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CHURCHES

Church Matters...

Sunday 11 August 2024
Eleventh 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 11 August

10am - Holy Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas
with Revd Peter
organist John Dover
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4pm - Church with a Splash - Martyr Worthy Manor Pool House
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Sunday 18 August

10am - Parish Communion and Baptism of Aoife Gibson
St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
with Revd Peter
organist Colin Hervey

Sunday 25 August

8.30am - Holy Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
11am - Rectory Garden Service
details on page 4

Collect

O God, you declare your
almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy
and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a
measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of
your commandments,
may receive your gracious
promises,
and be made partakers of your
heavenly treasure;
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 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in
my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in
the Lord;
let the humble hear and
be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name
together.

**I sought the Lord, and he
answered me
and delivered me from all
my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be
ashamed.

**This poor soul cried and was
heard by the Lord
and was saved from every
trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and
delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord
is good;
happy are those who take
refuge in him.**

**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**

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Colossians 3:15-4:1

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. ²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality. ⁴ ¹ Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, for you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Notice Board

Holy Communion this Sunday 11 August – 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. There will be hymns as normal, but overall the service will have a more reflective feel. Please join us!

Another 'Church with a Splash!'– While Café Church takes a break for the summer and following on from last month's fun event, we have another Church with a Splash planned for this Sunday (11 August) at Martyr Worthy Manor Pool House (by kind permission of Nicky and John). 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 and enjoy a dip in the pool if you would like!

We will be supplying hot dogs, strawberries and soft drinks. If you would like anything else please bring it along. If you fancy a dip in the pool, please remember your costumes and towels. Please park on Church Lane or the house drive, there will be signs showing the way to the pool.

If you are able to drop us a line (admin@itchenvalleychurches.org) to say you are coming, it would be great in helping us plan how many hot dogs to prepare; but if you just fancy turning up on the day, this is no problem at all.

Rectory Garden Service - If you are around on the August Bank holiday weekend, Georgie and I look forward once again to welcoming you to this annual service in the rectory garden. We have some chairs, but if you are able easily to bring your own, that would be great. Coffee and drinks will be served afterwards, but you're also most welcome to bring your own picnic lunch and stay and enjoy being in the rectory garden for longer.

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 those recently bereaved

for Aoife Gibson and her parents Kelly and Mike as she is brought to baptism