

Evensong
St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
Sunday 26 October 2025

Collect for the Day

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.

Amen

Next Sunday

Sunday 2 November

10am Parish Communion - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

4pm Café Church – Itchen Abbas Village Hall

6pm Service of Prayer & Reflection - St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

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Ecclesiastes 11. 1-9

Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. ² Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. ³ When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. ⁴ Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

⁵ Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. ⁹ Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

2 Timothy 2.1-7

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ² and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³ Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵ And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶ It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.