

Ilchester, Northover, Limington, Podimore and Yeovilton

Belonging - Believing - Following

January 2024

Worship Matters

Services	SMM Ilchester	St Peter Podimore	St Mary Limington
Jan 7th		11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Jan 14th	9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Morning Prayer
Jan 21st	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
Jan 28th	11.15am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
4pm St Andrew's Families @4			
Feb 4th		11.15am Morning prayer	9.30am Holy Communion

January Readings

January 7th

Psalm 72.10-15; Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

January 14th

Psalm 29; Genesis 1.1-5; Mark 1.4-11

January 21st

Psalm 139. 1-5 and 12-18; 1 Samuel 3.1-10; John 1.43 to end

January 28th

Psalm 128; Revelations 19.6-10; John 2.1-11

February 4th

Psalm 8.1 and 22-31; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

Notices

Ilchester Christmas Trees - returned to the church once more following 3 years absence. Community and individuals decorated trees to the theme of 'Joining the Song'; a reference to the angelic choirs and the worship of shepherds and Magi as they came to see Jesus at Bethlehem. They also donated over £100 for the Children's Society!

Benefice Changes - Deanery Deployment and Pastoral Re-organisation plans for Ivelchester Deanery were agreed at the Wells Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group on 8th November 2023. This means that we can now tell folks that our existing Ilchester Benefice will be 'dissolved' and see the creation of a new benefice comprising Ilchester with Sock Denis and Northover, Limington, Yeovilton with Podimore, Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer and Yeovil Marsh – to be known as the 'Ivel Meads Benefice'; 'Ivel' after the river and 'Meads' for the meadows of the area. The existing parsonage house (the Rectory) will remain in Ilchester.

This will not be an overnight matter — thankfully! It will take 9 to maybe 18 months of consultations and legal work. During this time we will be able to spend time getting to know our new neighbours and work on many practical matters behind the scenes.

Please pray for these new relationships, welcome new faces at benefice services and be open to God's presence with us through the changes that will inevitably come along for all.

Church Finances — as for many we find our PCCs challenged financially, especially with energy and insurance cost rises. The New Year is always a good time to reflect on our giving. I would encourage all to consider if you might increase your giving this year.

Prayer Matters!

We pray for the troubled nations of the world — Palestine and Israel. Syria, Myanmar, Sudan, Yemen, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Russia.
For peace and for wise leadership!

For our deanery, for the appointment of a new incumbent to the new benefice of Somerton, Kingsdon, The Charltons, Long Sutton and Pitney.
Interviews anticipated in early February.

For the sick, those awaiting operations, and those needing care and recovery: Elaine, Ray, Shirley, Jean, Juliette, Barry, Tracey, Alice and Di.