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

I would like to begin by thanking you all for supporting this year's Christian Aid appeal. A special thank you to Judith Hansen for coordinating and administering what is a mammoth task across the parishes of the team. I hope that we will have beaten the total raised last year once the final count is complete.

A few months ago I wrote asking if there was anyone who would like to discern if God was calling them to work with Jo and myself by becoming Lay Worship Leaders and/or Lay Pastoral Assistants. This would help us to increase our mission and outreach with new forms of worship, bible study, prayer groups and outreach through taking Communion to the housebound. We would also like to encourage leaders of Intercessions across the team and would welcome a conversation with any one who would like to know how they can join in with this very important part of our weekly worship. Training will be given and this will also be used as an update training opportunity for our existing Intercessors.

Following an earlier meeting to discuss forming a Bereavement Cafe Group I had to cancel the follow up meeting. I was aware that there were some who could not attend that meeting so I have rearranged the follow up meeting for 2.30 pm on Monday 12th June in St Mary's Beaminster. At this meeting we will discuss how this will work, roles required to support such a project, frequency and starting dates. If you are interested in supporting this project please come along.

I have received a card from Fiona thanking you all for the very kind and generous leaving gifts that you all contributed towards. It will be in the Team Office for any to see it.

# PEW NEWS

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15 Churches: One Community

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### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1. 6-14 Psalm 68. 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11 John 17. 1-11

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#### Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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 — Acts 1. 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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Eco Pause for Thought:.. Sow vegetables in any available space eg flowerbeds, pots/tubs and enjoy your home grown produce.

#### Coming soon...

Wild Life Count in St Mary's Churchyard on Sunday 11 June, 2-4pm. All welcome! Further details in next week's Pew News.



#### Gospel Reading — John 17. 1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

## What's happening in the Team this week

For more details of local events, please see Team News

Wed 24 May 10am Holy Communion St Mary's, Beaminster 11-12.30pm Walk in Wednesday St Mary's, B'minster

#### **Church Office**

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday 26th** and **Monday 29th May.** I will contact Team News village coordinators directly to make arrangements for the collection of Team News from the office on the 26th.

Anne Woodward