



Church Matters...

Sunday 29 September 2024
Eighteenth 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 29 September

10am - Harvest Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas
with Revd Peter
organist John Dover

5pm - UTX - St John's, Itchen Abbas

6pm - Harvest Songs of Praise - St Mary's, Avington
with Revd Peter
organist John Dover

Monday 30 September

9.30am - Little Rainbows - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Wednesday 2 October

7.45pm - Wednesday Night Worship - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 6 October

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

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

see page 4 for more information

Revd Peter will be away from the parish
from Tuesday 1 Oct - Saturday 26 Oct (inc.)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have provided the resources
of the world
to maintain the life of your
children,
and have ordered our life
that we are dependent upon
each other.

Bless all people in their daily work,
and, as you have given us the
knowledge to produce plenty,
so give us the will to bring it within
reach of all:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 96:1-4; 10-13

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord; bless his
name;
tell of his salvation from day
to day.**

Declare his glory among the
nations,
his marvelous works among all
the peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly
to be praised;
he is to be revered above
all gods.**

Say among the nations, "The Lord
is king!

The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with
equity."

**Let the heavens be glad, and
let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that
fills it;**

let the field exult and everything
in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest
sing for joy

**before the Lord, for he is
coming,
for he is coming to judge
the earth.**

**He will judge the world with
righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.**

**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**

Psalm 104:1-4; 10-24

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty,² wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,⁴ you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²² When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.²³ People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening.²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Mark 13:1-9; 31-32

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ² Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

⁹ 'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Notice Board

Harvest Giving - at our harvest services we would be very grateful to accept donated produce which will be passed on to the Winchester Basics Bank. They are in need of most grocery items, in particular the following: Tinned vegetables or fruit, squash and fruit juice, jam, marmalade, tinned puddings, UHT milk (dairy and non-dairy), noodles, coffee, dog food.

The collections at each of these services will also be added to any online donations which can be made [via this link](#) and will be divided between: Trinity Winchester, Winchester Beacon and Winchester Basics Bank.

Café Church - our next Café Church will be next Sunday (6 October) 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).

In the Steps of St Paul - I will be in Greece for over 3 weeks, leading two tours 'in the steps of Paul'. Georgie will be with me for the first of these: it's for an English group, and one of the other guest-speakers is Pam Rhodes (known to many from 'Songs of Praise'). The second tour is for an American organisation for which I have led pilgrimages to the Holy Land since 2017. With the awful events going on in and round the Holy Land, we have had to re-focus the educational programme around the story of Paul, rather than Jesus, but our goal remains the same—to learn more of what it means to be Jesus' disciples today, 'walking in the way of Christ'. I would value your prayers for all this, as I will be praying for you too—I am leaving you in capable hands!

Revd Peter

For Your Prayers

for the urgent situations in Ukraine and the Holy Land
for those who are ill or suffering at the moment
for those recently bereaved