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Church Matters...

Sunday 20th May 2012 Sunday after Ascension

Today at the 10am service Barry and Heather Mann are with us to talk about their forthcoming departure to Lesotho with Africa Inland Mission to work on the 'Growing Nations Agricultural Project. Also we will be taking a brief look at the Venerable Bede as part of our Saints Preaching Series.

If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time then please do make yourself known to either a member of the clergy or a churchwarden. This information sheet gives some words that will be needed in today's services and notices about the life of our church communities. Please take it home!

Services today:

all services today are led by the Rector

8am	Holy Communion (BCP) St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy
10am	Parish Communion St Mary's, Easton
6pm	Evensong St Mary's, Avington

The Collect Prayer

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave
us not comfortless, but send your Holy
Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the
place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 61: 10- 62:5

Isaiah's zeal for his people and for Israel caused him to pray without resting, hoping that Israel would be saved.

Matthew 11: 25-end

Jesus promises rest for the soul because of the core and intimate relationship between God the Father and God the Son.

From the Rectory

Many preparations are taking place to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee across the Valley.

Each village is holding some sort of event or events and they have been advertised separately. Make sure you know what is going on and do join in!

There will be a special Diamond Jubilee Celebration Service on Sunday 3rd June in St John's, Itchen Abbas at 10am. This will be time to give thanks to God for the reign and good work of the Queen over the past 60 years. Please do come along to this.

Today we welcome Barry and Heather Mann who are here to tell us about their exciting mission adventure that is about to begin in Lesotho with Africa Inland Mission and how they are going to work with the 'Transformation through Sustainable Agriculture'. They will explain more. Barry grew up in Easton and is the son of Gail and George and it would be good to support them both.

Andrew

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 21st

12pm Midday Prayer St Mary's, Avington

Tuesday 22nd

12pm Midday Prayer St John's, Itchen Abbas
8pm PCC Drinks & Nibbles The Rectory

Wednesday 23rd

9.15am Ministry Team Meeting The Rectory
12pm Midday Prayer St Swithun's, Martyr Worthy

Thursday 24th

12pm Midday Prayer St Mary's, Easton

Saturday 26th

6pm Glynde Easton Dymoke House, Easton

Sunday 27th

12pm Easton Duck Race & Fun Day The Old Rectory, Easton

Notices

Glynde Easton An opera concert in aid of St Mary's Church, Easton. Come and enjoy a magical evening under the stars listening to the Guildhall School of Music singing light operatic favourites. To be held on Saturday 26th May, 5pm for 6pm at Dymoke House. Bring your picnic, drinks hampers etc. Coffee and port will be served afterwards. For more details and tickets please speak to Sara Janssen 779337 or janssensara@hotmail.com

Duck Race & Fun Day - Sunday 27th May The Duck Race will start at 12noon on the river below The Old Rectory, Church Lane and this will be followed by a BBQ and Family Fun (which will include races, face painting, knobbly knees competition and much more). There will also be an Art & Craft Exhibition with a unique opportunity to buy painting by the late Cecily Drummond. BBQ tickets from Anna Burness (779993) - adults £10, Children £5, Family ticket £25. There will be a pay bar. Ducks are £1 each available from DCC members.

Garden Trail & River Walk in Martyr Worthy As part of the Valley's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, hidden areas of Martyr Worthy not normally open to the public will be available for you to explore on Saturday 2nd June from 1pm. For more information and tickets contact Yvette Riley (779177) or Isobel Pinder (779758). Proceeds will be shared between the church and Martyr Worthy Village Hall.

Little Rainbows This new group will be meeting tomorrow. This is our new Parents and Baby/Toddler group which meets every Monday between 10am and 11am. For more information please speak to either Claire Hunt 779238/ claire123weston@hotmail.com or Zoe Cannons on 779964/ iancannons@btinternet.com Leaflets are available so do take some and give them to appropriate people.

The Life of Christ (Wintershall Play) This is an open air play in three parts held in the grounds of the Wintershall Estate near Bramley, Surrey. It is performed from Tuesday 19th to Sunday 24th June starting at 10am and finishing at 4pm and more details are available from www.wintershall-estate.com or 01483 892167. If the Christmas Nativity is anything to go by it is truly inspirational. Judith Mezger is going on Tuesday 19th and wonders if anyone would like to join her? Please contact Judith on 779277 or jude@judes.co.uk

Bacon Butties For those of you who have missed them or those who want to try them, we will be restarting Bacon Butties and Coffee before the service again next week. We will continue to do this on the 4th Sunday in Martyr Worthy Village Hall as before.

For our prayers:

- Our diocesan family - for the Deanery of Bournemouth
- Our link with the Arle Benefice - for their work on Discipleship
- In the Parish - for all the preparations for the Jubilee Celebrations
- the ongoing situation in Israel and Palestine
- the work of Winchester Churches Nightshelter
- those who are ill at this time - Owen Green, Richard Lloyd, Bishop Michael (former Bishop of Winchester) who is recovering following a stroke & Les Willoughby
- those who have died - Iris Oades from Easton, remembering her friends and family



Children On A Sunday

Our Sunday groups for children meet from 9.45am with this pattern:

2nd Sunday	Itchen Abbas & Avington Village Hall
3rd Sunday	Dymoke House, Easton
4th Sunday	Martyr Worthy Village Hall

Please pick up a leaflet from one of the churches to give you more information.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

27th May

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Readings for next Sunday

SAINTS SERIES: John & Charles Wesley

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

It is helpful to have read, thought and studied them before.

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Items of news and information for the weekly 'Church Matters' needs to be sent to the Rector by midday on Wednesday so that setting and printing can happen on Thursday.