

Pew News

Milborne Port, Milborne Wick, Goathill, Charlton Horethorne and Stowell.

Sunday 8 November 2020

3rd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Dear friends,

It's not sleepiness that is the five bridesmaid's downfall in today's Gospel passage. It's their lack of oil. Their failure to prepare for the moment of the bridegroom's arrival indicates their failure to understand the needs of that moment. Paul wants his readers to be better prepared than they were. That's why he sets out the detail of the coming crisis that he expects.

Let's hope that we are better prepared this time to face another lockdown.

Sadly, we are required to suspend public worship in our church building from Thursday 5th November until 2nd December.

However, it is slightly different from the first lockdown in that our churches can be open for private prayer providing we can comply with the regulations and keep them covid secure.

Charlton Horethorne church will continue to be open from 9am to 3pm on Wednesdays and Sundays. Milborne Port will be open daily from 9am to 3pm. You are welcome to go in and pray.

Please only use the designated seats to help us with our cleaning regimes.

For November Sunday worship will be held on zoom. On the 8th this will be at 9am to allow people to watch the Act of Remembrance from the Cenotaph on television later. The rest of November we will revert to the later time of 10am.

Remembrance Sunday

Please **do not** gather at the war memorial either on this Sunday or on November 11th. The current Government lockdown restrictions mean that we cannot go ahead with our usual act of Remembrance. Public acts of worship have been suspended in church buildings.

To comply with the guidelines, we ask that just the designated wreath layers are present at Milborne Port War memorial at 10.50am when the names of the fallen will be read and the silence kept.



The wreath for Charlton Horethorne will be placed inside church but we are afraid no service can take place there.

There is a lovely video of our war memorials at Charlton Horethorne and Milborne Port with all the names of the fallen which can be found on you tube here <https://youtu.be/hdGKA2wq8tk>

Why not watch it first and then join with the rest of the country on their doorsteps at 11am to observe the 2 minute silence?

Alternatively join with our congregations on zoom for the morning service at 9.00am

If you wish to visit the war memorial as part of your daily exercise, please do this later in the week when no one is there.

Zoom link for the Sunday service on the 8th at 9am

Why not bring your breakfast and we will share virtual croissants.

Topic: Remembrance Sunday

Time: Nov 8, 2020 09:00 AM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86395505006?pwd=cWpXQ1hibVFUL1NGMGJkZDR1WG1Bdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 9550 5006

Passcode: 363916

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1–13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

A call to prayer for the nation

On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November. Their letter can be found on our website.

We call upon the Church of England to make November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation. We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Below is a link to prayer resources. The Archbishop's have suggested 6pm as a good time.

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

This is the prayer for the coming week:

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remember Remember your churches in November

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.