



Church Matters...

Sunday 13 October 2024
Twentieth 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 13 October

10am - Valley Worship - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
see details on page 2

Monday 14 October

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

Tuesday 15 October

12pm - Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Friday 18 October

2pm - Itchen Abbas Primary School Harvest Festival - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 20 October

10am - Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
4pm - Valley Praise - St Mary's, Easton

Revd Peter will be away from the parish
from Tuesday 1 Oct - Saturday 26 Oct

Notice Board

Valley Worship - During our next six Valley Worship services (starting this Sunday) Nicky and John Barber will be speaking on 1 Peter, they will be taking six themes out of the book and delving into them. Because we will not be going through the book week by week, it would be really helpful if those coming read the whole book before we start as it is quite short - only 5 chapters. You can read it from [this link](#).

It is most definitely not a problem if you don't have time to read it in advance, please don't let this stop you coming, but you might find it helpful to have an overview of the whole book beforehand.

This week we have no Ark but the children will be very welcome and we will have a comfy area with beanbags and simple activities to keep them amused.

Counting Sheep for Christmas - if you attended our Crib Service last year you would have seen the children bringing along handmade sheep to add to the fields of Bethlehem around our nativity. These sheep were made by willing volunteers and given out to children in the parish as an invitation to come along and be part of the most wonderful story ever told. We would love to do this again this year and produce even more sheep. I created kits with all of the materials and instructions required to make six of these simple, fun, soft sheep. It really does require no more than a running stitch around a circle of fleece which is then drawn up and stuffed and a felt face is stuck on and two googly eyes! If you think you could help make some this year, please do let me know and I will give you a kit. **Beccy**

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

for Cameo, the attendees and the helpers

for Itchen Abbas Primary School as they visit St John's
for their Harvest Festival service.