

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3. 17-4.1

Luke 13. 31-35

Purple Year C

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
 you show to those who are in error  
 the light of your truth,  
 that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
 grant to all those who are admitted  
 into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
 that they may reject those things  
 that are contrary to their profession,  
 and follow all such things as are agreeable  
 to the same;  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Almighty God,  
 you see that we have no power of ourselves  
 to help ourselves:  
 keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
 and inwardly in our souls;  
 that we may be defended from all adversities  
 which may happen to the body,  
 and from all evil thoughts which may assault  
 and hurt the soul;  
 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  
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# PEW NEWS

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## THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

Thank you to all for the thoughts and wishes sent to Jane and myself as we isolate ourselves with Covid. I guess that having escaped for the past two years our turn would come. As I write on Thursday morning I can not start testing for clearance to return into circulation until tomorrow and then require two clear LFTs, However, whatever happens I will be clear on day ten which is next Tuesday. It has seemed rather like lockdown without the hour's walk but continuing to work via emails, phone calls and Zoom meetings. I am aware that the infection is quite high across our area and that other members of our congregations are also down with it at this time, so as ever please stay safe and protect yourselves and those around you.

The first of this year's APCMs are coming up this week and I look forward to seeing you at them. This includes the very important meeting in Drimpton at which the future direction of the church will be on the agenda with feedback from the group who have been working on this.

Finally, just a reminder that the Lent courses continue as previously advertised and it is not too late to join in. There may be spare copies of the book we are using in the church office so please contact Anne

### First Reading — Philippians 3. 17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Gospel Reading — Luke 13. 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

 **Eco Pause for Thought: Recycling...**  
March is re-cycling month and 18 March International Global Re-cycling Day, so start with the world's most recycled item - aluminium cans in your re-cycling box. Each household produces approx. 600 cans a year!

### Lent knit along

If you are a knitter and are looking for a different way of journeying through Lent, then Victoria Methodist Church Bristol is running a spiritual Lent knit along with daily reflections and knitting for Lent. You can follow along via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/922609695285370> or you can follow along on our website. If you want more information, do have a chat with Jo or Barbara. The page for Lent knitting is available on our team website: [www.beaminsterteamchurches.org](http://www.beaminsterteamchurches.org)

### 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.*

As the situation in Ukraine develops and we see thousands fleeing their homes, we pray for all refugees.

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in  
your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### What's happening in the Team this week

*For more details of local events, please see Team News*

**Tues 15 March** 2pm Lent Group meets. St Mary's Beaminster  
**Wed 16 March** 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster  
11-12.30 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster