Please continue to support

BLANDFORD FOOD BANK

In 2019

There is a collection basket in the Milton Abbas Surgery

Coffee Pot – **Monday** – *St Mary's, W.Stickland*
10.30 am until noon

Coffee Stop – **Tuesday** – *St James, Milton Abbas*
11.00 am until noon

Cup & Cake – **Wednesday** – *St Mary's, W.Whitechurch*
10.30 am until noon



HELP NEEDED



On 11th January 2020 at 10am please come and help us tidy up the Rectory.

The Benefice has seven Lay Pastoral Assistants who work with the ministry team to visit those who are sick, elderly, housebound, and lonely or those who just need a listening ear; they can also take communion to those who are unable to come to church. During the vacancy, if you know of anyone who may need a visit, please contact Debbie Albery (01258 451873) who will coordinate a visit from one of the team.

One Liners

* **Urgent appeal - Foodbank needs tins of green vegetables, please**
* **Ask your church warden to see the letter from Alan. Will also be on the Facebook page.**

Our Facebook Group is: Churches in the Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas Benefice.
If you would like to know more about our churches and activities or would like the Pews News as an email, **please contact Jennifer Harrisson** on mawvoffice@btinternet.com
Website: https://wvmabenefice.uk

Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



Sunday 15th December 2019
The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas Benefice
Making Christ Visible

✞ Collect ✞

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

An invitation to all PCC members

You are invited to attend a meeting with Bishop Karen and Antony the Archdeacon on Tuesday the 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room in Whitechurch. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recruitment process which starts with an advert in the Church Times on 17th January 2020.



Don't forget
Whitechurch Carol Service 'on the move' at 4pm on Sunday 22nd Dec. All welcome.

Houghton Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 22nd Dec. Followed by Mulled Wine and mince pies. All welcome.

Staff Team:

The Rev'd Jimmy Hamilton Brown. (01258 880627)
The Rev'd Sue Litchfield (URC) (01258 880054)

Matthew :11 2-11 (NRSV)

Messengers from John the Baptist

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah[a] was doing, he sent word by his[b] disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" 4 Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers[c] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone[d] dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet?[e] Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

THE MONTH AHEAD	***KEY*** *HC – Holy Communion / Parish Communion*	*sHC – Holy Communion without music* *EP – Evening prayer*	*BCP – Book of Common Prayer (traditional)*	*MW – morning worship – a service for all, without HC*
Our churches	**15th December 3rd Advent** Purple	**22nd December 4th Advent** Purple	**24th December Christmas Eve** Gold/White	**25th December Christmas Day** *White*
Clenston				*0930 HC AMW*
Houghton		*1800 Carol Service TS*		
Milton Abbas	1800 *Abbey Carol Service HE/RB*	1000 HC TS	*1800 HC St C's HE*	*1100 MW SL*
Stickland	1000 HC JHB	*1000 MW SL*	*1600 Candle Lit Service SL*	
Turnworth				*1100 HC AMW*
Whitechurch	1000 MW *DA/PC*	*1600 Carol Service DA/PC*	*2330 HC KGBOS*	
Old Testament	Isaiah 35: 1-10	Isaiah 7: 10-16	*Isaiah 52 7-10*	*Isaiah 52 7-10*
Psalm	Psalm 146: 4-10	*Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20*		
Epistle	James 5: 7-10	*Rom 1: 1-7*		
Gospel	Matt 11:2-11	*Matt 1: 18-end*	*John 1 1-14*	*John 1 1-14*

KEY	Rev'd Sue Litchfield SL, Rev'd Jimmy Hamilton-Brown JHB, Rev'd Canon Tina Stirling TS, Debbie Albery DA, Jenny Tory JT, Ian Bromilow IB, Wilma Bromilow WB, Piers Chichester PC, Rev'd Canon Janet Smith JS, Rev'd Penny Sayer, Archdeacon of Sherborne PS, Rev'd Helier Exon HE, Rev'd Canon Jonathan Triffitt JTr, Colin Brady CB, Rev'd Roger Butcher RB, Rt Rev'd Karen Gorham Bishop of Sherborne KGBOS. Antony MacRow Wood Archdeacon of Dorset AMW.

Morning Prayer is said at St Mary's Church, W. Whitechurch at 8:35am on Mondays and in W. Stickland at 8:35 on Tuesdays

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MILTON ABBAS
CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturday 7 December 2019 until 6 January 2020
Please come and see the lights.



Please send any events you have planned for January & February to the special events page so they can go on as early as possible?
https://wvmabenefice.uk/special-events/

Thrive Prayers
Thursday 23rd January 2020 at Clenston at 7.30pm. Richard Hancock will be joining us to touch base before the next two-day Thrive session in March.

New Bible Study Group
2nd Weds of the month 7.30pm to 9pm.
At Stickland Farm, West Street, Stickland. Please contact viviennewells1958@gmail.com or 07962126250 or 01258 882148.

