

Morning Worship

St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 26 July 2026

Collect for the Day

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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 Week's Services

Sunday 2 August

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

3-5.30pm Church with a Splash - Martyr Worthy Manor

Hot Dogs & Strawberries supplied

(BYO any other food or drink that you would like)

Games, swimming and tennis

Nicky and John's Pool - Martyr Worthy Manor, Church Lane,
Martyr Worthy SO21 1DY

Park on lane or at top of the drive in the orchard and follow the signs
RSVP (or for more information) - admin@itchenvalechurches.org

Romans 8.26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

³³ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’



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August Church Services

Sunday 2 August

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

3pm Church with a Splash - Martyr Worthy Manor

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Sunday 9 August

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

social event afterwards, information to follow

Sunday 16 August

10am Parish Communion - St Mary's, Easton

social event afterwards, information to follow

Sunday 26 August

10am Parish Communion - St John's, Itchen Abbas

Sunday 30 August

10am Parish Communion - St Mary's, Avington

As you will see, we have some summer social events planned which will give people a chance to meet David and Rachel. Please do keep an eye on our website for more details as they are available.

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