

What's happening in the Team this week

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Wed 14 July 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster

The Hub

In the autumn of 2019 Jo and I held a series of conversations across the team on the theme of Church 2030 and how the church will need to respond to the changing environment we were living in. Little did we know what was around the corner in just a few months from those meetings. The Covid-19 pandemic has not only ravaged the world leading to countless deaths and long-term health complications but it has also highlighted the fragility of many small rural church communities including some of our own team.

Having had the time to review the many comments that were given at those meetings, I have been able to put into categories the most common answers from both what people felt that we did well as a team and those things we did not do quite so well.

The next step of 'Church 2030: The Way Forward' is to continue those conversations we embarked on eighteen months ago and consider together how we all as the people of God across the Beaminster Team can play our part in the mixed ecology of the post pandemic church. Simply put, how do we work together and support both the traditional and new forms of church that it is clear are now emerging.

I would like to invite you to an open meeting on Monday 26th July at 7.00 pm in St Mary's, Beaminster to help to begin shaping the mission and ministry of the churches across the area. I have invited The Venerable Patrick Evans, Archdeacon Emeritus of Canterbury to Chair the meeting and there will be a short presentation from Jo and myself leading to a wider debate from the floor of the meeting. I look forward to welcoming you on the night.

The Bishop of London who chairs the Church of England's covid response is still awaiting any government guidelines for consideration by churches from July 19th. As Soon as we have them, I will keep you all informed.

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Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7. 7-15
Psalm 85. 8-13
Ephesians 1. 3-14
Mark 6. 14-29

Green Year B

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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during the week.
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publication

First Reading — Ephesians 1. 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading — Mark 6. 14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

* **Eco Pause for Thought: Litter and recycling...** *
* Make sure you recycle your picnic/car litter *
* correctly when getting home. *

Concert by the Keld Ensemble

St Mary's , Beaminster
Wednesday 21st July at 4:00pm

Music by Bach, Albinoni, Elgar, Grieg and Rutter

Tickets £12/£10 concessions in advance
from Martin Schellenberg
or Eventbrite
(with some available on the door on the day)

'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

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5 August: 'Hymns & Pimms', 7pm Seaborough (details to follow soon)