



Welcome to the

## PEWS NEWS



Making Christ  
Visible

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*The Winterborne Valley & Milton Abbas*

*Benefice*

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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

**How do you learn from your mistakes?** After a lame man was healed, people were astonished. Peter asks the crowds 'Why?' He explains that Jesus is the long-promised Messiah, rejected and killed but raised from the dead by God. And it is through Jesus that the man was healed. Citing Moses and the prophets, he calls the people to repent of their sins – including failing to recognise Jesus – and to know the refreshing presence of Jesus in their lives. .

Failing is not always a bad thing; it can make us want to learn and improve. As Edison famously said about inventing the light bulb, 'I have not failed 10,000 times – I've successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.'

How do you respond to your mistakes? Do you learn to live better lives as a consequence? Take heart from the mistakes Peter made and was totally forgiven for in today's Gospel from Luke 24, Angels told the women at the tomb, 'He is not here, but has risen'. Remembering that Jesus had said he would die and rise, they announced the resurrection 'to the eleven and to all the rest'. But the disciples thought this 'an idle tale'. Now Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus saw a man and had returned to Jerusalem and told the eleven and the others how they had recognised the risen Jesus 'in the breaking of the bread'. As they are talking Jesus appears; but despite what they have heard from Mary Magdalene and her companions and from the two from Emmaus, they are terrified and doubt what they see. They, unlike the women and the two disciples are invited to touch him and to examine his hands and feet. At the tomb Mary Magdalene and the other women had remembered that Jesus had said his death and resurrection would fulfil what the prophets had written. Now the risen Jesus opens the men's minds to the Scriptures. Although they had thought this 'an idle tale', they are appointed witnesses **Cont. over page**

| THE MONTH AHEAD      | <i>KEY HC – Holy Communion (music/prayer/reflection &amp; 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> |
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| Our churches         | <b>14<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>White</b> | <b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2024</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>White</b>                              | <b>28<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>White</b> |   |
| <b>Clenston</b>      | <b>10.30am BCP + HC</b>   |  |   |   |
| <b>Houghton</b>      | <b>4.30pm CSC</b>   |  | <b>10.30am HC</b>   |   |
| <b>Milton Abbas</b>  | <b>10.30am HC</b>   | <b>9am BCP + HC</b>  | <b>6pm SS</b>   |   |
| <b>Stickland</b>     | <b>9am BCP+ HC</b>  | <b>10.30am HC</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Turnworth</b>     |   |  | <b>10.30am MW</b>   |   |
| <b>Whitechurch</b>   |   | <b>11.30am CSC</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Milton Abbey</b>  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>Old Testament</b> | <b>Acts 3. 12 - 19</b>  | <b>Genesis 7. 1 – 5, 11 – 18;</b><br><b>8. 6 – 18; 9. 8 - 13</b>   | <b>Genesis 22. 1 - 18</b>   |   |
| <b>Psalm</b>         | <b>4</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>22. 25 to end</b>  |   |
| <b>Epistle</b>       | <b>1 John 3. 1 - 7</b>  | <b>Acts 4. 5 - 12</b>  | <b>Acts 8. 26 to end</b>  |   |
| <b>Gospel</b>        | <b>Luke 24. 36 - 48</b>   | <b>1 John 3. 16 to end</b><br><b>John 10. 11 - 18</b>  | <b>1 John 4. 7 to end</b><br><b>John 15 1 - 8</b>   |   |

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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](mailto:wvmabenefice@gmail.com)

#### Church Services on Facebook

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

### Upcoming events

\* **9am Prayers every Thursday morning at Whitechurch**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – held in the relevant church. Please feel free to attend**

**Clenston 14<sup>th</sup> April after service**

**Turnworth 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm**

**Houghton 28<sup>th</sup> April after service**

**Whitechurch 5<sup>th</sup> May after service**

**Milton Abbas 12<sup>th</sup> May after survive**

**Stickland 19<sup>th</sup> May after service**

Our New Testament reading this Sunday comes from Acts 3: 12-19 Speaking God's Word with boldness is accompanied by signs and wonders. The action comes first as Peter heals a lame man, 'in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk'. Now, as the crowd runs towards them in astonishment, Peter explains what has happened. When Peter 'took him by the right hand and raised him up' the lame man was given 'perfect health' through Jesus. This is the new life that began with Jesus' resurrection. Jesus is the author, or pioneer, of this risen life. Peter accuses the crowd of Jesus' murder, 'You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead'. He doesn't choose here to mention his own shameful part in the story, falling asleep when asked to pray with Jesus in his agony, weeping bitterly after denying three times that he knew Jesus. But Jesus had said to him, 'When once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers'. Now Peter urges the crowd to repentance with similar words, 'Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out'. In Jesus' suffering, to which he contributed, in Jesus' resurrection, to which he witnesses, and in the repentance that he proclaims, Peter sees the fulfilment of the loving promises of God. This echoes the words of the risen Jesus to the disciples in today's Gospel, 'Thus it is written'. Lord, thank you that you don't give up on us when we fail, that you offer us a fresh start through your forgiveness. Guide and teach us that we may learn from our mistakes, and walk with us into each new day, In Jesus' name. Amen. Sue