

### Charity and Mission

During December 2024 St John's will be supporting Yeovil Street Pastors. They consist of trained volunteers from local Christian congregations who help people feel safe at night and provide caring assistance when necessary.  
<https://streetpastors.org/locations/yeovil>

### St John's Church Sponsor a Date 2024

Please can you help us with the running costs of our beautiful and historic building? Choose a date (s) - birthday, anniversary or special day, and contact:

Nicki Edwards: [nickiedwards19@gmail.com](mailto:nickiedwards19@gmail.com)  
December

4th - Mark and Rona Stuart-Borne  
17th - Susan Wales  
19th - Fiona Morland

### Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

This is a new and easy way to give money direct to your parish. To find out more, talk to Rev Rona or Nicki Edwards, or go to:  
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk> and look for your parish.

### St John's Sponsor a Hymn 2024

If you would like to sponsor a hymn, there is now a signup sheet and some donation envelopes at the back of St John's. Suggested donation: £5  
Please give the completed envelope to David Johnson

### Keeping in Touch

#### **Priest-in-Charge: Revd Rona Stuart-Bourne**

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**Vergers for St John's:** Ronnie and June Goodman

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# Pew News

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

## December 2024

*NB All Christmas/seasonal services are in bold and italics*

### Sunday 1 December Advent Sunday

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36*

9:00am NO Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

10:30am Holy Communion Milborne Port

**6:00pm *Darkness to Light* Charlton Horethorne**

### Wednesday 4 December

10:30am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

### Sunday 8 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

*Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6*

9:00am NO Holy Communion Goathill BCP

10:30am Holy Communion Milborne Port

**6:00pm *Carol Service* Stowell**

6:00pm NO Evensong Charlton Horethorne

### Wednesday 11 December

10:30am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

### Saturday 14 December

10:00am Community Thanksgiving Milborne Port

### Sunday 15 December 3rd Sunday of Advent

*Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18*

9:00am Holy Communion Milborne Wick

10:30am Matins Milborne Port

6:00pm Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

### Wednesday 18 December

10:30am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

### Friday 20 December

**6:00pm *Carol Service* Milborne Wick Church**

### Saturday 21 December

**3:00pm *Longest Night* Milborne Port**

### Sunday 22 December 4th Sunday of Advent

**NB. NO 10.30 SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S TODAY**

**3:00pm *Carol Service* Goathill**

**6:00pm *Carol Service* Milborne Port**

# December 2024

## Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve

Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

3:00pm *Crib Service* *Milborne Port*

5:00pm *Carol Service* *Charlton  
Horethorne*

## Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

10:30am *Holy Communion* *Charlton  
Horethorne*

10:30am *Holy Communion* *Milborne Port*

## Sunday 29 December 1st Sunday of Christmas

Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-end

10:30am Benefice Communion Charlton  
Horethorne

## Wednesday 1 January

10:30am NO Midweek Communion Milborne Port

## Sunday 5 January Epiphany Sunday

Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

9:00am Holy Communion Charlton  
Horethorne

10:30am Holy Communion Milborne Port

6:00pm Evensong Stowell

## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 4,11. 18 December

11:15am Advent Reflections tbc

### Saturday 7, 14th December

10:00am Advent Reflections St Johns  
Church

## Advent Reflections

For the month of December join me (Rev Rona) in reading a chapter of Luke's Gospel each day. There will be two opportunities per week to meet - all in **Milborne Port**, and reflect on the meaning of Advent, Luke's Gospel and the appointed Sunday Gospel texts.

### Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th December,

Come to Communion @ 10.30 and stay on for 45 minutes of Advent Reflections. This will include music, poetry, silence and discussion on the chapters which we have read of Luke's Gospel. **Location details TBC.**

### Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December from 10-11a.m.

for more Advent Reflections with music, poetry, silence and discussion on the Bible reading which we will hear on the next day. (7th Dec - Luke 3:1-6, 14th Dec - Luke 3:7-18)

**Venue: One of the Chapels in Church.**

## Christmas Tree Festival.

7th to 14th December

30 trees all decorated by village business, clubs and organisations.

Trees kindly donated by The Spirit of Milborne Port

## Community Thanksgiving Service @ St John's Milborne Port -- 14th December @ 10 am.

This is an opportunity to get together in a peaceful prayer time. It is open to the whole Benefice community to support those events for which you would like to give thanks.

## Longest night Service

Saturday 21st December 3:00p.m.

St John the Evangelist Church, Milborne Port.

A Service of Carols and Prayers for those who find Christmas difficult.

Christmas can be a time of joy, but it can also be a time of sadness or struggle for many.

Join us for this special **Service of Carols and Prayers**. In this gentle and reflective service, we will acknowledge the pain and difficulties some face at Christmas, while also remembering that the message of Christmas is for *everyone*.

Please join us in this time of peace and comfort. **Everyone is welcome.**

**Milborne Port calendars 2025.** Now available for £5 from Wayne the Butcher and after Sunday services in Dec. **Cash only please.**

## FOODSHARE @ St John's

**URGENT HELP NEEDED ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.**

*If you would like to donate or volunteer* (or both!) please contact:

**foodshareadmin@milborneportchurches.org.uk**  
or Jacque Hall: 07740 862 823

### Products that there is a particular need for are:

Tea bags, Sugar, Packet/ tinned soups, Baked beans, Sardines, Tuna, Wholewheat pasta shapes, Rice or microwave packet rice (particularly useful for people living alone), Tinned fruit. Coffee, Shower gel. **THANK YOU!**

## Extra giving.

During the Christmas season this year, St John's is splitting the loose cash collections from the main services between **Christian Aid**, and **Arc**, a charity that supports homeless people in Somerset. <https://www.arcinspire.co.uk>  
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

## Coffee/Tea

There will be coffee/Tea available in Church House after the 10.30 service at St John's **except for the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.**