



Please continue to support the Foodbank in 2024



All around us we see the hard labour of our local farmers coming to fruition as they gather in their crops. These crops have been planted and lovingly nurtured until the time is right for them to be harvested. I believe a donation in a supermarket collection bin is a seed. A simple act but with the potential to bear considerable fruit. When it is collected from the Food Bank by someone less fortunate it opens the door for conversations to be had, private lives to be revealed and hidden worries uncovered. It helps expose financial problems, loneliness, isolation, domestic violence, stress and anxieties.

As a farmer nurtures their crop, we start to nurture people, slowly building trust and encouraging people to share with us the issues they are facing in life. We gently start to turn people's lives around and help them dare to dream of a new and better tomorrow.

Kindness – a simple word – but every donation is a small kindness with the potential for enormous and life-changing consequences.

If you would like to make a donation, here is a list of items we would particularly appreciate.

Tinned meat * Tinned fruit * Tinned vegetables * Pasta jars * UHT milk * Fruit squash * Tea (boxes of 40) * Biscuits * Rice Pudding

Gail Del-Pinto
Foodbank Manager

Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



**Making Christ
Visible**

Sunday 10th March 2024

The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas

Benefice

I, with Margaret, the children & grandchildren wish to thank all those of you who have supported us & prayed for us over the past few months or even weeks. We have already received over 60 cards, letters & emails plus a few phone calls.

I was intrigued by the number who said they were **thinking** of us, whereas years ago people would have said they were **praying** for us.

Of course religion nowadays is not so well regarded: so is there so much difference between **thinking and praying**?

James Montgomery wrote the hymn

**"PRAYER IS THE SOUL'S SINCERE
DESIRE UTTERED OR UNEXPRESSED."**

He went on to explain:

“Prayer may be formed in words that are very simple or in “the sublimest strains” but prayer is not only an expression of words: it is “the falling of a tear” or simply the sound, the emotion, of “the contrite sinner’s voice”. Words, in other words, are not always required, and God understands that.” JJHB

THE MONTH AHEAD	KEY HC – Holy Communion (music/prayer/reflection & sharing of bread and wine)	CSC - Café Style Church (Food/interactive/craft) SS – SoulSpace (short/contemplative with reflection and silence)	BCP – Book of Common Prayer (a gentle traditional language style)	MW – morning prayer/worship (a service for all No communion)
Our churches	10th March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Purple	17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide begins Purple	24th March 2024 Palm Sunday Red	31st March 2024 Easter Day White
Clenston	10.30am BCP + HC			
Houghton				7am Sunrise service with breakfast. Gather round fire pit from 6.15am
Milton Abbas	10.30am HC	9am BCP + HC		10.30am All age family service
Stickland	9am BCP & HC	10.30am HC		10.30am HC family friendly
Turnworth			10.30am Benefice Service	9am HC family friendly
Whitechurch		11.30am CSC		10.30am All age family service
Milton Abbey				
Old Testament	1 Samuel 1. 20 to end	Jeremiah 31. 31 - 34		
Psalms	34. 11 to 20 or 127. 1 - 4	51. 1 – 13, or 119. 9 - 16	118 1 – 2, 19 to end or 118 19 to end	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 1. 3 – 7 or Colossians 3. 12 - 17	Hebrew 5. 5 - 10		Acts 10. 34 - 43
Gospel	Luke 2. 33 – 35 or John 19. 25 - 27	John 12. 20 - 33	Mark 11. 1 – 11 or John 12. 12 - 16	John 20. 1 - 18

..If you would like to know more about our churches and activities please go on our web site

<https://wvmabenefice.uk> or a 'Church Near You'

Church Services on Facebook

Facebook details <https://www.facebook.com/wvmabenefice>

Upcoming events

- * 9am Prayers every Thursday morning at Whitechurch
- * Being with course Tuesdays 27/2, 5/3, 12/3, 19/3, 9/4, 16/4, 23/4, 30/4, 7/5, 14/5
- * Holy Week Night Prayer at 6.30pm to 7pm, Mon 25th March – Turnworth, Tues 26th March Houghton, Weds 27th March Clenston
- * Maundy Thursday 28th March 7pm Houghton Informal Communion
- * Good Friday 29th March 10.30am Old School Room Whitechurch make an Easter Garden. 1pm Houghton meet to walk to Stickland. 2pm Stickland Reflective Service
- * Rachmaninov Vespers at Milton Abbey 24th March at 3.30pm. See poster for booking details
- * **Lent Course**
 - See poster. 2 venues One at the Kelsalls now starts at **7pm**
 - Please let me know if you are planning on attending- Jennifer
 - * A Friendship Club is starting at Nourish (was food bank) on Thursday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00pm?
We want to reach out to those feeling isolated or lonely; offering a warm welcome; conversation and friendship.
Thank you Gail Del-Pinto
Nourish Manager