

PEW NEWS

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Dear friends,

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent. Advent means 'coming', and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we can celebrate Advent is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world.



The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, without beginning or ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and ending in God. God's love and care for us never ends. The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. The traditional colours of the Advent Candles are purple, rose and white. The white candle which we light on Christmas Eve signifies the coming of Christ.

On Advent Sunday I will go into church and light the first candle on your behalf. It is the candle of hope.

The people of Israel heard of God's promises through the prophets. The prophet Isaiah spoke words of hope. He spoke of the coming of God's realm of peace when all nations will walk in God's light. We too hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

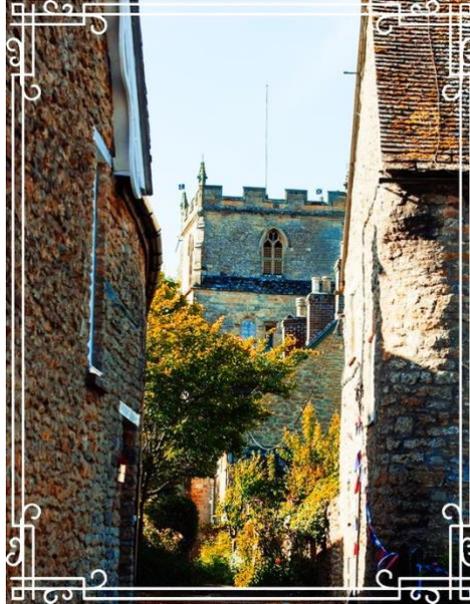
Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. With the lighting of this candle, we celebrate the hope of Israel, and the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

We continue to hope in God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love, and joy and peace.

Perhaps you would like to light an Advent candle in your homes.

Here is a prayer to say as you light it:

**Thank you God, for the light of hope.
As we prepare for Christ's coming,
help us to share our hope with others.
Amen**



Diary Dates for December

2nd Dec at 1pm funeral John Farley - **Milborne Port**

2nd Dec at 7pm Archdeacons visitation (when our churchwardens are sworn in) - **Zoom**

3rd December at 12 noon funeral Frank Wiltshire - **Milborne Port**

3rd Dec at 7pm Advent gathering - **Zoom**



Milborne Port Calendars 2021

We're all hoping for a better year in 2021. Milborne Port Calendars, featuring the magazine cover photographs from the last year, will be available from the weekend. Look out for them at the Saturday Market, in Wayne's Butchers, and, as soon as they are allowed to re-open, the Tippling Philosopher and the Gainsborough. Or ring Linda on 01963 33495 to get one delivered to you. £5.00 per calendar, with proceeds going to the Church.

Sunday 29th November 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 64.1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13.24–end

²⁴ ‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Watch this space-worship in the waiting

Throughout Advent we will be holding a weekly gathering on Zoom on the theme of 'worship in the waiting'. Gatherings are held at 7pm on Thursday evenings. Come and join us

3rd December: Holy suspense

10th December: Active Patience

17th December: Hope-filled expectation

Joining details.

Topic: Advent meeting

Time: Dec 3rd, 2020 07:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86279003669?pwd=SodQRGoxU2t5UkhZQXlUb2VkblRXUT09>

Meeting ID: 862 7900 3669

Passcode: 211161

A call to prayer for the nation

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London have called the Church of England to pray for the nation throughout the month of November.

The Archbishop's have suggested 6pm as a good time. But please pray sometime in the day

Here are the themes for each day.

Sunday: For family friend and loved ones

Monday: Schools and colleges, children and young people

Tuesday: The elderly isolated and vulnerable

Wednesday: Businesses, workplaces and economic well-being

Thursday : The NHS and other key workers

Friday: National and local government

Saturday: all who are grieving and all who are suffering with physical or mental ill health

This is the prayer for the coming week

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty,
lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Below is a link to prayer resources.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation#sunday>

Christmas Eve 'Lighting the Way to Bethlehem'



As numbers are restricted in church this year, we cannot hold our normal Christingle service and crib services. Instead we will need to do things differently, but we hope that it will be equally awesome.

Sarah has discovered the old cribs in her loft!

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

There are no midnight services in any of our churches.

Candle lit service (carol service) Milborne Port

Tickets will be available as soon as we know we can go ahead with this. We are restricted to 50 people (this includes the choir and readers). The first service will be on Sunday 20th at 6pm and an overflow service on Tuesday 22nd



Remember Remember Your Church in November

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During the crisis whilst we are having to keep physical distance from each other and cannot meet in our church building or do our usual fund-raising activities, it is vital that we maintain our financial giving. If you do online banking you can make a donation by BACs remembering to put your name in the reference box.

For St Johns Milborne Port:

PCC of Milborne Port, Sort code 60-24-37, Account no 68700067

For Charlton Horethorne

PCC of Charlton Horethorne Sort Code 60-19-12 Account no 68723601

For Goathill

PCC of Goathill Sort Code: 60-19-12 Account No: 97870897

This is even more important through November as there will not be any income from collections. We are very conscious that these are difficult times and many people are struggling financially. We are not holding a gift day at our churches this autumn but would be grateful if you could remember them financially.



**Zoom link
for the Sunday Service on the
29th November at 10.30am**

Sarah Godfrey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday service

Time: Nov 29th, 2020 10:30 AM London

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89855472512?pwd=SkVzVHQrbHpuM1dmeXc5aEtZc2dCQTo9>

Meeting ID: 898 5547 2512

Passcode: 362692



Bring a candle with you and something to light it with.