



Church Matters...

Sunday 24 November 2024
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 24 November

8.30am - BCP Communion - St Mary's, Easton - **please note new location** with Revd Mary Copping

10am - Valley Worship & Ark - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy led by Nicky Barber with John Barber speaking
worship led by Tim Clapp
[details on page 2](#)

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

Monday 25 November

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

Tuesday 26 November

7.45pm - Rectory Prayer Meeting - The Rectory

Sunday 1 December

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

4pm - Advent Café Church - Itchen Valley Village Hall
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Notice Board

Change of Service Location - the 8.30am Holy Communion service this 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 this 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.

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

Café Church - our next Café Church will be next Sunday (1 December) 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).

Our Advent Calendar - as we move into the season of Advent, we will be thinking about how we can keep 'Christ' at the very heart of 'Christ'-mas. The Advent calendar we devised last year will be 'live' again this year, giving us the opportunity—through the selected readings, reflections and music—to enter more fully into the Christmas story for ourselves. You can get started on the first day of December, you can access the calendar by [this link](#) which will take you to the webpage where you can then click on each number to take you to the resources of that day. There will also be some printed copies, with QR codes to scan, available if you prefer.

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
our plans for the Advent season