

Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



**Making Christ
Visible**

Sunday 29th December 2024

The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas



Please continue to support Nourish (the Foodbank) in 2025

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!

Nourish



I came across this saying by Dietrich Bonhoeffer last week in The Church Times, which I had not come across before. I wish I had heard it before.

JESUS YES - RELIGION NO!

That seems to me to sum up what Jesus taught in the gospels. He spent a lot of his ministry disagreeing with the religious leaders at the time. They were more concerned with the rules, than with people.

We all know that much religion of all varieties these days leads to argument, division & hatred.

If only we could have Jesus without all the clutter that goes with church life.

Jesus is concerned more with LOVE than Laws

I think we need laws, the important thing is they must be kept up to date but some are outdated.

But that is not easy. Politicians are frequently telling us that some existing outdated laws do not permit something that is obviously the right way forward.

The suggested law on Assisted Dying is an example. The important thing is that we get it right. Parliament will spend a lot of time to make sure. They must not give in to those who make most noise - & perhaps even the majority.

We have not got the balanced right. We must have laws, human beings do get up to awful things.

Religions love rules! (The C of E is by no means exempt!) Jesus came to set us free, not to do whatever we like. But we do need to make it clear that certain activities are not acceptable to the state, let alone God.

JJHB

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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	29th December 1st Sunday of Christmas White	5th January 2025 2nd Sunday of Christmas White	12th January 2025 Baptism of Christ 1st Sunday of Epiphany White	19th January 2025 2nd Sunday of Epiphany White
Clenston			10.30am - BCP + HC	
Houghton			4.30pm - CSC	
Milton Abbas			10.30am - HC	9am - BCP + HC
Stickland		10.30am - MW	9am - BCP + HC	10.30am - HC
Turnworth		9am - HC		
Whitechurch	10.30am Benefice Communion	10.30am - HC		11.30am - CSC
Milton Abbey				
Old Testament	1 Samuel 2. 18 – 20, 26	Jeremiah 31. 7 - 14	Isaiah 43. 1 - 7	Isaiah 62. 1 - 5
Psalm	148 or (148. 1 – 6)	147. 13 to end	29	36. 5 - 10
Epistle	Colossians 3. 12 - 17	Ephesians 1. 3 - 14	Acts 8. 14 - 17	1 Corinthians 12. 1 - 11
Gospel	Luke 2. 41 to end	John 1. (1-9) 10 - 18	Luke 3. 15 – 17, 21 - 22	John 2. 1 - 11

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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

Next service is Sunday 29th December 10.30am, Benefice communion

- Don't forget Rev Lewis is on Annual Leave this week