

ITCHEN
VALLEY



CHURCHES

Church Matters...

Sunday 6 October 2024
Nineteenth 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 6 October

10am - Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton
led by Revd Lis Chase and LLM Gerry Stacey preaching
organist John Dover

4pm - Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall
see page 4 for more information

Monday 7 October

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

Sunday 13 October

10am - Valley Worship and Ark - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

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

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your
Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule
our hearts;
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 90:1-2, 12-17

Lord, you have been our
dwelling-place in all generations.
**Before the mountains were
brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth
and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.**

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
**Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on
your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with
your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.

**Make us glad for as many days
as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we
have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to
your servants,
and your glorious power to
their children.

**Let the favour of the Lord our
God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of
our hands—**

O prosper the work of our hands!

**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**

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'

²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Notice Board

Café Church - our next Café Church will be this 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