

THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON

Pewsheets for week beginning Sunday 26th October 2025

Calendar

Sunday 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*

9.00am Holy Communion - *Whitelackington*

10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*

Monday 27th October

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Wednesday 29th October

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

10.00am Memories Café in Minster Rooms

10.30am Holy Communion Service - *The Minster*

7.00pm Meditation Group - *The Minster*

Thursday 30th October

2.30pm 'The Well' official opening at Ilminster Recreation Ground

Friday 31st October

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

Saturday 1st November

10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints Day

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*

9.00am Morning Prayer - *Whitelackington*

10.30am All Age Worship - *The Minster*

3.00pm All Souls Service - *The Minster*

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Eric Goodland and Rev Nicholas Taylor.
- Those who live in Horton Cross Nursing Home & Cold Harbour.
- Our Mission Partner this month: Sweet Surprise.
- the residents of Hazelwell Lodge as they meet for their monthly service.

News:

- **THE WELL - All invited to the official opening on Thursday 30th October from 2.30pm**
Next Thursday, from 2.30pm, Deputy Mayor Michelle Gunn, will join volunteers at The Well, our new refreshment kiosk on the Recreation Ground, for an official opening ceremony. We would like to invite all members of the congregation, along with friends and family, to join us for this special occasion. Why not stay and enjoy a hot drink and bite to eat whilst you're with us?! For more information, please contact Natalie on 07746 727002.
- **TAIZE STYLE PRAYER - Sunday 9th November and 14 December at 5pm**
You are warmly invited to a 30-minute service of quiet reflection in the style of the Taizé tradition. This time of prayer includes:
 - Simple, meditative chants/songs
 - A short Bible reading
 - A period of silence and personal prayer

All are welcome to come and rest in the stillness, drawing close to God through simplicity, prayer and peace.

- **ALL SOULS SERVICE – Sunday 2nd November**

Our annual Benefice service for All Souls will take place on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm in The Minster. This will be followed by refreshments in church. Lists for names are now available in both our churches. 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.

- **CHURCH OFFICE**

The church office will be closed on Friday 31st October, but Julie will be working at home and responding to emails from 9.30am to 12.30pm. All items for the pewsheets should be forwarded to the office by Thursday lunch time please.

- **ILMINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 1st – 6th December**

The Minster will once again host the Ilminster Christmas Tree Festival this year from Monday 1st to Saturday 6th December. Last year we welcomed nearly 2000 visitors who enjoyed over 50 decorated trees and raised £2,900 for local, national and international good causes. We are looking for help with the following this year: distribution of posters; setting up (including some heavy lifting) on Sunday 30th November from midday; general help with the Opening Ceremony on Monday 1st from 10am to 11.30am including a photographer; stewards to welcome visitors and check trees throughout the week in 2 hour slots; baked biscuits/cakes and help to serve refreshments on Friday 5th from 3.45pm. Some of these roles will require safer recruitment checks. We are also looking for someone or a small group to create and display a tree to raise money for church funds. If you are able to help, please speak to Sarah Wright or email events@ilminsterpc.org.uk. Thank you.

Our weekly pewsheets and monthly service posters are also uploaded onto our Church Near You Page: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11268/>

Contacts

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