

PEW NEWS

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

Sunday 30th August

Trinity 12

Services this week

Sunday 30th August

9am. Holy Communion –Charlton Horethorne
12noon Baptism –Milborne Port
4pm Outdoor service Milborne Port
Please bring a garden chair

Monday - Friday

9 am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel Milborne Port

Services next week

Sunday 6th September

10.30am Holy Communion-Milborne Port

Annual leave

Sarah is taking a break from Monday 31st August to Saturday 12th September. Any enquiries to churchwardens please

Resources for Prayer and Keeping in touch

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Dear friends

Taking up the cross.

Are we nearly there yet? I wonder how many parents have heard that this summer holiday probably from the rear seat of car. I wonder if the disciples said it to Jesus as they followed him on the way to Jerusalem and the culmination of his ministry? Are we nearly there yet?

Perhaps 'Are we nearly there yet means have we got it yet? Have we really understood what this is all about? I wonder if we ourselves are any way near yet in understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

The meaning of discipleship is learned along the way. Peter and the other disciples were figuring it out as they went along. In the story we hear today they have been disciples for some time, called personally by Jesus to pick up their crosses and sent by him to preach and heal. They now learn the meaning and cost of discipleship which cannot be explained in advance but must be learnt on route.

Following Jesus is an on going challenge. There are stages of our journey through life when we will be like the enthusiastic Peter who proclaimed Jesus as Lord. And there are other times when we will be the Peter who wanted to hold things back, put obstacles in the way of the mission. There are times when we will hear Jesus affirming us, telling us that we are on the right track. And other times when Jesus tells us we are letting our own short sightedness get in the way of Gods mission.

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 constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 12.9–end

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21–end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole

world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his

Sunday 30th August

4pm

Open air service

and Summer Draw

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. Please make sure all money and folded draw tickets are returned to the Vicarage by 26th August at the latest. Please return any unsold tickets that you have been given as soon as possible as there are people who want to buy them!



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.