



Please continue to support Nourish (the Foodbank) in 2024

Thank you, and may I take this moment to introduce myself as the new manager of Nourish taking over from Gail since her retirement this August, I hope in time I will get to know you all!

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you need to know any more information about the work we do and the impact we're having.

Blessings,

Sophie Burditt

Nourish Manager

If you'd like to keep up to date with our more urgent needs, please do use 'bank the food' App for regular updates on our food needs!



Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



**Making Christ
Visible**

Sunday 24th November 2024

The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas

Do you ever have a funny old week? It has been a bit like that in my life.

I have written all my Christmas Cards and the Round Robin to go inside them. Why so early? Well I felt I needed to send my cards early this year in an attempt to pre-empt receiving too many addressed to John and Sue. But signing them just Sue feels very odd. I wonder how folks will identify me. Will they wonder who this person called Sue is? Then I wrapped quite a few Christmas Presents and found myself just having to write "with love from Sue, or Mum, or Granny. It all added to a sense of being half a person somehow.

In our Gospel this Sunday Pilate is asking Jesus who he is, and Jesus gives an answer with a question. This Sunday is the last day of the church year and called "Christ the King" Sunday. The church year starts four Sundays before Christmas. It was in the exchange between Pilate and Jesus that the contrast between the two leaders, and their two kingdoms, became clear. Jesus was direct and transparent saying that his kingdom was not of this world. He said that his subjects were those who recognized truth. So, his kingdom was not over a piece of land, rather it was over the hearts and minds of those who were brave enough to follow him. If his kingdom was like Pilate's, his followers would have been waging war — and many of Jesus' followers wanted to wage war, expecting the Messiah to lead that war — to drive the Roman occupiers out of their country. Many were disappointed that Jesus didn't start an uprising, that he wasn't a revolutionary, that the movement had prompted many people to follow him but wouldn't bring a change of government. This is the truth Jesus mentioned at the end of his conversation before Pilate, to which Pilate famously asked, "What is truth?" But then Pilate left Jesus and reported to the Jewish authorities, "I find no case against him." Pilate was not threatened by Jesus who claimed his kingdom was not of this world.

This Sunday is also by tradition the day when we should make our Christmas puddings. The tradition dates back to Victorian times when the family would gather five weeks before Christmas to stir the Christmas pudding.

As I write this, I am looking forward to seeing my oldest Grandchild this weekend as she arrives from Australia with her partner for a visit. Now I wonder what name should I suggest he calls me?

Blessings to you all as we end the Church Year and look forward to the New.

Love Sue

Diary Page.

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	24th November Sunday next before Advent Red or white	1st December 1 st Sunday of Advent Purple	8th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent Purple	15th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent Purple
Clenston			10.30am Prayer Book, HC	
Houghton	10.30am Celtic style Communion			
Milton Abbas	6pm SS		10.30am Carols, trees	
Stickland		10.30am MW		10.30am Carols & HC
Turnworth	10.30am MW	9am HC		
Whitechurch		10.30am HC		11.30am Carols & Christingle
Milton Abbey				6pm Carols by candlelight
Old Testament	Daniel 7. 9 – 10, 13 - 14	Jeremiah 33. 14 - 16	Malachi 3. 1 - 4	Zephaniah 3. 14 to end
Psalms	93	25. 1 - 9		146. 4 to end
Epistle	Revelations 1. 4 - 8	1 Thessalonians 3. 9 to end	Philippians 1. 3 - 11	Philippians 4. 4 - 7
Gospel	John 18. 33 - 37	Luke 21. 25 - 36	Luke 3. 1 - 6	Luke 3. 7 - 18

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<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**
- * **Friday 6th December – 7.30pm Christmas Concert by Viva Voce at Stickland**
- * **Saturday 7th December – 2pm – 4.30pm Christmas Craft Fayre at Stickland**
- * **Sunday 8th December – 10.30am Carols, Christingle, & Christmas Tree Festival opening at Milton Abbas**
- * **Saturday 14th December – 2pm – 4pm Messy Christmas at The Old School Room Whitechurch**
- * **Saturday 14th December – Sunday 5th January Christmas Treasure Trail. Visit each of the 6 churches in the Benefice to find a clue and claim your prize**