

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 2 Feb 10am Eucharist to celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

As you may have read on our media releases or heard, The Vicarage in Broadwindsor has received an unwelcome visit from cousin Covid. Jo is presently isolating as she has tested positive. Following the required course of action and requiring negative tests on appropriate days, she is likely to be out of circulation until early in the week. I, of course backed up by Jo on Zoom, continue to provide full cover across the team. Jo informed me that I will be contacted by Track and Trace with further advice. As I write this on Thursday morning I still await that contact but will of course pass on whatever I receive as and when I get it... On behalf of us all I wish everyone at the Vicarage a speedy recovery.

The annual Parish Statistic returns were originally required to have been completed by Monday, although that deadline has now been extended to the end of March. However, I would be grateful if PCC Secs/Churchwardens can confirm when this has been done. These are nationally required stats and not the ones submitted later in the year that help to form the Parish Share calculation for next year.

I have been asked by a number of people when the funeral service for Keith Miller, former Churchwarden of Toller Porcorum will take place. This will be on Monday 7th February at 2.00 pm at Toller. I have passed on the condolences of many from across the team who enjoyed Keith's friendship.

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**15 Churches:
One Community**

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The Presentation of Christ

(Candlemas)

Malachi 3. 1-5
Psalm 24 (1-6), 7-10
Hebrews 2. 14-18
Luke 2. 22-40

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Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 2. 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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


Eco Pause for Thought: Support local shops...
 Evershot Bakery produces excellent bread available in the
 Beaminster Bakery Shop & Spar shop.

Church Office

Please note the following dates in February when the Church Office will be closed as I catch up on leave.

- Tues 1 Feb (Staff Away Day)
- Mon 7 & Tues 8 Feb
- Frid 18 Feb
- Mon 28 Feb

Anne Woodward

Gospel Reading — Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.