

PEW NEWS

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15 Churches: One Community

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THE HUB — By Revd. Canon David Baldwin

Ascension Day is on Thursday 18th May and we are holding the Team Ascension Day Eucharist at 7.00 pm that evening in St Mary's Beaminster. It would be lovely to follow on from the wonderful Team Service last Sunday to say farewell to Fiona, where all but one of our churches was represented, with another good gathering from across the whole team. The service will be led by Peter Nardone and the Church Choir and I look forward to welcoming you.

Christian Aid Week takes place this year between the 14th and 20th of May and there will be many ways that you can support this. This year Christian Aid are focusing on the country of Malawi where they have been working for the past twenty years with local partners empowering vulnerable communities to find practicable and sustainable ways out of poverty. I know that some churches are planning Coffee Morning events as a way of fundraising whilst others will be carrying out the door to door collections. See below for a fundraising event in Beaminster. Please do support this most worthy of Christian charity appeals without whatever you can afford.

Christian Aid Lunchtime Organ Concert..... Dr Peter Nardone will be playing a Lunchtime Concert in St Mary's Beaminster on Thursday 18th May 12.00 - 12.45 approx. The concert will feature organ favourites from J S Bach, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Widor. Please bring your lunch if you wish and refreshments will be available from 11.30 am. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 5th and Monday 8th May.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7. 55-60
Psalm 31. 1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2. 2-10
John 14. 1-14

White Year A

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 7. 55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Gospel Reading — John 14. 1-14




Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

What's happening in the Team this week


For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 10 May 10am Holy Communion St Mary's, Beaminster
11-12.30pm Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, Beaminster

Coffee Morning
 **Tuesday 9 May**
10 —12 noon
Salway Ash Village Hall
In aid of Christian Aid
 


Saturday 13 May
4-5.30pm
Messy Church

St Mary's Church, Beaminster
Contact Rev Jo:
revneary@gmail.com for details or
see our website
www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

Coffee in Mosterton Church for Christian Aid
Friday 19 May
10am-12noon
Donations of cakes, preserves, raffle prizes and
saleable items much appreciated. 

'Theostory', a fantastic Storytelling event running on Saturday 20th May at St John's Church in Wimborne. This event is a day for families and children's workers/volunteers to explore creative ways to engage younger generations in God's story. Bob Hartman will be the keynote speaker and different workshops are planned for the morning and afternoon sessions.

The morning session (9:30-12:30) will be for Children's Ministry leaders & volunteers and includes a range of workshops and networking opportunities. Please contact Jo for the link if you are interested in attending.

 **Eco Pause for Thought..** No Mow May! Keep the blades off your grass for one month only and see what appears given the chance.