

THE HUB — By Revd. Jo Neary

We have begun the gentle post-Christmas return. I hope you all had a good break, remained healthy, and got to see friends and family without too much Covid disruption.

The government has continued with Plan B for the time being – which means we are still wearing masks in church please, sanitising hands, giving each other space, and using lateral flow tests where appropriate. Please do not attend church if you are displaying any Covid symptoms or have had a positive test. Our online worship continues every week and is available via our website

www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

If you fancy some spiritual reading before Lent then you might like to join in with reading Dear England by Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York. We will be meeting on Monday 14th Feb at 2.30pm to discuss the book and its themes over tea and cake in St Mary's Church Beaminster.

Perhaps you would like to join us in prayer every week on a Thursday at 7pm? This is currently via Zoom and is a good hour to catch up, read scripture together, and pray for the needs of the team. I will publish the link on the website.

Please also keep our schools in your prayers as they return, particularly for Darren Marklew the new headteacher of Beaminster St Mary's Academy, who has started his new job by having to be off with Covid. We pray for his recovery and for his work and flourishing as the new headteacher.

David and Jane are enjoying their Christmas break this week and David will be back to work on Tuesday 11th January.

With every blessing, Jo

PEW NEWS

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Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 43. 1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8. 14-17
Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

White Year C

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again
by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
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 of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself
as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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 — Acts 8. 14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading — Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

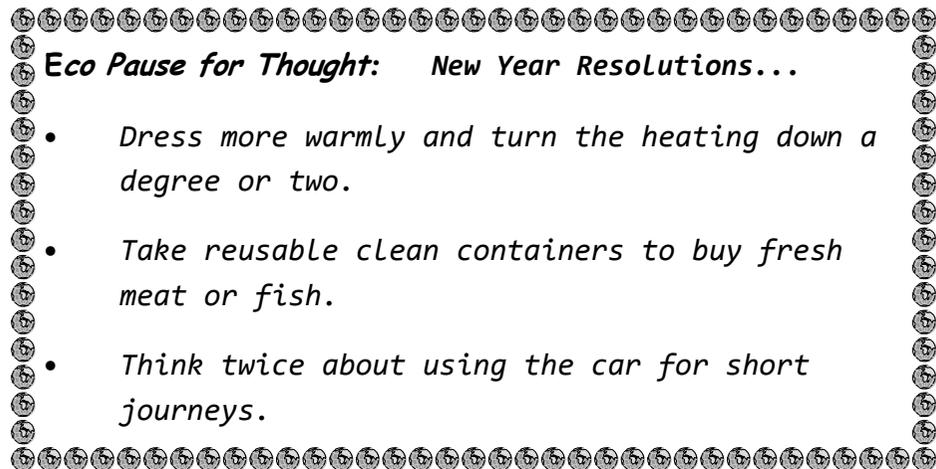
Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 12 Dec 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster

Copies of 'It's the Journey' by Tim Biles (£14), *New Horizons—Oneness in a Eucharist* (£5) and 'Do not Tread Upon My Dreams—Poems of Reflection' (£9) both by Jon Robinson, are available in the Church Office



Eco Pause for Thought: New Year Resolutions...

- *Dress more warmly and turn the heating down a degree or two.*
- *Take reusable clean containers to buy fresh meat or fish.*
- *Think twice about using the car for short journeys.*

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 or visit our website: www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

Coffee Morning

St Giles, Hooke

Cake, coffee and chat

Tuesday 11 January
10.30 am to 12 noon.

All ages welcome!



Coming soon...



Saturday 22 January

4pm

St Mary's, Beaminster

Worship, activities, crafts...
Plus a snack and drink!

More details on our Team website and social media pages

Toddler and Baby Group

returns on Monday 10 January,
10—11.30am at St Mary's,
Beaminster.

Book your free place via
Eventbrite or our Team website.