

Parish Communion St Mary's, Easton Sunday 4 October 2026

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 11 October

8.30am BCP - St Mary's, Easton

10am Valley Worship & Ark - St Swithun's, Martyr
Worthy



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Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ 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,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
- Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Matthew 21.33–end

³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.



October Church Services

Sunday 4 October

10am - Parish Communion - Easton
4pm Café Church - Itchen Abbas Village Hall

Sunday 11 October

8.30am Holy Communion - Easton
10am Valley Worship & Ark - Martyr Worthy

Sunday 18 October

10am Harvest Parish Communion & Ark - Martyr Worthy
6pm - Taizé - Itchen Abbas

Sunday 25 October

8.30am Holy Communion - Avington
10am All Age Worship - Itchen Abbas
6pm Evensong - Martyr Worthy

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October Church Activities

Cameo

A short lunch time service followed by a light two-course lunch:
12 noon on 3rd Tuesday of each month at St John's, Itchen Abbas

Little Rainbows

For parents and carers with their babies and toddlers: 9.30-11.00am
on Mondays (during term-times) at St John's, Itchen Abbas