

Beaminster Area Team

God our Father, renew our hope. By the Holy Spirit's power, strengthen us to pray readily serve joyfully and grow abundantly rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Week: 20th June, Third Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament: Job 38:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 107

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

Reflection on the Gospel reading, by Jo Neary

I've spent a lot of time in the sea this year having decided to swim all the way through the winter for the first time. The power of the sea should never be underestimated. We take great care to check the tides, watch out for currents, swim together and not stay in too long.

The sea, or Lake Galilee, that the disciples and Jesus were crossing was familiar water. They would have known what hazards to look out for. Yet they were still vulnerable to the storms that blow up quickly. Jesus sleeps through the storm, a miracle in itself! He is peaceful when the threat is at its height. And in the midst of turmoil he brings peace, there is nothing to fear. The power of God is at work here but also the peace of God. The disciples are awe inspired by the power Jesus displays. Even the wind and sea obey him. (A line quoted in a familiar harvest hymn).

We pray to know the peace of God in the turbulent situations of our lives. And we pray to see the power of God at work too. We hope to never underestimate what God can do and what God can transform.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be
brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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. Amen

Worship to enjoy at home

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am, Sunday Worship; Songs of Praise BBC1 1.15pm

A Useful Telephone Link from The Church of England. This is a free number where you can listen to prayers, reflections and hymns and join in worship with others.



