

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: 24th October 2021, Last Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm: Psalm 126

New Testament: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Reflection on the Gospel reading, by Revd. Jo Neary

Bartimaeus is blind, but despite the fact he can't physically see he can see clearly who Jesus really is – The Son of David. He can't be silenced despite his lowly status and his unscheduled interruption of the journey out of Jericho. He wants and needs mercy from his teacher and healer. He needs to follow him.

Jesus asks him an interesting question "What do you want me to do for you?" I wonder why he asks this? Surely Jesus, fully divine, knows already what he will ask for. But is there something about articulating the desire that is important? His reply is "let me see again"? Was he previously sighted? Previously a follower of Christ? Perhaps Jesus really is the God of second chances. And once he is healed the barrier is removed. In contrast to the rich man, who can't immediately relinquish his wealth and follow him, Bartimeus swaps the life of a beggar for the life of a disciple, ready to follow Jesus.

If Jesus came to you and asked you "what do you want me to do for you?" what would you say? What obstacle do you need removing to be prepared to follow Jesus on the way? What liberation do you require?

Collect for last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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