

THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON

Pewsheets for week beginning Sunday 16th June 2024

Calendar

Sunday 16th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 17:22-end, Mark 4:26-34

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 9.00am Holy Communion - *Whitelackington*
- 10.30am Morning Praise - *The Minster*
- 5.00pm Church Where You Are (Facebook)

Monday 17th June

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom *
- 6.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation - *The Minster & Minster Rooms*
- 6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Wednesday 19th June

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 8.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom *
- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms
- 10.00am Memories Café in Minster Rooms
- 10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 7.00pm Meditation Group - *The Minster*

Thursday 20th June

- 8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom *
- 7.00pm Deanery Synod - *The Minster & Minster Rooms*

Friday 21st June

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 3.15pm Junior Choir in Minster Rooms
- 3.30pm Roots & Shoots at Ilminster Rec

Saturday 22nd June

- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 23rd June – 4th Sunday after Trinity

Job 38:1-11, Mark 4:35-end

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 10.00am** Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 12.30pm Baptism Service - *The Minster*
- 7.00pm Hustings - *The Minster*

* if you wish to join via Zoom please email Jo: vicar@ilminsterpc.org.uk

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Keith Robertson and Evelyn Clarke.
- Those who live in The Mead.
- Our Mission Partner this month – Sweet Surprise.

This Week: please pray for ...

- Judith – giving thanks for her ministry among us, praying for good endings here and for her new ministry in Somerton and the surrounding villages, and for the whole of her family as they prepare to move house.
- The clergy of the Diocese as they gather for their annual training day on Monday.

- Archdeacon Simon, his Archdeaconry Assistant Alison Cruickshank, and all the churchwardens from our Deanery who will gather for the Archdeacon's visitation on Monday evening.
- James Webb – who is stepping back from his role as Lay Dean of Somerset South to focus on his increased leadership role as Headeacher of two schools, in gratitude for all he has brought to that role through a challenging period.
- The staff and residents of Hazelwell Lodge as Jo, Ian and Caryl share in worship with them.
- The Year 6's of Herne View School taking part in their Diocesan Leavers' Service at Taunton Minster on Wednesday.
- All who help with the important ministry of hospitality at The Minster, in a busy week of showing welcome to a wide variety of people.

News:

- **REVD CANON PROFESSOR JAMES WOODWARD – Thursday 20th June at 7pm**
We're really fortunate that James Woodward [Lecturer Profiles \(montgomerytrust.org.uk\)](https://www.montgomerytrust.org.uk), an expert in the theology of age, and Principal of Sarum College, is coming to speak to Deanery Synod at The Minster next Thursday 7pm for a 7.30pm start. As the meeting is open, why not come along and hear what he has to say about the spirituality of the second half of life and the Church's mission to the old, as well as to the young. Jo
- **JUDITH'S FINAL SERVICE AND LEAVING ARRANGEMENTS**
We will gather as a Benefice to say a fond farewell to Judith next Sunday 23rd June at the earlier time of **10.00am**. Judith will be preaching and presiding. Our leaving gift and any farewell speeches will be made once the service ends, so please do not leave the church as usual at the end but remain in your seats. This will be followed by drinks and cake in The Minster Rooms as there is a baptism in church at 12.30pm. Judith's final engagement in ministry here will be communion at George Mayer Court on Monday 24th June but please assume that from 23rd June the curate@ email will not be checked and the work number she has used will not be answered. If you'd like to stay in touch with Judith, Julie will have contact details that she will be happy to share if you ask for them. When we have more details of Judith's licensing in Somerton, we will let you know. Jo
- **HUSTINGS - STEWARDS AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS - Sunday 23rd June at 7pm**
Please do let Julie know asap if you are able to help with stewarding for the hustings to be held at The Minster. We also need volunteers who might be willing to help with refreshments afterwards. Perry's have kindly donated some of their cider for the event. As previously stated, any volunteers should have been safer recruited.
- **TICKETS FOR HUSTINGS**
Admission to the hustings will be **by ticket only**. You can apply for these either online here: <https://bit.ly/4aPh5E9> or in person at the church office next Wed, Thurs or Fri between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Do come along on the evening and hear where our prospective parliamentary candidates stand on a range of issues.
- **GENERAL ELECTION PRAYER BOOKLETS**
A booklet of daily reflections 'Pray Your Part' by the Church of England, covering the final three weeks of the General Election campaign and commencing on 14th June is now available in the narthex, one per household. You can also sign up for the reflections in the form of a daily email here [Pray Your Part: General Election 2024 | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org.uk/prayer-your-part-general-election-2024).
- **REGISTERING TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION/PHOTO ID**
A reminder that if you're not already registered to vote in the General Election the deadline to complete this is **11.59pm on 18th June**. You can do this simply and easily online here [Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). It's also worth remembering that we will all need to take a valid photo ID with us to vote. The list of suitable forms of ID is listed here [How to](#)

[vote: Photo ID you'll need - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). If you don't have any of these, up until **5pm on 26th June**, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate here [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). If you don't have access to the internet or would like someone to help you through the process, why not ask a friend from church or a family member or neighbour to guide you through the process.

- **CHARITY SKYDIVE**

A very big thank you to everyone who donated to Rosie's fundraising sky dive! Due to high winds, the jump successfully took place on Monday and raised £750 for the James Bulger Memorial Trust which provides free respite/ holiday breaks for children and families. Thank you also for your prayers! Lucy

- **ADVANCE NOTICE - THE MINSTER 10.30AM ON 7th JULY**

As Jo is at General Synod in York on 7th July, our 10.30am service at The Minster on this date will **not** be All Age Worship but Holy Communion instead. We're delighted to be welcoming Revd Tim Gibson to cover this service. If a family member or friend attends All Age Worship but doesn't receive the pewsheets, please do pass on this news. All Age Worship returns as normal in August.

- **VISIT TO WELLS CATHEDRAL 21st JULY**

You may remember that on 21st July, there will be no services in the Benefice except for the 8am at The Minster. This will allow us to worship at our Cathedral – both for the Eucharist in the morning and Evensong in the afternoon. In between the Cathedral are offering us a free guided tour and we now need to let the Cathedral know how many of us will be joining them for this. Please can you let Julie know either by phone 01460-57811 or via email office@ilminsterpc.org.uk so that we have a firmer idea of numbers. Do make the most of this wonderful chance to share in a different way of worshipping and to spend time together as a church family. Jo

Giving

The ministry of both our churches relies on the generous gifts of our congregations and other individuals. We receive no government or central church funding. Please do consider giving either online via [St Marys Ilminster and St Marys Whitelackington | Donate \(ilminsterpc.org.uk\)](#) or in relation to The Minster do get in touch with our Planned Giving Coordinator, David Hawkings, via giving@ilminsterpc.org.uk.

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Our weekly pewsheets are also uploaded onto our website <https://ilminsterpc.org.uk/> and our Church Near You Page: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11268/>