

ITCHEN
VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

Sunday 18 August 2024
Twelfth 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 18 August

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

Sunday 20 August

12pm - Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas
with Revd Canon Andrew Micklefield

Sunday 25 August

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

11am - Rectory Garden Service

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to
hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and
mediation
of 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 34:8-15

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

**O fear the Lord, you his
holy ones,
for those who fear him have
no want.**

The young lions suffer want and
hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack no good thing.

**Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of
the Lord.**

Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to
enjoy good?

**Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking
deceit.**

Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

**The eyes of the Lord are on
the righteous,
and his ears are open to
their cry.**

**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 4:7-19

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'.⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?'¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband";¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.'

Gloria

Verse 1

Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace to those who love Him well!
On the earth let all His people
Speak his grace, His wonders tell.
Lord, we praise You for your glory;
Mighty Father, heaven's king,
Hear our joyful adoration
And accept the thanks we bring.

Verse 2

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
Now with Him in triumph seated -
For your mercy, Lord, we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, You are God alone
In the glory of the Father
With the Spirit: Three-in-One

Notice Board

Rectory Garden Service - If you are around next weekend over the 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

Café Church returns - our next Café Church will be Sunday 1 September 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).

Southwood Players - the Southwood Players are back! - bringing us their open-air production of Alan Ayckbourn's riotous comedy *Bedroom Farce*

Performances will be on Friday 13 September @ 5pm, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September @ 4pm at: Wincroft, Easton, SO21 1ER

Tickets will be limited (they usually sell out), so please book early from www.southwoodplayers.org.uk

Bring a picnic tea, a chair, a sense of humour and your friends/family. Hopefully no umbrellas will be required; but you can book tickets safe in the knowledge that the performances will go ahead in St Mary's church in the case of inclement weather.

All proceeds will be split between the MS Society and the Itchen Valley Churches.

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
for Cameo - the organisers, helpers and attendees