

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 5 May 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster

The Hub

It is good to take another step back to some normality with the return of the Pew News and the Hub News in its rightful place! Please continue to pass this on in the same way you have done with the weekly updates. Fiona will continue to prepare the worship sheet so please pass that on also.

This year's annual parochial meetings begin this week with meetings at Stoke Abbott, South Perrott and Toller Porcorum. There are positions that need filling on all PCCs so please do consider offering your service so that your local church can function fully for the coming year.

Starting on Tuesday 11th May, Fiona will be leading The Bible Course online. Whether you are new to the bible or want to explore it deeper, The Bible course is for you. It shows the key books, famous characters and epic events from Genesis to Revelation. The course also provides tools and skills that apply the bible to everyday life.

This is an eight week course online, each session includes video content, discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings. There are two opportunities each week to join in 1 pm and 7 pm but you do not need to join both as they are a repeat.

You will need a course booklet priced £4.99 from the Bible Society website or Fiona can assist with this. For more information or to book on to the course contact Fiona on 01308 867281 or by email at revfionabeale@gmail.com.

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5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8. 26-40
Psalm 122. 25-31
1 John 4. 7-21
John 15. 1-8

White Year B

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who 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 by 9am on the Wednesday before publication

First Reading — Acts 8. 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading — John 15. 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

'Community of the Annunciation Prayer'

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

For further information please contact a member of the Clergy team

Eco Pause for Thought: Recycling Locally in Beaminster...

The Co-op collects old batteries, just ask at the counter.

It's the Journey by Timothy Biles

We now have copies of the Revd. Tim Biles' new book available in the Church Office.

The cost of this is £14 with proceeds going to the charity *Christians Aware*