

**Pew News**  
Milborne Port, Milborne Wick,  
Goathill, Charlton Horethorne, Stowell,  
Blackford, Compton Pauncefoot and Maperton.  
**January 2026**

**FOODSHARE @ St John's**

*If you would like to donate or volunteer  
(or both!) please contact:  
Jacquie Hall: 07740 862 823  
Any donation of food or money, however  
small is very welcome.*

*Coffee @ St John's* available at Church  
House after every 10.30 service in January

**St John's Church Sponsor a Date 2026**

Can you help us with the running costs of our  
beautiful and historic building?  
Choose a date (s) - birthday, anniversary or  
special day, and contact:  
Nicki Edwards: [nickiedwards19@gmail.com](mailto:nickiedwards19@gmail.com)

**St John's Church Sponsor a Hymn.**

*Dates now available for January – April 2026*  
Signup sheet and donation envelopes are at  
the back of St John's Church.  
Suggested donation: £5.  
Completed envelopes to David Johnson.

**Leave a legacy**

Leaving a gift in your Will to your local church is  
one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can  
continue to support the mission and ministry in  
your community.  
A gift can help keep your local church alive and  
help transform its future.  
To find out more, contact Rev Rona or go to:  
[https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-  
life/lasting-gift-your-church/leaving-legacy](https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/lasting-gift-your-church/leaving-legacy)

**Keeping in Touch**

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**Services**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany Sunday (White)**

*Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12*

9:00 am Holy Communion, Blackford

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Stowell

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ  
(White)**

*Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-end*

9:30 am Compton Pauncefoot and Blackford

Morning Service, Compton Pauncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Charlton Horethorne

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

4:00 pm Memory Lane, Milborne Port

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
(White)**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42*

9:00 am Blackford and Compton Pauncefoot

Morning Service, Blackford

9:00 am Holy Communion, Milborne Wick

10:30 am Holy Communion, Maperton

10:30 am Matins, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Holy Communion, Charlton Horethorne

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
(White)**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23*

9:00 am Holy Communion, Compton Pauncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

3:00 pm Evensong, Goathill

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February Presentation of Christ  
in the Temple (White)**

*Malachi 3:1-5, Luke 2:22-40*

9:00 am Holy Communion, Blackford

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

12:15 pm Holy Baptism, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Stowell

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## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

10:30 am Midweek Communion, Milborne Port

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent (Green)

*Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end*

9:30 am Compton Pouncefoot and Blackford  
Morning Service, Compton Pouncefoot

10:30 am Holy Communion, Milborne Port

6:00 pm Evensong, Charlton Horethorne

## Diary Dates

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

10am **Marriage Preparation Class #1**,  
Clockspire, Milborne Port

10:30 **Snowdrop Coffee Morning**, Keepers  
am Lodge, Brook Street, Milborne Port

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

10am **Marriage Preparation Class #2**,  
Clockspire, Milborne Port

9.30 - 12.00. **Marmalade Festival**, Milborne Port.

## Epiphany House Blessing.

From 6<sup>th</sup> January onwards we can 'chalk our doors' with the traditional house blessing -

**20+C+M+B+26**

Usually, these symbols are chalked above the house door.

This tradition has biblical roots going back to the story of Moses in the Bible when the Israelites were asked to put the blood of a lamb or goat on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses.

If you have some chalk, why not mark your lintel (and a neighbours) with the symbols and using the prayer below.

### Epiphany house blessing

God of Light, bless this home.

Make it a haven of rest

for all in need of your warmth and care.

And when we go out from this place,

may we never lose sight of the

Epiphany star.

May all who enter throughout the year find love and light; for Christ has come to dwell in this home and in these hearts. Amen

## Julian Group.

A space for quiet, stillness. and prayer  
Every **Tuesday from 4pm in the Lady Chapel**  
**at St John's.**  
All Welcome.

## Little Jays - Baby and toddler group

Little Jays starts again on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

and we look forward to seeing you!

Baby and toddler group on Fridays in term

time, **9.30 - 11.30am in Church House,**

**Bathwell Lane**, Milborne Port DT9 5AN

Playtime, story time and rhyme time.

Refreshments provided.

Nominal charge.

Further info contact Louisa on 07980 141821

## Memory Lane

Memory Lane, a service of readings, prayers and hymns for those who struggle with memory or suffer with Dementia/Alzheimer's

will restart on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**at 4pm in Church House**

All Welcome!

## SNOWDROP COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**10.30 a.m. until 12.00 noon**

**Keepers Lodge, Brook Street**, Milborne Port

£2.00

Includes walk around the garden.

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

Raising funds for roof repair  
of St Peter's Church, Goathill

## Marriage Preparation Classes.

Anyone planning to get married in 2026 or beyond (whether in Church or not) do get in touch Rev Rona and join two Marriage

Preparation sessions at

The Clockspire. Milborne Port.

(Thanks for their generosity in hosting!).

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am.**

Please contact: revrona@gmail.com for further details.

## Charity and Mission @ St John's

During January 2026 St John's be supporting  
**WaterAid.**

This important charity was founded in 1981 and helps to provide clean and safe drinking water as well as sanitation and hygiene to the people of 30 of the world's poorest countries.

<https://www.wateraid.org/uk>