

**First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2. 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13. 11-14

Matthew 24. 36-44

Purple Year A

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us  
in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin**

Just a couple of reminders to begin with... This Sunday 29th November we are holding the Team Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Netherbury starting at 6.00 pm. This is a wonderfully atmospheric service which will be led by The Beaminster Church Choir under the direction of Dr Peter Nardone and accompanied by Peter Aves. We would love to see you join us.

Tomorrow, Monday 30th at 2.00 pm, is the funeral of our late Team Partner Priest Rev Elfrida Savigear in St Mary's Beaminster. I hope that many will join her family in giving thanks for her life. The service is being live streamed and you can view it the following address:

[www.funeralstreamingservice.co.uk/rev\(1\)elfridasavigear](http://www.funeralstreamingservice.co.uk/rev(1)elfridasavigear)

Password: Monday

Thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's Quiet Day, especially to Dr David Campbell for his outstanding talks on Watching and Waiting for Advent and to Jacky Bush for all of her help in organising the day and providing four different soups and homemade breads. Thanks also to Peter Aves for manning the sink and dishwasher.

Saturday 3rd December at the Comrades Hall in Broadwindsor is their hugely popular @Three Churches Coffee Morning. There will be the usual Cake, Tombola, Bric-a-brac, books and Christmas stalls. The fun begins at 10.15 am and runs until 12.15pm. Come along and bring a friend. Admission is £2.00 which includes coffee/tea and mince pies.

**PEW NEWS****Beaminster Area Team Ministry****15 Churches:  
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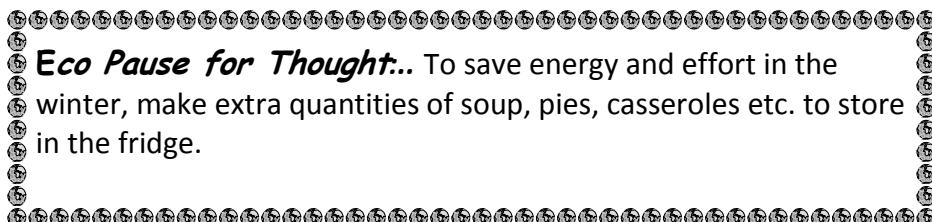
If you would like material about Church events included in the Pew News, please bring it to the Church Office, or e-mail [beaminsterteam@gmail.com](mailto:beaminsterteam@gmail.com) by 9am on the Wednesday before publication.

## **First Reading — Romans 13. 11-14**

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Gospel Reading— Matthew 24. 36-44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'



## What's happening in the Team this week

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

The Martin Schellenberg Trust  
presents  
***'An Advent Fanfare'***  
with  
*Malcolm Archer (organ)*  
*Winston Leese (trumpet)*  
& *Jan Wyld (festive readings)*  
***Saturday 3 December, 4pm***  
*St Mary's Church Beaminster*  
**Tickets £10 (to include mulled wine)**

Coming soon...

**Saturday 17 December  
4–5.30pm**



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[www.beaminsterteamchurches.org](http://www.beaminsterteamchurches.org)

***Woodfalls at Christmas***  
*with Woodfalls Brass Band*  
**Saturday 10 December at 3.30pm**  
**St. Mary's Beaminster**  
*Further details next week*

There are still four copies of '*It's the Journey*' by Tim Biles priced at £14 available in the Church Office if anyone is interested in buying one for Christmas.

**Toilet Twinning month!** There is a suitable container at the back of church for raising funds to twin toilets in Beaminster. The money raised will enable toilets to be built in third world villages which have no facilities.