

First Reading — James 5. 7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Reading— Matthew 11. 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

Advent Reflections

Remember our Advent reflections are daily on our website or you can find them on our Facebook page. Each day a member of the Beaminster Team or someone from the wider diocese has contributed their thoughts and completed the statement, Advent is.....Read one a day as we journey towards Christmas. A big thank you to all our contributors.

What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 14 Dec 10am Eucharist St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30pm Walk in Wednesday St Mary's,
Beaminster

Christmas Coffee Morning with Salway Ash School Carol Singers

Tuesday 13 December

10 —12 noon

Salway Ash Village Hall

Join us for carols, festive treats,
coffee and chat!

In aid of Holy Trinity Church,
Salway Ash

If anyone is free on **Thursday 15th December** to help host Mountjoy school for their carol service at 10am or Beaminster St Mary's at 2pm please get in contact with Jo. We could do with a couple of welcomers and someone to help with the lift in the morning and a couple of welcomers in the afternoon too. Thank you.

Saturday 17 December
4—5.30pm



Christmas Messy Church

St Mary's Church, Beaminster

Contact Rev Jo:

revneary@gmail.com for details or
see our website

www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

Blessing our community. Join us for some carol singing and festive cheer in Beaminster Square on **Saturday 17th December** at 10am for an hour or so. Come and bless our community with singing, coffee and chocolates.

Advance notice...

Walk in Wednesday will celebrate Christmas on **Wed 21st December** from 11am in St Mary's Church Beaminster. Join us for some festive refreshments and carol karaoke with the organist. We will then close for two weeks, reopening on Wed 11th January.