

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: 18th July 2021, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament:	Jeremiah 23. 1-6
Psalm:	Psalm 23
New Testament:	Ephesians 2. 11-22
Gospel:	Mark 6. 30-34, 53-56

Reflection on the Gospel reading, by Revd. David Campbell

The author of the letter to the Ephesians took what was undoubtedly a positive, glorious view of the gracious faith which he had inherited. And, frankly, why not? As that author considered the triumphs of the cross of Christ, the victory that particular execution and death won, he was in no doubt whatever of the significance of what was achieved. And what was achieved? Nothing less than the reconciliation not only of Jew and Gentile, but nothing less than the bringing in of those who had been alienated from God and the bringing in of peace and unity. And yet the author also sets the death of Christ in a cosmic context – in the sense that through that death there was enabled to come into existence a new sense of hope and wellbeing – and more than that – there came into existence a new household. This household was the one built on faith into which all are invited, into which all are capable of coming, into which a new creation could be developed and enjoyed. And at the heart of such a household, as its cornerstone no less, stands the figure of Christ Jesus, and all its members founded on the apostles and prophets of the olden times. And so perhaps, reflecting on this wonderful letter to the Ephesians we too should glory more in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ – in whom is our life, our hope and our salvation.

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of
your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

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Worship to enjoy at home

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