

PEW NEWS

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

Sunday 20th September

Trinity 15

Harvest Services

At all our harvest Services across the benefice we will be thanking our farmers for everything they do for us especially throughout this difficult year.

Please bring non perishable items. These will be quarantined for 72 hours and then taken to Yeovil and Sherborne food banks. A list of what is needed is on the Lord's Larder website <https://ycstyeovil.org.uk/harvest-information/>

Goathill 'virtual' Duck race

Saturday 3rd October online

Goathill church was unable to hold it's annual Duck Race fundraiser in the Summer so we are going on line.

6 races sponsored by local businesses. Prizes include a bottle of champagne, vouchers for Wayne's butchers and the Gainsborough carvery, £20 and the Tone Higgins lost duck cup

Races can be viewed on the Milborne Port churches Face book page and You tube on the 3rd October. There is still time to buy your duck. Members of Goathill congregation will be outside the Co-op and at the Weybridge market this Saturday morning selling virtual ducks for £1. You can also buy them at Wayne the Butchers and at the Gainsborough.

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**

Services this week

Sunday 20th September

10.30am Zoom Sunday service followed by Milborne Port APCM

Please note this service is online

Joining details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88221384654?pwd=d09oNXYYODZUVTNUZUlxWnN6Zm1xZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2138 4654 Passcode: 590621

6pm Harvest Service- Charlton Horethorne

Services next week

Sunday 27th September

10.30am Holy Communion-Milborne Port

6pm Harvest Evening Prayer-Stowell

Dear friends

'It's not fair!' is a phrase well known to all who parent or work with children. It is a sentiment that is felt keenly by the labourers in this reading from Matthews Gospel. Yet the kingdom of God is not about being fair, nor about rewarding those who have been faithful for longer than others.

God rejoices equally in all who come, and we are called to do likewise. That can be a difficult message to hear, yet it is a challenge we are called to embrace.

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Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Philippians 1.21–end

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1–16

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon

and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday Worship

We are beginning to resume a pattern of worship in our church buildings.

Our current schedule of services is provisional and subject to change at the last minute as we follow ever changing C of E and Government Guidance.

For those of you that like worshipping via Zoom it will be necessary to change the service time from now on. If you would like to meet on Zoom as a worship/house group please let Sarah know. As we begin to open our church we do not want anyone to feel excluded.