

# PEW NEWS

MILBORNE PORT, MILBORNE WICK, GOATHILL, CHARLTON HORETHORNE AND STOWELL.

Sunday 13th December 2020.

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Dear friends,

This is the last pew news of the year as both Prue and I will need a break after Christmas. There will be a very short service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December held via zoom. This is because I don't feel I can ask anyone to deep clean the churches on Boxing Day to make our churches covid secure after all the Christmas services.

A happy Christmas and peaceful new year to everyone and thank you so much for sticking with us in these unprecedented times

Sarah.

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December Benefice Zoom service**

After all the Christmas services, it is not fair to ask the good folk of Charlton Horethorne, Milborne Port or Goathill to give their churches a deep clean on Boxing Day. I'm afraid Milborne Wick and Stowell churches are just too small to hold everyone. Worship this Sunday will be via zoom. We will have a very short gathering at 10.30am for those that wish. Joining details are below

Topic: Sunday service

Dec 27, 2020 10:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89855472512?pwd=SkVzVHQrbHpuM1dmeXc5aEtZc2dCQT09>

Meeting ID: 898 5547 2512

Passcode: 362692

**There is no pew news next week so please keep these joining details safe**

## **Sunday 20 December 2020**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

### **Collect**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings**

#### **Magnificat (The Song of Mary)**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; •  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, •  
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm •  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones •  
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things •  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •  
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

### **Luke 1.26–38**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Services in the New Year

### **Sunday 3rd January - Epiphany**

*Isaiah 60.1-6/Matthew 2. 1-12*

9am Holy Communion - Charlton Horethorne

10.30am Holy communion - Milborne Port

The mid-week communions will resume on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at Milborne Port.

**Services this coming week** - with the usual caveat that we may have to change things last minute.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm Blue Christmas – Milborne Port (booked only via Sarah)

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4**

*Magnificat/Luke1.6-28*

10.30am: **Christmas Communion**-Charlton Horethorne

4pm: Christmas Service - Goathill (booked by Sarah or Trudy)

6pm: Candle Lit Service - Milborne Port (Ticket only)

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6pm Candle lit service - Milborne Port (Ticket only)

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

10.30am: Christmas communion -Goathill

2-4pm: Nativity trail -Milborne Port

**No midnight service**

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

*Isaiah52.7-10 / Luke 2-1-20*

9am: Christmas service - Charlton Horethorne

10.30am: Holy Communion - Milborne Port (with overflow in Church House)

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1**

10.30am: **Benefice service on Zoom**

# Christmas Eve 'Lighting the Way to Bethlehem' and Christmas Nativity Trail



As numbers are restricted in church this year we cannot hold our normal Christingle service and crib services.

We want to encourage families and everyone to come and visit our outside cribs any time on Christmas Eve. This is an event for everyone. Bring with you a jam jar lantern decorated in some way, with a tea light inside to place by the crib. You may want to attach a prayer to the lantern.

Come back later in the day to see all the lights and prayers as we light the way to Bethlehem. This is an event for adults and children. It would be lovely if we could light up our churchyards for Christmas.

Children come between 2 and 4pm, bring a lantern and we will give you a Christingle bag to make a Christingle at home

## Candle lit service (carol service) Milborne Port Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm

We are restricted to 60 people (this includes the choir and readers). Please let people know that they can be collected from the Vicarage.  
This is a free event. Collection will be in aid of Christian Aid.

I have kept back a few tickets but most have gone for both nights.

Please do not arrive at the last minute for these services as it will take some time for us to seat everyone. Please do not mingle around the door to chat. It won't be possible to stand near the door this year so please make sure you have a ticket.

## Christmas Day

We will try our best to accommodate everyone who wants to come but we have to stick to the guidelines to keep everyone safe. If we exceed our numbers for social distancing at Charlton Horethorne at 9am we will move the service outdoors so please wrap up warm. In Milborne Port there will be an overflow service taking place in Church House.

We are not insisting on booking for either place. It will be a case of first come first served.

If you intend coming in a large household bubble of more than 2 families please can you let Sarah know in advance so that we can sort out seating.