



# Church Matters...

**Sunday 17 November 2024**  
**Second Sunday before Advent**

## 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 17 November

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

6pm - Choral Evensong - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
led by Revd Peter with Deacon Tony Darlison preaching  
organist Ian Waring-Green

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### Monday 18 November

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

### Tuesday 19 November

12pm - Cameo - St John's, Itchen Abbas  
7pm - PCC Meeting - St John's, Itchen Abbas

### Friday 22 November

1pm - Funeral of Wendy Smith - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

### Sunday 24 November

8.30am - BCP Communion - St Mary's, Easton - **please note new location**  
10am - Valley Worship & Ark - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
5pm - UTX - St John's, Itchen Abbas

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of  
God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as  
he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in  
power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his  
eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns  
with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm 19:1-9

The heavens are telling the glory  
of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his  
handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares  
knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are  
there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
**yet their voice goes out through  
all the earth,  
and their words to the end of  
the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent  
for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom  
from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its  
course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of  
the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from  
its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
**the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord  
is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**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 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## John 8:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

<sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, 'You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.' <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgement is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.'

<sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, 'Where is your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.' <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

# Notice Board

**Gospel Choir Concert** - What a great event took place in St Mary's, Easton last Saturday. This medieval building played host to a dynamic and fun-filled concert brought to us by "Gospel Collective, Alresford". I am very grateful for those who helped fill St Mary's with God's praise - and to all who helped behind the scenes to make the evening go so well, especially to our hard-working wardens, Chris Ellis and Elaine Labram, who hosted the evening. The remarkable sum of over £2,000 was raised to help finance repairs at St Mary's.

**Ecumenical service of Choral Evensong** - this Sunday (17 Nov) at 6.00pm we are hosting this service in St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy, when our preacher will be the deacon associated with St Peter's Roman Catholic church in Winchester, Tony Darlison. Members of the Catholic community will join our own fine choir at the service, led by Tim Tyler.

**A Date for your Diary** – Please join us at 7.45pm on Tuesday 26 November at the Rectory to pray. Looking forward to seeing you then! **Georgie**

**Change of Service Location** - the 8.30am Holy Communion service on Sunday 24 November will now take place at St Mary's, Easton.

**Valley Worship and Ark** – Between now and next summer, during our Valley Worship services (which continue next Sunday 24 Nov ) Nicky and John Barber are doing a sermon series 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 could have read the whole book beforehand (it's quite short - only 5 chapters!). 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. If you weren't at last month's service, you might like to listen to Nicky's talk which can be found [here](#). During the service the children will be entertained in the Village Hall.

## 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 Cameo - the helpers, organisers and attendees

for the PCC as they meet