

PEW NEWS

MILBORNE PORT, MILBORNE WICK, GOATHILL, CHARLTON HORETHORNE AND STOWELL.

Sunday 6 December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

Services this week

Sunday 6th December Advent 2

Isaiah 40. 1-11/Mark 1.1-8

9.00am Holy communion -Goathill

10.30am Holy communion-Milborne Port

6pm Advent service of light- Charlton Horethorne

Services next week

Sunday 13th December Advent 3

1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24/John 1.6-8,19-28

10.30 Holy Communion -Milborne Port

6pm NO EVENSONG

A Service from darkness to light

Sunday 6th December 6pm Charlton Horethorne

This is Charlton Horethorne's traditional Advent Sunday service postponed from last week when we were unable to gather in church. Come and listen to the Advent readings and hymns beginning in darkness until the whole church is lit with candles. **Please note that due to limited space this service is reserved for those in the Parish of Charlton Horethorne with Stowell**

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Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Readings

Isaiah 40.1–11

40 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Mark 1.1–8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Watch this space-worship in the waiting

Throughout Advent we will be holding a weekly gathering on Zoom on the theme of 'worship in the waiting'. Gatherings are held at 7pm on Thursday evenings. Come and join us

3rd December: Holy suspense

10th December: Active Patience

17th December: Hope-filled expectation

Joining details.

Topic: Advent meeting

Time: Dec 10th, 2020 07:00 PM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86279003669?pwd=S0dQRG0xU2t5UkhZQXlUb2VkbIRXUT09>

Meeting ID: 862 7900 3669

Passcode: 211161

Christmas Eve

'Lighting the Way to Bethlehem'



As numbers are restricted in church this year we cannot hold our normal Christingle service and crib services. Instead we will need to do things differently but we hope that it will be equally awesome.

Sarah has discovered the old cribs in her loft!

We want to encourage families and everyone to come and visit our outside cribs any time on Christmas Eve. This is an event for everyone. Bring with you a jam jar lantern decorated in some way, with a tea light inside to place by the crib. You may want to attach a prayer to the

lantern.

Come back later in the day to see all the lights and prayers as we light the way to Bethlehem.

This is an event for adults and children. It would be lovely if we could light up our churchyards for Christmas.

Children come between 2 and 4pm, bring a lantern and we will give you a Christingle bag to make a Christingle at home. This activity will take place concurrently in both Charlton Horethorne and Milborne Port.

If anyone can source a life size baby doll for one of the cribs I will be grateful.

There are no midnight services in any of our churches.

Candle lit service (carol service)

Milborne Port

Tickets are now available . We are restricted to 60 people (this includes the choir and readers). The first service will be on Sunday 20th at 6pm and an overflow service on Tuesday 22nd

Please see Sarah for tickets.

Blue Christmas

Saturday 19th December at 4pm in St John's Church

The first Christmas after someone in the family has died is always difficult. This service is for those who have lost a loved one during the previous year or so and would like the opportunity to remember them in a special way at Christmas. The service consists of prayers, readings, music and silence, with the names of those who have died read out and candles lit. Families who have held a funeral service in the benefice will receive a personal invitation.

If you have been bereaved recently, we warmly invite you to attend. This year the service will be held in the main body of the church rather than in the lady chapel so that we can observe social distancing.

If you would like to come please let Sarah know. We will have to restrict our numbers to 50 so it will help us to know how many people you wish to bring with you.

We will be reading the names our loved ones who have died at this service. If you would like someone included please put their name on the list at the back of our churches before the 19th.