

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
 who by the death and resurrection of  
 your Son Jesus Christ delivered and  
 saved the world: grant that by faith in  
 him who suffered on the cross  
 we may triumph in the power of his  
 victory;  
 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.

### Alternative Collect

Gracious Father,  
 you gave up your Son  
 out of love for the world:  
 lead us to ponder the mysteries  
 of his passion,  
 that we may know eternal  
 peace  
 through the shedding of our  
 Saviour's blood,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

### Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
 we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the  
 servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign,  
 now and for ever.

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

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 Final **Broadwindsor Lent**  
**Lunch** March 26th @  
 Comrades Hall. Soup, bread,  
 cheese, biscuits & coffee.  
 £5.00. All welcome.  
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Lent Lunch at **Bakers Mill**  
**Farmhouse**, Mosterton.  
 Thursday 26th March. 12-  
 2pm. Bring and Buy and  
 Raffle. Kindly hosted by  
 Karina Barton

### Easter Offerings

It has been customary in the Team for many years, that our  
**Easter Offering** collections be given to our **Partner Priests and Licensed Lay**  
**Ministers**. This is as a token of our appreciation for the many services they  
 officiate at throughout the year, with no remuneration whatsoever for their  
 time or cost of travel. Therefore, please be generous in your giving in  
 recognition and thanks for all they do. **Thank you.**

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, Yarn Barton or on the door.

# PEW NEWS

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**15 Churches:  
 One Community**

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**22 March 2026  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Passiontide**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8: 6-11  
 John 11: 1-45

Year A Purple *or* Lent Array

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 24th March

## Good News 22nd March 2026

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. Invite a friend to join you.

The second Lent Tea is on **22nd March at 4pm**  
 in Drimpton Village Church. Bring yourself, your  
 concerns for the world for prayer, space for a  
 slice of cake and a financial donation for the  
 upkeep of Drimpton Church.

Holy Week services are published on the website,  
 do journey with us if you can. Please note the  
 watch after the Maundy Thursday service will  
 continue until 9pm. Attending worship during  
 Holy Week really brings the Easter story alive.

Lent lunches continue across the team.

Over Easter you have the opportunity to give  
 money to enable a financial gift to our retired and  
 associate clergy and LLM's. Without them we  
 would not be able to staff the rota. Please give  
 generously towards the Easter offering. Envelopes  
 are available in all churches.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Passiontide

22 March

### Ezekiel 37.1-14

37The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

### Romans 8.6-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### John 11.1-45

11Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

### John 11.1-45 continued

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup>She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.