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Worshipping God Serving Others Striving For Fairness

Sunday 3rd December – 1st Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-end

## Services:

### Sunday 3rd December

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - The Minster
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Advent Sunday - The Minster
- 10.30am Facebook Sunday Service
- 6.00pm Advent Carol Service - Whitelackington

### Monday 4th December

- 8.00am Meditation - The Minster
- 9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom \*
- 9.15am Herne View School rehearsals - The Minster
- 2.00pm Renaissance Art Christmas Story in Minster Rooms
- 6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

### Tuesday 5th December

- 9.15am Herne View School rehearsals - The Minster
- 1.00pm Funeral Service for Amy Garland - The Minster
- 6.00pm Herne View LKS2 School Service - The Minster

### Wednesday 6th December

- 8.00am Meditation - The Minster
- 8.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom \*
- 9.00am Apple Orchard PreSchool Craft - The Minster
- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms
- 10.00am Memories Café in the Minster Rooms
- 10.30am Holy Communion - The Minster
- 6.00pm Herne View HKS2 School Service - The Minster
- 7.00pm Meditation Group - The Minster

### Thursday 7th December

- 8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom \*
- 11.00am Cancer Support Group in Minster Rooms
- 1.15pm Apple Orchard PreSchool Craft - The Minster

### Friday 8th December

- 8.00am Meditation - The Minster
- 7.00pm Ilminster Belles Christmas Concert – The Minster

### Saturday 9th December

- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

### Sunday 10th December

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - The Minster
- 9.00am Morning Prayer - Whitelackington
- 10.30am Holy Communion - The Minster
- 4.00pm Christingle

## This week: please pray for ...

- Herne View School – that in all their Christmas celebrations the children may learn more of God's love for them and our world.
- The children and staff of Apple Orchard Pre-School visiting the Minster for the first time at Christmas.
- The Cancer Support Group, whose first meeting will be held this week – that those attending may find a safe space, a warm welcome and support following a cancer diagnosis.
- The many local choirs performing in the town and at The Minster in Christmas concerts – may the God-given joy of making music fill their spirits and those of all listening.
- We give thanks for The Minster's choir and pray for them as they help to lead our Advent Carols.

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## Please join us in praying:

- all those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Owen Mico and Margaret Cooper.
- those who live in George Meyer Court
- our Mission Partner this month – Church Mission Society.

## News

### FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Floral Demonstration which was held in Whitelackington Village Hall last week. Thanks also to Angie from Cottage Flowers for giving the demonstration making it possible for £201 to be raised for Whitelackington Church funds.

### ADVENT SUNDAY

A reminder that alongside our usual 8am service at The Minster, things will be a little different this Sunday. Whitelackington will not be having a morning service but hosting Advent Carols for the whole Benefice at 6pm. This lovely service of carols, readings and prayers will be followed by light refreshments. At The Minster, to mark the start of Advent we won't be having our usual All Age Worship but a service of Holy Communion. Some of the Advent hymns we'll be singing may be less well-known so here are some YouTube links so that you can have a listen beforehand: : [CAROL OF THE ADVENT-PEOPLE, LOOK EAST - YouTube](#) Same tune – different words on Sunday! [You came to raise the last and least - YouTube](#) Hopefully this is quite familiar now. [Into the darkness - YouTube](#) . We sung this last Advent. At the start of the season of Advent, may we know once again the truth of Isaiah's words for us and for the whole world. 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.'

### READERS FOR ADVENT CAROLS

Have you wondered about having a go at reading in church but always worried because you've never done it before? This Sunday at 6pm we're holding a service of Advent Carols at St. Mary's, Whitelackington. It's a beautiful way to raise the curtain on this special season with a mix of congregational carols, musical items by the choir and Peter, and a number of readings. If you'd like to have a go, why not drop me an email. I can then send you the order of service and you can pick a reading you'd feel confident with. The first religious reading I ever did was playing the Angel Gabriel in my school nativity play. I had one line and I remember being very nervous. See where that led me! I hope we're church congregations where things don't have to be perfect but where what matters is worshipping God and encouraging one another. Jo

### EASYFUNDRAISING

As we approach the season of Christmas shopping, if you shop online do please consider registering with EasyFundraising here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-the-minster-ilminster/?utm\\_medium=email-share&fbclid=IwAR1AFCqvcoHTBLFXQwmFFn5Pf652FFq\\_1pAs6k5r1HIIFgy5dZ4JR\\_1BUww](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-the-minster-ilminster/?utm_medium=email-share&fbclid=IwAR1AFCqvcoHTBLFXQwmFFn5Pf652FFq_1pAs6k5r1HIIFgy5dZ4JR_1BUww).

As the name suggests, it's extremely easy and means that for very little effort the church is being given money by the businesses you are shopping with. We are already beginning to see these donations coming in (£28 when I last looked) – so thank-you if you have already registered. With finances tight for all of us – including our churches – it's a great way of making what we have grow. Thank-you! Jo

### QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz and Curry Night on 18th November. A great time was had by all and £342 raised for church funds.

### *Repeat Notices ...*

#### **The ILMINSTER BELLES CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Friday 8th December at 7pm**

The Ilminster Belles invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert, with a guest performance from Herne View School Choir on Friday 7th December, 7pm in The Minster Church. Tickets available from Ilminster Home Hardware or by contacting Helen on 07584 081544 – Adults £7, under 18yrs free. All proceeds (including raffle) to The Minster Church and Herne View School.