

THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON

Pewsheets for week beginning Sunday 5th October 2025

Calendar

Sunday 5th October – Harvest

Philippians 4:4-9, John 6:25-35

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 10.30am All Age Worship - *The Minster*
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer - *Whitelackington*

Monday 6th October

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Wednesday 8th October

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms
- 10.30am Holy Communion Service - *The Minster*
- 7.00pm Meditation Group - *The Minster*

Friday 10th October

- 8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
- 3.30pm Junior Choir in Minster Rooms
- 3.45pm Visiting Bellringers – *The Minster*

Saturday 11th October

- 10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms
- 7.30pm Harvest Supper at Vaughan Lee Memorial Hall in Whitelackington

Sunday 12th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 2:8-18, Luke 17:11-19

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 9.00am Holy Communion - *Whitelackington*
- 10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*
- 12.30pm Baptism Service - *The Minster*

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Muriel Golledge and Michael Goodland.
- Those who live in Hill View Terrace & Letham Court.
- Our Mission Partner this month: Church Mission Society.
- Those who will gather at George Maher Court for their monthly home communion on Monday
- Family of Mabel being baptised at the Minster on Sunday 12th

News:

• HARVEST SUPPER

There will be a Harvest Supper on Saturday 11th October in Whitelackington Village Hall at 7.30. Tickets are £12.50 and can be booked by contacting either Dora Hallett 01460 52272 dorahallett99@gmail.com or Dawn Carby 01460 55606 vlmsocialclub@btinternet.com If you have any dietary needs, please let us know when you book. The Village Hall Committee have very kindly organised this event and all proceeds will be given to St Mary's Church.

• QUIET DAY – Saturday 25th October

The Iminster Meditation Group would like to invite anyone who is interested to a Quiet Day at Horton Village Hall on 25th October running from 10am until 4pm. We will provide a simple lunch of soup and bread, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. To cover the cost

of hall hire there is a suggested donation of £10. Weather permitting, we will walk outside during a self-reflective session please bring suitable footwear. We need to know numbers asap, please let us know when you have decided. Also please indicate any dietary requirements.

- **Baby Loss Awareness Week - Wave of Light 2025**

On Wednesday 15th October we will, once again, be opening The Minster to mark the end of Baby Loss Awareness Week. There is an open invitation to individuals from our church family and the wider community, who have experienced the pain of losing a baby, to drop in and light a candle in memory of their little one. For those who would welcome it, volunteers will be on hand to offer prayer. The Minster will be open between 5:30pm and 7pm and all are welcome.

- **Fairtrade Fortnight 2025**

This Sunday marks the end of Fairtrade Fortnight 2025, a period during which we raise awareness of the plight of farmers from around the world and encourage shoppers to choose Fairtrade produce, ensuring that they receive a fair price for the work that they do, support to address the impact of climate change and are enabled to invest in key community infrastructure such as clean water, schools and healthcare provision. As a Fairtrade place of worship, we are committed to using Fairtrade produce, choosing Fairtrade tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar in the Minster Rooms and using Fairtrade Communion wine. The Well on the Recreation Ground also prioritises the use of Fairtrade produce. This Fairtrade Fortnight, there is a particular focus on tea farmers. You can find out more about the Brew It Fair campaign here - <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html> and I encourage you to stand with Fairtrade Farmers by signing the petition, which can be found here <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/171071/petition/1>

- **ALL SOULS SERVICE – Sunday 3rd November**

Our annual Benefice service for All Souls will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm in The Minster. This will be followed by refreshments. If you are unfamiliar with the service, it's a time when we can especially remember all those we love and see no more, holding them before God in prayer. There will be a chance to have your loved one's name(s) read aloud and to light a candle in their memory. Lists for names will be available in both our churches from Sunday 19th October. If you can't complete this in person, please do email Julie in the office office@ilminsterpc.org.uk. Whether your loss is a recent one or one from many years ago, you are very welcome to share in this special time of remembering. Thank you.

- **CLEANING THE MINSTER – Saturday 25th October**

There'll be one of our regular cleaning days at The Minster on Saturday 25th October between 10am-12pm. A great way to get to meet new people and care for our beautiful church. Bacon butties and hot drinks provided. 😊 Do talk to our verger Kevin if you'd like to find out more.

- **QUIZ PIZZA RAFFLE – Saturday 25th October 7pm at Minster Rooms**

A fun light-hearted Quiz & Pizza supper. Unlimited soft drinks or bring your own bottle. Teams of up to four or join a team on the night. Tickets limited – please buy early from events@ilminsterpc.org.uk or contact Julie in the church office.

- **SHOE BOX APPEAL 27th October – 1st November BLYTHSWOOD CARE**

This year the shoe box appeal will take place at the end of October and boxes can be brought to The Minster between 27th Oct – 1st Nov. If you would like to bring your box to a service, this will take place on 2nd November at our All-Age Worship. If you need a shoebox, some spares have been placed in the narthex. Do consider teaming up with a friend to support this wonderful cause.

Contacts

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The Benefice of Iminster and Whitelackington Weekly Readings Sheet, 5th October 2025 *Harvest Thanksgiving*

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The first reading is taken from Philippians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 100

¹ O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; •
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

² Know that the Lord is God; •
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

- ³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; •
give thanks to him and bless his name.
⁴ For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, •
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

(John 6.25-35)

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.