

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

What a glorious day we shared across the team on Easter Day. It was lovely to see so many people attending services. I would like to say a very big thank you to all those who decorated our churches so beautifully - the flower arrangements were spectacular. Also thank you to all the churches that took up Fiona's challenge to create an Easter display inside or outside of their churches. They really set the tone and I have seen many pictures of them across Facebook pages from visitors, along with some lovely comments. For twenty eight years at the Easter Service of light I have stood at the font at the renewal of Baptismal vows and asked if anyone who was not baptised would like to come forward. For the first time, at the service in Beaminster, this request was answered when Hayley asked to be baptised and Jo carried out this very special moment. It was a real joy that someone who has been exploring faith through Gin Church felt called to this moment in her life and for that I say Alleluia!

I spent a lovely afternoon last Monday at Hooke for their Cream Tea afternoon. It was lovely to see so many gathered in the Churchyard in the Easter sun from the Village and from across the team. If you are holding an event and would like me to share it in The Hub please let me know.

Jane and I would like to thank all of you for your very kind words and cards and for holding her in your prayers following her recent stay in hospital. Now home, she is awaiting further tests at DCH later this week.

On behalf of all across the team I would like to pass on our condolences to Peter Hardwill and his family following the death of Janet, his wife, last night. Peter and Janet have been faithful members of Blackdown Church for many years. I assure them of our love and prayers at this time.

PEW NEWS

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Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5. 27-32
Psalm 118. 14-29
Revelation 1. 4-8
John 20. 19-31

White Year C

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of 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 God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 5. 27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Diary Dates...

Table Top Sale

Saturday 14 May
9.30am—1pm

Beaminster Public Hall
Supporting Ukraine Relief

To reserve a table contact
Jane 01308 862367
or
Mary 01308 861615

**The Choir & String Ensemble of
St Paul's Girls' School, London**

CONCERT

Saturday 30 April, 4pm
St Mary's Church, Beaminster

General Admission £10
18s and under free (but need
ticket)

Tickets available from Eventbrite
and the Church Office

Proceeds to church funds

Gospel Reading— John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 27 April 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster
 11-12.30 Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster

Eco Pause for Thought: In your garden....

Avoid slug pesticides; use natural barriers such as sheep wool or coffee grounds.