



Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



Making Christ
Visible

Sunday 28th July 2024

The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas

Benefice

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

What a lovely idea of Lewis' to have a Benefice Service followed by a "Bring and Share Lunch". Our Families and our Friends are such an important part of our lives. I meant to phone our son Peter and inadvertently pressed another Peter's number on my phone. An old friend I haven't spoken to since I retired although I do send him cards for his birthday and Christmas. He was so, so pleased to hear from me. The result is that he is going to come and see us when he gets back from motor biking down to the south of Spain with two friends, and that's after he has just had his second knee replacement!

Love and friendship really are important. The power of love, especially the power of God's love as experienced through Christ, is the most powerful force for change there is. It is in our relationship with Christ that we discover trust, intimacy, love, mercy, grace and forgiveness. These in turn allow us to build trusting intimate relationships.

From a Christian perspective, we're called to have a Christian value system and a Christian family. But we have to be very careful that we don't allow our family or the work we do in church or anything else in our lives to take the place of our relationship with Christ. Because that's the number one relationship we're called to develop and maintain, first and above all others. We come to God through His Son, Jesus Christ. So, Christ has to come first. That's the basis of the Christian value system. Jesus makes it very clear that in order to be a disciple we have to put him first. He says, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." We put Christ first because Christ is first. And when Christ is first in our lives, we learn through that relationship how to live our relationships with others. We learn first-hand what it means to love and be loved. What it means to live without secrets, deception, selfishness, walls and animosity. We learn what it means to live with a spirit of love and grace that isn't dependent upon the other person's response.

There was a little girl who was hearing-impaired. As a consequence, she could never hear her father's most important message: "Sarah, I love you."

Her father travelled a great deal as part of his job. He had the habit of calling home every evening before dinner. As he talked with his wife, he always asked about Sarah. "Just a minute," his wife said one night. "I'll put her on the phone." The next voice the man heard was wonderfully familiar to him. "Hi, Daddy!"

"Hi, Sarah. I love you." But Sarah couldn't hear. Instead, she started chattering nonstop as only a six-year-old can. "Wait till I tell you what we did in school today," she began. "We had so much fun! First, we..." Whenever she paused for a breath, her father would say, "Sarah, I love you." But Sarah couldn't hear and would continue her excited recap of the day. "Sarah, I love you."

No response. Finally, little Sarah simply ran out of steam. "Well, got to run, Daddy," she said. "See you later." Click. She was gone. She never heard her father's simple, but very important, message: "Sarah, I love you."

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	28 th July 9 th Sunday after Trinity Green	4 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity Green	11 th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity Green	18 th August 12 th Sunday after Trinity Green
Clenston	10.30am – HC Benefice day with lunch		10.30am BCP + HC	
Houghton				
Milton Abbas			10.30am MW	
Stickland				10.39am HC
Turnworth		9am HC		
Whitechurch		10.30am HC		
St Catherine’s Chapel				
Old Testament	2 Kings 4. 42 to end	Exodus 16. 2 – 4, 9 - 15	1 Kings 19. 4 - 8	Proverbs 9. 1 - 6
Psalms	145 10 - 19	78. 23 - 29	34. 1 - 8	34. 9 - 14
Epistle	Ephesians 3. 14 to end	Ephesians 4. 1 - 16	Ephesians 4. 25, 5	Ephesians 5. 15 - 20
Gospel	John 6. 1 - 21	John 6. 24 - 35	John 6. 35. 41 - 51	John 6. 51 - 58

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

If you would like the Pews News as an email, please contact Jennifer Harrisson on wvmabenefice@gmail.com

Church Services on Facebook

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

Upcoming events

- * 9am Prayers every Thursday morning at Whitechurch
- * From Lewis

Podcast on Prayer - Lewis interviews Franciscan Brother (Monk) Clarke Berge about prayer.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2ud8RWFoYgHBPLW54Ksw4f>

- * Cream tea at Whitechurch old school room, 20th July 3pm to 5pm. see poster.
- * St James Milton Abbas we are having a table top sale plus a bar-b-que, cream teas and a teddy zip wire all on the 10th August

Dunbury School Sponsor a bible for school leavers

Well done, enough bibles have now been sponsored.

Don’t forget to click on Debbie’s form to say what you are bringing to Clenston for Benefice Day on 28th July.

Cont. from front page - Sue

Often, we are so busy telling each other our side of the story, our position, our wants and our needs that we become deaf to the message our family is trying to convey. A message that simply says, "I love you."

God of all our days, our beginning and our end, help us to walk with you; to trust you at every turning of the way; to follow where you lead us; and to go where you send us. In all the ups and downs of life, in times when we are certain about what we need to do and in times when we doubt that you are with us, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see you at work, and open our hearts to trust you in every step of our journey. **Amen.**