her house which combines garden, woodland and field. It could be the perfect place, after a welcoming cup of coffee and a biblical thought from me, to go and find a chair somewhere—to read or pray, or simply to 'stop and stare'.

Fuller details are coming soon, but please note the 12th of June in your diary (We are pencilling in the following Wednesday 19th as a back-up if the weather is against us on the 12th). And a big 'thank-you' to Judy for offering us this opportunity!

Sunday 23 June: 'Summer Praise' – This event will not be quite so quiet! Building on what we launched as 'Easter Praise' in April, Tim Clapp and a small band will be back to lead us in this afternoon act of Worship. Designed especially with younger families in mind, we will gather at 4.00pm for some refreshments and then enjoy an informal time of Praise and Prayer.

For Your Prayers

for the situations in Ukraine and the Holy Land
for those who are ill or suffering at the moment
for those recently bereaved
for Harry and Rachel as they prepare for their wedding