

**Evensong**  
**St Mary's Church, Easton**  
**Sunday 28 September 2025**

**Collect for the Day**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

Amen

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday 28 September**

10am Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy  
4pm Café Church – Itchen Abbas Village Hall

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## 1 Timothy 6.6-19

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

## John 8.31-38,48-59

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' <sup>33</sup> They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. <sup>38</sup> I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.'

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.' <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death."'

<sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?' <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God", <sup>55</sup> though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' <sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.