

PEW NEWS

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

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 11

Services this week

Sunday August 23rd

10.30am Holy communion– Milborne Port

Monday - Friday

9 am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Milborne Port

Services next week

Sunday 30th August

9am. Holy Communion –Charlton Horethorne

12noon Baptism –Milborne Port

4pm Outdoor service Milborne Port

Please bring a garden chair

Dear friends

In the Gospel reading Jesus asks a question of his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” The crowds that followed Jesus had many answers, but Simon Peter responded by affirming Jesus’ true identity as the Son of God.

Even though Peter had been a really wobbly disciple Jesus gave him a new name to live up to. He called him Peter which is like the Greek word Petros - Rock. Peter wasn’t going to be wobbly anymore but the rock upon which Christ would build his church.

We too are entrusted with much. To truly believe is to live differently; to speak and act as bearers of the kingdom, and to allow the character of God to shine through us. When we become a Christian, we have a new name to live up to.

Jesus says “But YOU: who do you say that I am?” At some time in our life we must answer that question for ourselves.

Which of the disciples’ answers best represents ours? Are we at that stage of spiritual awareness where we are still seeing Jesus as a “good man”? A prophet, perhaps, which is where my Muslim friends get stuck? Or a preacher? Or like Simon Peter, have we recognised something beyond that? Have we had that moment of dawning realisation where we recognise that Jesus is....not was.... the son of the Living God?

Resources for Prayer and Keeping in touch

Website: www.milborneportchurches.org.uk

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

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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

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Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Romans 12.1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sunday Worship

We are beginning to resume a pattern of worship in our church buildings at 10.30am

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.