

St John's Patronal Festival

In view of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant Frank and Maureen Wright have regretfully **CANCELLED** the **Bring your own Turkey party** which was to have celebrated our St John's Patronal Festival

Pew News

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

19th December 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

The Milborne Port Calendar 2022 is now available. Great value at £5.00 with proceeds going to St John's.

Milborne Port

Please help us all to stay fit and healthy by doing a Lateral Flow Test if you intend to join us at the Celebration of the Ordination of Canon Brian McConnell after the 10.30 service in St John's

Sponsor a Date 2021

We would like to thank God for the kindness of the following people for contributing to the daily costs of running our beautiful Church on their memorable date.

- Sheila Lockyer 6 December
- Linda Elsworth 16 December
- Susan Wales 17 December
- Robert Hall 25 December
- Lyn Harrison 29 December
- Scilla Copper 30 December

Thank you, Lord, for their memories of these special dates.

Keeping in Touch

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Services this week

Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent
Ephesians 14 - 21, John 15. 12 -17

NB No service at Milborne Wick

10.30.am Holy Communion Milborne Port
*with celebration of the ordination of
Canon Brian McConnell*

6.00 pm Holy Communion Charlton
Horethorne

6.00 pm Carols by candlelight Milborne
Port

Wednesday 22nd December

10.30 am Midweek communion Milborne
Port

Friday 24th December

3.30 pm Crib Service Milborne Port

6.00 pm Carol Service Charlton Horethorne

11.00 pm Midnight Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 25th December

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Milborne
Port

10.30 am Family Communion Milborne Port

10.30 am Family Communion Charlton
Horethorne

Christmas Day

Services next week

Sunday 26th December 1st Sunday of Christmas
Colossians 3. 12 - 17; Luke 2.v 41 – end

10.30 am Holy Communion Milborne Port

Wednesday 29th December

10.30 am Midweek communion Milborne
Port

Sunday 19th December 2021

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 for St John's

Ephesians 3.14- 21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is

able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

John 15. 12 - 17

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

COME AND CELEBRATE!

Sunday 19th December

Canon Brian McConnell will mark the **50th Anniversary of his Ordination** at the **10.30am Parish Communion Service**.

You are invited to join Brian and Lesley in Church House after the service for light refreshments and a toast.

On the day we will come together and celebrate our Christian calling. After the service we will party gently in Church House in a Covid sensitive way, celebrating our togetherness.

We will welcome your presence (not presents) but as a thank you to God may we be encouraged to bring contributions for our Food Share Project, always keeping in mind all who find placing food on the family table, an ever-increasing challenge. Thank you.

FOODSHARE @ St John's

Thank you very much to all who have donated gifts of non-perishable food, household products etc for people who come to the distribution sessions in Church House. Please make sure the gifts are in date and unopened.

We now really need more volunteers, either to collect from the Co-op or to help with distribution or both.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Elaine Ennis-Bunt 01963 250221**.

Foodshare is really helping to make a difference to local families who are struggling. It will be OPEN as usual over the festive period.