

First Reading — Colossians 1. 15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading— Luke 10. 38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Help Needed!

Are you free on either 3rd or 4th September to help in the Churches' Tent at the Dorset County Show?

Shifts are between 9am & 5pm and you will receive a complimentary ticket to gain entry to the show.

Further information available from

Revd Richard Kirlew on 01963 23570 or

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Stoke Abbott Fun Day Sunday Today 2-5 pm

Book Barn, Family Dog Show,
Plant Sale, Cream Teas

Various Venues - free parking at the
New Inn

CASH ONLY

*All proceeds to St Mary's Church and
Village Hall*

Coming soon...

Children's holiday activity
afternoons - 2-4pm at Drimpton
Village Hall on 10 August and
Salway Ash Village Hall on 17
August.

Organ Recital

Thursday 21 July
St. Mary's, Beaminster

Organ Recital
Oliver Waterer
(Selby)

Tea & coffee available from
11.45am—please feel free to
bring a packed lunch

No admission charge—retiring
collection

A Service for Lammas

At Causeway Farm, Blackdown

Sunday 7th August

At 11.00am

Followed by Ploughman's Lunch at
12.30pm



Lunches £8.00 Adult, £5.00 child
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