

THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON
Pewsheets for weeks beginning Sunday 16th and 23rd November 2025

Calendar

Sunday 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*

10.30am Benefice Morning Praise - *The Minster*

Monday 17th November

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Tuesday 18th November

10.30am Floral Demonstration - *Whitelackington Village Hall*

Wednesday 19th November

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 21st November

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

3.30pm Junior Choir in Minster Rooms

7.00pm Festive Night refreshments in Minster Rooms

Saturday 22nd November

10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 23rd November – Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King

Safeguarding Sunday

Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*

9.00am Holy Communion - *Whitelackington*

10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*

Monday 24th November

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Wednesday 26th November

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*

Friday 28th November

8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*

3.30pm Junior Choir in Minster Rooms

Saturday 29th November

10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 30th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Romans 13:11-end, Matthew 24:36-44

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion - *The Minster*

6.00pm Advent Carol Service - *Whitelackington*

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries including the family and friends of Esmé Shaw, Hubert Vickery, RoyIrish and Peter James.
- Those who live in Ile Court and Love Lane/Frog Lane.
- Our Mission Partner this month: Safe Families.

News:

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

It is nearly that time again when the Minster throws open its doors for the annual six-day Christmas Tree Festival. The church will once again be full of over 50 decorated Christmas Trees to delight visitors and raise money for local, national and international charities and good causes. Last year we welcomed nearly 2000 visitors and helped raised a record-breaking total of £2900. The Minster will again be displaying a tree to raise money for church funds, and we will also be serving festive refreshments from 4-7pm on Friday 5th whilst the Ilminster Junior Choir perform amongst the trees.

All are welcome to the Opening Ceremony on Monday 1st at 11am.

The Festival will then be open:

Mon 1st - 11am-5pm

Tue 2nd - 9am-5pm

Wed 3rd - 9am-5pm

Thu 4th 9am-7pm

Fri 5th - 9am-7pm

Sat 6th - 9am-3pm

If you can help by distributing posters, welcoming visitors, baking or providing mince pies, please speak to Sarah Wright or email events@ilminsterpc.org.uk Thank you.

- **EILEEN TUTCHER**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Eileen Tutchter who passed away on Wednesday 5th November. Her funeral will be held at The Minster on Tuesday 9th December at 12noon followed by a private family cremation at 3.20pm. May Eileen rest in peace and rise in glory.

Repeat Notices ...

- **FLORAL DEMONSTRATION**

Inspirational Floral Christmas with Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers in Whitelackington Village Hall on Tuesday 18th November at 10.30am. Donations welcome for Whitelackington Church and Village Hall. Tea and Coffee available. For more information contact Dora Hallett 01460 52272 or email events@ilminsterpc.org.uk.

- **MINSTER FLOODLIGHTING**

During the month of December, we are again inviting people to floodlight the Minster in memory of an individual or to mark a special occasion. If you would like to participate, please either email the church office or sign up at the back of church. We ask for a suggested donation of £20 which helps raise funds for the upkeep of the building. Please give donations by; contactless payment in church, bank transfer (contact the church office for details), cash/cheque (payable to St Marys PCC Ilminster) to a Church Warden or the Church Office. Many thanks!

- **LECTO DIVINA**

We will be holding sessions of Lectio Divina on the 4 Mondays of Advent, beginning on Monday 1st December. We will be meeting at 12.00 in church (unless the church is not available, in which case we will be in the Minster Rooms). The sessions will last 1 hour. Our text each week will be the Gospel passage for the coming Sunday.

Everyone welcome - if you need further info then please ask Jonathan or email jonathanmorris2303@gmail.com

- **CHURCH OFFICE**

A reminder that the church office will be closed Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st November due to staff leave.

Julie would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes, Robert's operation went well, and he hopes to be home by Sunday 16th November.

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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