

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.

OR

Alternative Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Lent Course in Netherbury **A Pilgrimage to the Cross**
Thursday 19th & 26th March 10.30-12 noon Coffee and biscuits
Contact Jacky Bush 488303

This Friday 20th March @ 2.30pm, The FOSM invite you to a talk in St Mary's Church Beaminster on **The Ancient History of Beaminster Church**. Speaker Brian Earle will be taking us back 500 years to March 1526 to give us a glimpse of Beaminster's church from the perspective of the Tudors. Entry **free**—donations always welcome!

Saturday 28th March @ 3pm in St Mary's Beaminster **Remembering the Good Old Days**—a brief history of the music hall In word and song featuring the Miriam Players. Entry £10.00 to include light refreshment. Tickets from the church office or on the door.

Lent Lunch at Bakers Mill Farmhouse, Mosterton.
Thursday 26th March. 12 noon-2pm
Bring and Buy and Raffle. Kindly hosted by Karina Barton

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15 March 2026

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-10 *or*
I Samuel 1: 20-end
Psalm 34: 11-20 *or*
Psalm 127:1-4
II Corinthians 1:3-7 *or*
Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 33-35 *or*
John 19: 25b-27
Year A Purple *or* Pink

Please keep this copy of Pew News for reference.
If you would like a notice about local events included in the next issue, please email beaminsterteam@gmail.com by 9 am on Tuesday 17th March

Good News 15th March 2026

Thank you to the marvellous team who hosted Experience Easter at Broadwindsor Church this week and to the team who go to Salway Ash next week. We had some lovely feedback from pupils and teachers alike, as they explored the Easter story with us in an interactive way.

Messy Church was busy and flourishing last week, thank you to the wonderfully creative team who put together such fabulous ideas for the parable of the Sower. Our next Messy Church is 10am on Good Friday.

Lots of community outreach projects are coming up including our first intergenerational nature walks, Woody Wanders on 30th March and 14th April in Stoke Abbott and our self-guided Easter nature trail in Salway Ash churchyard beginning on 31st March. Full details are on our website or Facebook page. Come and be part of our new community outreach events, and invites others to come along too.

Our first Lent Tea was a lovely way to gather in one of our smaller churches, Drimpton, and pray for the needs of the world. The second Lent Tea is on 22nd March at 4pm in Drimpton Village Church. Bring yourself, your concern for the world, space for a slice of cake and a financial donation for the upkeep of Drimpton Church.

Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

15 March

Exodus 2.1-10

2Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Or

I Samuel 1.20-end

²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' ²¹The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Broadwindsor Lent Lunches Every Thursday February 19th-March 26th @ Comrades Hall. Soup, bread, cheese, biscuits & coffee. £5.00. All welcome.

II Corinthians 1.3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who 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. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If 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. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or

Colossians 3.12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.33-35

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Or

John 19.25b-27

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.