

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 53. 4-12

Psalm 91. 9-16

Hebrews 5. 1-10

Mark 10. 35-45

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I would like to begin this week by thanking all those who have responded positively to the teaching and preaching we have given over the past month on generous giving and our personal responses to God's generosity for us. A number of churches have reported that they have new members signing up to regular giving by standing order and also that a number of very generous donations have been made. If you are still considering your response and would like to know how you can support your church with regular giving, then please speak with your church treasurer, or myself or Jo. Once again a heartfelt thank you to you all for your faithful generosity and especially to those who have responded to this campaign.

Over the past week I have attended six PCC meetings and have a further six in this round over the next few weeks. One of the constant areas of concern is of course how each church is going to be able to meet its financial commitments and I have already partly addressed this in the paragraph above.

In the past we have been reluctant to look at the longer view and vision for our churches as part of a wider team. There has always been a fear of loss of personal identity rather than identity as part of the wider community of God. However, I noticed during discussions this week that there has been a realisation that clinging to our local churches as we have in the past has prevented mission and outreach in its truest sense. And this leads to decline and despondency. We have at last begun to realise that we need to reach out to our wider communities to talk with them about the church as a community asset. Before we can do this we need to have a vision and strategy for people to understand and buy into. As part of the Church 2030 consultations I will be organising a vision setting workshop early in the new year for us all to begin this process and I will update you on this in the coming weeks.

Please don't forget the vocation evening on Monday in Beaminster at 7pm this is an opportunity to look at how we can respond to God's call in our lives. Please also pray for the appointment of the right person to be the new headteacher at Beaminster St Mary's Academy.

Collect

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live
the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through 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

First Reading — Hebrews 5. 1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;
as he says also in another place,
‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Flower Team Coordinator wanted

Jean Own is stepping down as the coordinator of the flower team in Beaminster Church. If you would like to take her place please do talk to Jean or to one of the clergy.

Thank you

* **Eco Pause for Thought: Eat healthily to protect our** *
* **world...Don't reject wonky vegetables from your** *
* **garden or shops. They taste just as good!** *
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Gospel Reading — Mark 10. 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

- Mon 19th Oct 7pm Vocations Evening St Mary's Beaminster
- Tues 19th Oct 7pm Living in Love and Faith course Week 1
- Wed 20 Oct 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster

The Vocations evening, 7pm Monday evening in St Mary's Beaminster, is an invitation to everyone to spend time listening and chatting about what God might be calling us to do in our everyday lives. It is designed to be a time of refreshment and inspirations. We would love to see you there.