



Church Matters...

Sunday 7 July 2024
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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 7 July

10am - Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas - **New Location**
led by Revd Lis Chase and LLM Gerry Stacey preaching
organist John Dover

Tuesday 9 July

Diocese Parish Administrator's Day - Beccy not in office

Sunday 14 July

10am - Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas
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6pm - St Swithun's Patronal Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
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Revd Peter will be on annual leave
from Monday 24 June - Friday 12 July (inc.)

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who
love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love
toward you
that we, loving you in all things
and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can
desire;
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 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised in the city of our God.
His holy mountain,
beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defence.
Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.
As soon as they saw it, they
were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;

trembling took hold of
them there,
pains as of a woman in labour,
as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have
we seen in the city of the
Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes
for ever.

We ponder your steadfast love,
O God,
in the midst of your temple.
Your name, O God, like
your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with
victory.

Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgements.
Walk about Zion, go all around it,
count its towers,
consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next
generation
that this is God,
our God for ever and ever.
He will be our guide for ever.

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

Colossians 2:13-19

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Mark 6.1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Notice Board

Rectory Tea Party - We would love you to join us for our second afternoon tea at the Rectory this summer. Weather permitting, the date will be Saturday 13th July. Please join us between 4pm and 6pm. For an idea of numbers, please let Georgie know if you are able to join us. We look forward to seeing you. **Peter and Georgie** (georgie.2711@yahoo.co.uk or 01962 791160)

This Sunday (7th) - please make a note that the Parish Communion will now be at St John's, Itchen Abbas and there will be no Café Church this month.

Holy Communion on Sunday 14th July – In this service we will use the booklets we have had for the last 18 months at our 08.30am services in St John's, Itchen Abbas (the 1662 service but in C21 English!). This will give more of us an opportunity to experience the simplicity and clarity of this service, which emphasises the love shown for us by Christ in dying on the Cross in our place. We plan to have a couple of hymns, but overall the service will have a more reflective feel. Please join us!

St Swithun's Patronal Evensong - everyone is invited to this service at 6pm on Sunday 14th July, our guest preacher will be Revd Canon Andrew Micklefield. The service will be followed by supper at Martyr Worthy Village Hall (*RSVP for supper numbers to Verity Coleman - mumgod@aol.com by Monday 8th July*). This is always a wonderful opportunity to thank everyone for all their help and support during the year and we do hope you can join us.

Another Church with a Splash!– while Café Church takes a break for the summer and following on from last week's fun event, we have another Church with a Splash planned for **Sunday 11th August** at Martyr Worthy Manor Pool House. Everyone is welcome to join us between 4 - 5.30pm for a chance to catch up with friends old and new and enjoy a dip in the pool if you would like! Further details will follow nearer the time but please do put the date in your diary.

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 our summer events