

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5. 2-5a
Canticle: The Magnificat
Hebrews 10. 5-10
Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)

Purple Year C

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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

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What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 22 Dec 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

This is the last weekly Pew News of the year. There will be a PN which covers the Christmas and New Year services but it will only contain the Collects and Post Communion prayers, so I would like to thank Anne for all that she has done to support the clergy and team in what has been a very strange and at times frustrating year.

There have been no changes to the Covid guidelines this past week so I remind you that it is compulsory to wear face masks in all places of worship. Throughout this pandemic my mantra has been that if people feel safe they will come and take part in worship and simply if they do not, they won't. After all of the goings on in parliament this week I stand bemused over the civil liberties argument. With liberties come responsibilities and whilst I would understand that I should have the right to go about doing what I feel I have the right to do, I also recognise that I do not have the right to put others in danger whilst doing it. As Team Rector I take my responsibility to ensure that all who join us for worship are kept safe and I thank all of you for your wonderful support in doing this throughout this time.

Jane and myself would like to thank all who have sent us cards and gifts and we wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing all who join us at services this Holy Season.

First Reading — Hebrews 10. 5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Eco Pause for Thought: An Eco Christmas...

- *Make shopping lists and only buy what you need.*
- *Use leftover food for hearty soups.*
- *Save stamps for Weldmar.*
- *Take your Christmas cards to the Church Office for Julia to recycle.*

The Church Office will close at 2pm on Wednesday 22 December and re-open on Tuesday 4 January, 2022.
I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a blessed 2022!

Anne Woodward

Gospel Reading — Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

And Mary said,
‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’