

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

A few copies of the Milborne Port Calendar 2022 are still available at £5.00 with proceeds going to 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.

- Robert Hall 25 December
- Lyn Harrison 29 December
- Scilla Copper 30 December

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

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Pew News

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

24th & 25th December 2021

Christmas

Services this week

Friday 24th December

Isaiah 9. 2 - 7; John 1. 1 - 14

3.30 pm Crib Service

Milborne Port

6.00 pm Carol Service

Charlton Horethorne

11.00 pm Midnight Communion

Milborne Port

Christmas Eve

Saturday 25th December

Isaiah 52. 7 - 10; Luke 2.8 - 20

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Milborne Port

10.00 am Family Communion

Charlton Horethorne

10.30 am Family Communion

Milborne Port

Christmas Day

Sunday 26th December 1st Sunday of Christmas

Colossians 3. 12 - 17; Luke 2.v 41 - end

10.30 am Holy Communion

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Wednesday 29th December

10.30 am Midweek communion

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Services next week

Sunday 2nd January Epiphany

Ephesians 3.1 - 12; Matthew 2.1 - 12

9.00 am Holy Communion

Charlton Horethorne

10.30 am Holy Communion

Milborne Port

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.

Collect for Christmas Eve

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9. 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

John 1. 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer (Christmas Eve)

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52. 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Luke 2. 8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Post Communion Prayer (Christmas Day)

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.