

# Ilchester, Northover, Limington, Podimore and Yeovilton

Belonging - Believing - Following

February 2024

## Worship Matters

Services	SMM Ilchester	St Peter Podimore	St Mary Limington
Feb 4th		11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion
Feb 11th	9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Morning Prayer
Feb 14th	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Benefice service of Holy Communion 7pm ILCHESTER		
Feb 18th	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
Feb 25th	11.15am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion
4pm St Andrew's @4 (Ilchester School Infant's department)			
March 3rd		11.15am Morning prayer	9.30am Holy Communion

## February Readings

### February 4th

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

### February 11th

Psalms 50.1-6, 2 Kings 2.1-12, Mark 9.2-9

### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2 and 12-17; Matthew 1.1-6 and 16-21

### February 18th

Psalms 25.1-9; 1 Peter 3.18 to end; Mark 1.9-15

### February 25th

Psalms 22.23 to end; Romans 4.13 to end; Mark 8.31 to end

## Notices

**Benefice Changes** - Please pray for a get together of the wardens of our new 'Ivel Meads Benefice' on 5th February—a time to begin to get to know each other and discover about our parishes. Also an evening with Bishop Michael (postponed from his autumn visit to us in November) for the PCCs of the parishes.

Look out for other occasions and opportunities to meet, get to know and worship together in the coming months of 2024. Please pray for these new relationships, welcome new faces at services and be open to God's presence with us through the changes that will inevitably come along for all. Also for Bruce as he visits the church schools at Chilthorne and Tinitnhull and begins to both get to know folks there and be known himself.

**Church Finances** — The PCCs of all our churches have been seeing a real hike in insurance, heating and electric costs this past year. Each PCC is looking at a deficit budget this year for the general everyday life of the church (for projects we are able to apply for grants). Fundraising always helps and I am hugely grateful for all folks do to help with this. In recent years we have lost some of our regular givers, moving into care or into God's forever care. In the general every day costs are down to each of us; and yes, the Rector does give every week to each of the PCCs through a direct debit.

One person recently asked me at Ilchester why the church heating seemed not to work as it used to do. I had to say the PCC used to be able to heat the church over several days in the week, now it is just for the service being held.

To meet the basic costs equates to £20 for each church member, every week across the year. I am aware of the increased life costs all face and that some folks have small incomes and little to give. Please pray about what you might be able to contribute; **your church needs you!**

## 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 proposed new benefice of Curry Rivel, Fivehead, Swell, Drayton, Huish Episcopi cum Langport, Aller and High Ham with Low Ham.

For the sick, those awaiting operations, and those needing care and recovery: Ray, Shirley, Jean, Juliette, Barry, Tracey, Natalie