

THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

As we continue our journey through Lent, the Tuesday Lent Book Study group have been having some lively discussions on Failure, which is the title of this year's Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book written by Bishop Emma Ineson. So far we have looked at all elements of what failure means and how to fail well. Last Tuesday we explored Sin including how to do Sin better! One group participant asked the question 'How do you understand Sin if you understand the story of Original Sin as a myth?' This Tuesday we will be considering The Failing Church. The group meets each Tuesday morning in Beaminster for one hour starting at 09.45 and you would be most welcome to join us for the remaining sessions.

This week I have been finalising the Holy Week and Easter offerings. They follow the pattern of previous years including the daily Holy Week Reflections/Meditations prepared by the Staff Team. If you would like to join in with others sharing this time of silent reflection then 10.00 am each morning, except Good Friday when they form the first half hour of the three hour service starting at 12.00 noon. Copies to collect will be available in Beaminster Church or the Church Office. They will also be available on our media platforms including the website. You could also have copies emailed to you by request. I will write more on other services in Holy Week on next week's Hub.

Thank you to those who turned up at last week's APCMs and to those who were elected to PCCs for the first time or re-elected for the umpteenth time. There will be more opportunities to do so this week with further meetings in Mosterton on Monday, Netherbury on Tuesday and Salway Ash on Thursday. All three meetings will commence at 7.00 pm. I look forward to welcoming you at these meetings.

As I know that this is sent out to parishes on a Thursday, you may like to pop down to Toller Porcorum Village Hall this Saturday morning (18th) to join them for the annual Church Big Breakfast. Excellent value for money and great company is guaranteed.

PEW NEWS

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Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2. 1-10

Psalm 34. 11-20

2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

Luke 2. 33-35

Purple/Rose Year A

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole
human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and
drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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 beaminsterteam@gmail.com
by 9am on the Wednesday before publication.

First Reading — 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading— Luke 2. 33-35

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’



The Coronation of King Charles III takes place on Saturday 6 May at Westminster Abbey.

There are many ways that we can mark this event at personal, church and community level and the Church of England has produced a number of resources to help with this. For instance, you may wish to order a book of

prayers to be used over the 28 days leading up to the coronation date or you may wish to watch an online service which will be streamed from the Church of England's website, on its Facebook and YouTube channels on Sunday 7 May and available on-demand immediately after its conclusion. Further information and ideas can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/coronation>

What’s happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 22 March 10am Holy Communion to celebrate St Joseph of Nazareth, St Mary’s, Beaminster
11-12.30pm Walk in Wednesday St Mary’s, Beaminster

‘Hazel’s Coffee Morning’

March 25th from 10.30 am at The Red House, Higher Kingcombe

Refreshments, cakes, bring & buy, raffle



Church Office

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday 20—Wednesday 22 March (inclusive) as I take the last of my holiday entitlement for 2023.

Anne Woodward

Lent Activities

26 March, 4pm at St Mary’s Netherbury. A spiritual walk reflecting on the way of the cross. An hour of walking with prayer and reflection along the way, finishing with tea and cake in church.

2 April, 4pm at St Mary’s, Beaminster. A discussion on the doctrine of the atonement, exploring what Christians believe Jesus does for our sin through the cross. Hosted by Patrick Evans with a chance to discuss, over tea and cake, the meaning of the cross

Eco Pause for Thought.. Aim to eat more foods linked to improve health e.g. whole grain cereals, fruits, vegetables, nuts. They also have the smallest impact on the environment.