

## 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: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Old Testament:** Amos 5: 6-7,10-15

**Psalm:** Psalm 90: 12-17

**New Testament:** Hebrews 4: 12-16

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17-31

### Reflection on the Gospel reading, by Sarah Keen

Jesus' encounter with the Rich Young Man raises all sorts of questions for us. Is Jesus really suggesting that we need to give away all our possessions to the poor to have any chance of entering the Kingdom of God? As he goes on to explain to the disciples, he is making a more subtle statement about the intention in peoples' lives. Those obsessed with wealth and power have little chance of entering the Kingdom because they are focussing on the wrong things. Whatever they may think, they can't buy their way in.

Rather, as Jesus points out, the way to eternal life is to follow him and put our trust in God. Only God has the power to save us. The good news is that the Kingdom operates an 'all in' policy for the faithful regardless of wealth, position, age, gender, race or any other of the dividing characteristics in human life.

So how can we rise to Jesus' challenge? How can we demonstrate that we are following him? One way, as Jesus sets out in another Gospel passage (Matthew 5:6), is to act as the salt and light in our communities. The members of the Beaminster team churches are really rather good at this and we put a great deal of effort into our community and charity activities, often taking time out of family life to do so. Jesus never said it would be easy to be one of his followers but as he points out, the eventual rewards are amazing.

### Collect for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without You, we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

**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.



### Worship to enjoy at home

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