

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 35. 4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2. 1-10, (11-13) 14-17

Mark 7. 24-37

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What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 8 Sept 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.20 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's,
Beaminster

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

As schools return this week, we welcome the new Head Teacher at Salway Ash and all new staff across our schools. There is still a certain amount of uncertainty regarding the potential rise in Covid cases as large numbers of adults and children come together again, but I know that every effort will be made to protect one and all. I am often confronted with comments that the church does "nothing for the children in our community" so I think that it is worth recording that every primary school child has a weekly act of worship led by Jo or Fiona and at the Secondary School I lead worship twice a term. We provide as a team 20 volunteers who act as Foundation Governors although we have some vacancies. If you feel that this is something you could consider doing then please speak to me. In addition, the After School club in Broadwindsor has proved very popular, Mother and Toddlers group on a Monday is going strong and Messy Church continues to meet each month. We have just completed our annual school holiday clubs which were attended by over 120 children plus their Parents, Grand Parents and Carers. We also have monthly family services in Hooke and Salway Ash. All in all, not bad provision I would say.

Two items for advance information. We are tasked as clergy by our Archbishops with seeking the opinions and views of as wide a constituent as possible on the Living in Love and Faith Report on Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. This is a major consultation in readiness for continued discussion and debate. After consultation with my deanery colleagues we are going to undertake the sessions over 6 weeks as a joint deanery event in St Mary's Beaminster beginning in mid October. We will be joined at one of the sessions by The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum who is the Diocesan Advocate for LL&F. I will be sharing more information with you all in the coming weeks.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The office will be closed on Friday 10 and Monday 13 September

First Reading — James 2. 1-10 (11-13) 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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: Please join our community** *
* **Litter pick on Saturday 11th at 10am (NB not as** *
* **advertised in Team News). Meet in car park opposite** *
* **Barton House Surgery. Equipment provided.** *

Gospel Reading — Mark 7. 24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Granny's Attic Sale

Bric a Brac and Toys

Village Hall, Stoke Abbott
Sunday 5th September 2021

11-3

CASH ONLY

Proceeds towards St Mary's
Church and the Village Hall

Hooke BBQ

St Giles Church
Saturday 18 September,
6pm

Vegetarian option
Bar
Raffle

