THE BENEFICE OF ILMINSTER & WHITELACKINGTON
Pewsheet for week beginning Sunday 22nd November 2026

Calendar

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King
Ephesians 1: 15 – end, Matthew 25: 31 - end
8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
9.00am – Morning Prayer - *Whitelackington*
10.30am Holy Communion - *The Minster*
2pm Mini Christmas Fayre*, Minster Rooms*

Monday 23rd November
8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
6.30pm Meditation via Zoom

Wednesday 25th November
8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in *Minster Rooms*
10.00am Memories Café in Minster Rooms
10.30am Midweek Service – *The Minster followed by coffee in Minster Rooms*
7.00pm Meditation Group - *The Minster*

Thursday 26th November
9.00am Morning Prayer - *The Minster*

Friday 27th November
8.00am Meditation - *The Minster*
3.30pm Junior Choir - *Minster Rooms*
4.30pm Choir Practise – *The Minster*

Saturday 28th November
10.00am FoodBank and FoodShare in Minster Rooms

Sunday 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64: 1-9, Mark 13: 24-37
8.00am BCP Holy Communion - *The Minster*
10.30am Benefice Holy Communion - *The Minster*
6.00pm Advent Carols - Whitelackington

We pray for:

- All those remembering death anniversaries
- Those who live in The Mead.
- Our Mission Partner this month: Safe Families

This Week: please pray for …

- The residents and staff of Hazelwell Lodge and Muchelney House as they meet for their monthly services on Thursday 26th November.

News:

Mini Christmas Fayre on the Sunday 22nd November 2026; 2pm-5pm Minster Rooms
To coincide with the Christmas lights switch on, Liz will be opening up the pop-up shop in the Narthex and there will be a selection of stalls in the Minster Rooms.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Monday 30th November to Saturday 5th December
This year's Christmas is nearly upon us with 2026 marking the 20th Anniversary. Launched in 2007 with around 30 trees, we have nearly 60 trees lined up this year to raise funds, light up The Minster again this year. This brings together so many from our community and gives us a wonderful opportunity to welcome around 2000 people into our church and invite them to be part of part of our wider church family. All members of our congregation are warmly invited to the **Opening Ceremony at 11am on Monday 30th** when we will welcome pupils from Herne View and

Wadham Schools and others from the town to see the creativity of this year's trees! The festival is open daily from 9am, closing at 5pm from Monday to Wednesday, with late opening until 7pm on Thursday and Friday. Why not join us on Friday from 4pm when mince pies and other festive refreshments will be served alongside a raffle and tombola to raise money for church funds. We are also delighted that our Junior Choir will once again sing amongst the trees from 4.15-4.45pm. If you are able to provide any cakes or mince pies to serve on Friday evening, please speak to Sarah Wright or Dora Hallett.

Lectio Divina in Advent.
We will be meeting in Advent to practise Lectio Divina - a time-tested way of engaging with Scripture with both the head and the heart. We will be using the Gospel passages for each of the Sundays in Advent. Starting on Monday 30th November at midday, we will meet for 1 hour. On the 30th we will be in the Minster Rooms but for the rest of the time we will be in Church. Everyone is welcome and this is a really good way to prepare ourselves for Christmas. Further info contact jonathanmorris2303@gmail.com

Rainbow church - Saturday 28th November 10am to 12pm - The Minster
Calling all parents, carers and children, Pre-School and Primary School. Come and join us for our November Rainbow Church in the Minster, where we will be making tree decorations for the Rainbow Church Christmas Tree which will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival the following day. We look forward to seeing you there - Rev Nigel and the Rainbow Church team.

Advent Reflections - ADVENT from A to Z
Please do join us as we journey through Advent. The Church of England book we will be using is **Advent from A to Z**. It contains a daily Bible reading, a reflection, a response and a prayer. A wonderful opportunity for us as Church in Ilminster and Whitelackington to step back each day from the busyness of the lead up to Christmas and spend time with God. At the back of the book there are some questions for reflection and discussion topics for each week. You may want to do this on your own or with your partner, family at home, or do join us on a Tuesday morning during Advent to look at these questions together. If you would like to join us, we will gather around a table for tea and cake to discuss and pray.
Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd December 10am to 11am in The Spurdle Room - in the Minster rooms.
We have a number of copies of this Advent book available on Sunday. Please see Nigel or Natalie at the service on Sunday in Ilminster or Dora at the service at Whitelackington to collect your copy, or email; office@ilminsterpc.org.uk to reserve one. These will then be put aside and can be collected between Weds and Friday from the office between 9 30am and 12 30pm. The suggested donation for this book is £5

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

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WAYS TO GIVE - There are a variety of ways to give to the life of The Minster and all are equally valued. If you would like to discuss how you could offer your time and talents to the life of the church here, please contact the office in the first instance.

To share your treasure and make a one-off, or regular, gift to the life of the Church, we suggest using the Parish Giving Scheme.
Alternative ways to give to support our ministry and mission, including the care of our historic Minster, are outlined on the Ways to Give webpage and details are available to pick up at the back of church.
For further information please contact giving@ilminsterpc.org.uk