



Please continue to support Nourish (the Foodbank) in 2025

Nourish Lent Challenge: 40 Days of Giving! We're encouraging schools, churches, individuals and their communities to collectively donate one food item or a small monetary contribution each day during Lent

Lent is traditionally a time of giving up luxuries and reflection for many. We hope this initiative continues to raise awareness around food insecurity, helps foster a spirit of generosity in the lead up to Easter, and of course, make a tangible difference on your local food bank!

We've attached a helpful guide as to what we need and how you can support us in giving to Nourish over this lent period. Maybe you could print it and add it to your church or community noticeboard. We'll also be regularly posting on [Facebook](#) so do follow us there to keep up to date on all we're doing.

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Thank you,
Sophie, and all the Nourish Team

**NOURISH
LENT CHALLENGE**
40 DAYS OF GIVING

Week 1 Washing up Liquid Tinned Custard Sponge Puddings Instant Coffee	Week 2 Shower Gel Tooth Brush Biscuits Tea bags (40 box)	Week 3 Toilet Roll Cereal Squash Rice
Week 4 Deodorant Pasta Sauce Jam Tuna	Week 5 Toothpaste Tinned Meat Long Life Milk	Week 6 Shampoo Alternative Milk (Soya, Oat) Tinned Vegetables



...FEEL LIKE CHALLENGING YOURSELF TO GIVE SOMETHING UP? WHY NOT DONATE THE COST OF WHAT YOU SAVE TOWARDS THE RESTOCKING OF OUR SHELVES!



Sophie Burditt Nourish Manager

Welcome to the

PEWS NEWS



**Making Christ
Visible**

Sunday 9th March 2025

The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas

You and I have now entered the period we call Lent. Luke 4 13

After his baptism and affirmation of his identity as God's Son, Luke tells us how Jesus is led into the wilderness.

There, for 40 days, he is tempted by the devil who questions his very identity. Surviving and thriving are integral to being human, as is temptation. So, what tools does God give us to aid survival and combat temptation?

The wilderness is traditionally the place of testing, formation, new beginnings and encounters with God. In the Old Testament, it is in the wilderness that the people of God learn, through trying and failing, through instruction and practice, through encounter and through experience, to live God's way. This difficult, formational time for the embryonic people of God followed fast on the heels of the high point of experiencing salvation from oppression and slavery through the plagues, the Passover and the parting of the Red Sea. Similarly, Jesus has just experienced the high point of his baptism and the reassurance of the voice from heaven confirming his identity; now he needs to work out how to live this out.

During the 40 days Jesus faces temptations around his identity, the need to be fed, the question of who to worship and why, and the enticement to test God. He responds by giving us a model of living out our identity as the people of God. Key to his survival in the face of these difficult circumstances is his security in his identity as the Son of God, affirmed by God at his baptism – it does not need to be put to the test. Jesus is also secure in his knowledge of God's instructions on how to live. Filled with the Holy Spirit and secure in the Word of God, he has what he needs to survive and grow.

When we're worried or afraid the wee small hours of the night seem much longer than they used to. Last week Jesus gave us the knowledge of Hope at such a time. This week as we begin the journey to Easter, we need to be certain that our Lord will help us make a way in the wilderness. That he will help us to see it, however faint it may be to our human eyes. So don't despair, ask our Lord for help to see you through the desert to find the oasis, in order that we might flourish for him.

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THE MONTH AHEAD	<i>KEY HC – Holy Communion (music/prayer/reflection & sharing of bread and wine)</i>	<i>CSC - Café Style Church (Food/interactive/craft) SS – SoulSpace (short/contemplative with reflection and silence)</i>	<i>BCP – Book of Common Prayer (a gentle traditional language style)</i>	<i>MW – morning prayer/worship (a service for all No communion)</i>
Our churches	9th March 2025 Purple 1st Sunday of Lent	16th March 2025 Purple 2nd Sunday of Lent	23rd March 2025 Purple 3rd Sunday of Lent	30th March 2025 Purple 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday
Clenston	10.30am BCP + HC			
Houghton	4.30pm CSC		10.30am Celtic HC	
Milton Abbas	10.30am MW	9am BCP + HC	6pm SS	
Stickland	9am BCP + HC	10.30am HC		10.30am Benefice Service
Turnworth			10.30am MW	
Whitechurch		11.30am CSC		
Milton Abbey				
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26. 1 - 11	Genesis 15. 1 – 12, 17 - 18	Isaiah 55. 1 - 9	Joshua 5. 9 - 12
Psalm	91. 1 – 2, 9 – end or 91. 1 - 11	27	63. 1 - 9	32
Epistle	Romans 10. 8 - 13	Philippians 3. 17, 4. 1	1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13	2 Corinthians 5. 16 to end
Gospel	Luke 4. 1 - 13	Luke 13. 31 to end	Luke 13. 1 - 9	Luke 15. 1 – 3, 11 to end

..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'

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

Church Services on Facebook

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

Upcoming events

* 9am Prayers every Thursday morning at Whitechurch

1. Last chance to book in to read a chapter from Luke on Saturday 8th. Please contact Debbie only a few spots left.

2. Leading Intercessions

On Saturday 17th May at 10.30am (venue to be confirmed). Intercession training. The session is for those who are experienced and those wishing to learn. Please let me know if you are interested on wvmabenefice@gmail.com

3. Nourish (Foodbank) news

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