

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalm 27. 1, 4-12

1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

Matthew 4. 12-23

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**What's happening in the Team this week**

*For more details of local events, please see Team News*

**Wed 29 Jan** Walk in Wednesday 10am—3pm  
**Thurs 30 Jan** Lunchtime Concert , St Mary's, Beaminster  
12:00 - 12:45pm. Admission Free. All Welcome

**Prayer Topics for the Coming Week*****Please pray for:***

- Hooke in our team cycle of prayer. For churchwardens Brian and Pauline, the PCC and congregation.
- ways of connecting with people where they are.
- equipping all of us to live out our vocation and calling as Christian people.
- ways to support and equip people to live out faith in the workplace.
- inspiration in our worship to honour God and connect with our day to day lives.
- vision to find the resources we lack.

*Outside our regular services there are many opportunities to pray for God's kingdom to come in to our communities.*

**'Community of the Annunciation Prayer'**

- **Every Saturday 9-10am:** St Mary's, Beaminster. Contact Jo/David or just turn up.
- **Every 2nd Saturday at 10.15am:** Half hour prayer walk in Broadwindsor.
- **Every Monday at 9.15am:** Prayer group in St Mary's, Netherbury.
- **1st Monday of each month at 10.15am:** Julian Group. Contact Joyce Hughes
- **1st Tuesday of each month at 3pm:** Prayers for Healing. Contact Mary Treacher.
- **Every Tuesday at 9am:** A prayer group meets in Salway Ash Church.
- **Every Thursday at 7-8pm:** In the Hilary Chapel St Mary's, Beaminster.  
Pray for the life of our Team and God's Vision for our Future.  
Prayer Prompts available on the website/Facebook.
- **Every Friday at 9am:** A prayer group meets in Mosterton.
- **Monthly Prayer Meeting** in Toller Porcorum. Contact Gill Leppitt 01300 320036 for details.

**Please Join us - Everyone is welcome**

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

*Post Communion*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please take this copy of Pew News away with you for reference during the week.

If you would like material about Church events included in the Pew News, please bring it to the Church Office, or e-mail [beaminsterteam@gmail.com](mailto:beaminsterteam@gmail.com) by 9am on the Wednesday before publication

### First Reading — 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Gospel Reading — Matthew 4. 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles –  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

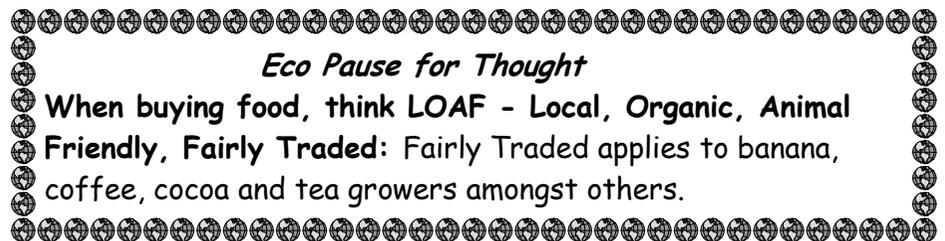
### The Hub

Last week, during a conversation with someone who started attending our Wednesday Eucharist service at 10.00 am in Beaminster, I was told that this service has been a lifeline to them during a time when they had been unable to attend Sunday worship. If Sundays have become a problem to you then why not join us on Wednesdays, or on the many Saints days, when we also hold Eucharists at 10.00 am. These services last for 35 minutes, are all said services and are enjoyed by many from across the whole team. The services are advertised each month in the Team News and on the website.

The first Lent that I was Rector (2011), I was asked why we did not study the same course across the many study groups of the team, so the next year in response I proposed that we did so and ever since have faced backlash from groups who feel indignant that they should be expected to do so. This year is proving no different. For those who object to buying the Lent Book suggested, have no fear because by attending either of the sessions that Jo and I will be running you can join in the debates and questions about how we protect our world and environment without doing so. Not ideal but doable. If you would like a copy of the course book please let me know and we can order in bulk. Anne, in the office, has worked tirelessly this week contacting suppliers to find the best deal we can find based on bulk ordering.

This evening at Drimpton we will be concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the monthly shared service with our friends from Netherhay Chapel at 6.30 pm. There is always a warm welcome at these services and you would be most welcome to join us.

David



### *Eco Pause for Thought*

**When buying food, think LOAF - Local, Organic, Animal  
Friendly, Fairly Traded:** Fairly Traded applies to banana,  
coffee, cocoa and tea growers amongst others.