

PEW NEWS

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

Sunday 16th August

Trinity 10

Services this week

Sunday August 16th

9am Morning Prayer-Goathill
10.30am Morning service via Zoom
12.15pm Baptism - Milborne Port
6pm Holy Communion- Charlton Horethorne

Monday - Friday

9 am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Milborne Port

Services next week

Sunday August 23rd

10.30am Holy communion- Milborne Port

Dear friends

There is an apocryphal story of a famous church. Every Sunday it was fashionable to go there and to be seen. People came in their finery. Some of the most important people in the land attended it. The music and the choir was superb, everything was done to a high standard the liturgy was perfect. For a good few Sundays a poorly dressed shabby looking person turned up at the door but was turned away for one reason or another. After a few weeks of trying to get in, the woman sat in the porch and prayed, 'Lord why can't I get in this church?' and he replied, 'How do I know? I've been trying to get into this church for years!

I hope that is not true of here. Are our churches really open to all who might come or do we unwittingly send out signals that say some are not welcome? Are we only happy if the people who are brave enough to come are like us and do things the way we do; read from the same Bible or wear their Sunday best?

God's love is always broader than we think. This is the message of the Gospel reading, where even Jesus seems to be surprised at finding faith in one from who he did not expect it. The Gospel calls us to include rather than exclude, and to encourage rather than discourage. How can we embrace this call more deeply as individuals and as communities?

Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

Resources for Prayer and Keeping in touch

Website: www.milborneportchurches.org.uk

Facebook: **St John the Evangelist Church Milborne Port** @milborneportchurches

Vicarage Phone: 01963 250248

Sarah's email revsjgodfrey@gmail.com

Prayer resources



Church of England Website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Or download the **Time to Pray app**

Sunday 16th August 2020 Trinity 10

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15. 21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Summer Draw tickets

This year St John's has been unable to hold a fete which is one of our main fund raisers. A big part of the money raised comes from running a raffle. We are holding a summer draw on **Sunday August 30th** during an open air service in Milborne Port. Prizes include tea 4 four at the House of Lords, £150 and many other smaller prizes.

Please sell tickets to your friends. £1 a ticket or £5 a book. Money and folded ticket stubs should be placed in the plastic bag and returned to The Vicarage by 26th August at the latest. If you are unable to sell any of the tickets you have been given please return them as soon as possible. We will sell them!

Sunday 30th August

4pm

Open air service

St John's church Milborne
Port

Please bring a garden chair
or something to sit on.



We will draw the Summer
raffle at this service

Sunday Worship

Please note our Sunday zoom service is moving to the later time of 10.30am

We will send those with email addresses the link for the service by Friday this week

Sunday 16th August will be the last zoom service at 10.30am. If there is enough demand we will move to another time

