

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up
to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before
he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking
in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the
way of life and peace;
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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Broadwindsor Lent Lunches

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

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the
flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Events in St Mary's, Beaminster for your diary

Friday 20th March @ 2.30pm, The Friends of St Mary's invite you to a
talk by Brian Earl on

The Ancient History of Beaminster Church (as seen by the Tudors).

Entry free.—donations always welcome!

Saturday 28th March @ 3pm

Remembering the Good Old Days. A brief history of the music hall in
word and song featuring the Miriam players Entry £10 to include light
refreshments. Tickets from the Church Office or pay on the door.

Lent Course in Netherbury **A Pilgrimage to the Cross**

Thursday 26th February, 10.30-12 noon and following 4 Thursdays.
Coffee and biscuits. Contact Jacky Bush 488303

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One Community**

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08 March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

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 10th March

Good News 8th March 2026

Lent Teas, Drimpton Church, Sundays 8th and
22nd March, 4-5pm, gather for tea and cake,
come and discuss the things that weigh heavy on
our world and offer them in a time of prayer.

The Deanery Lent course continues on Tuesday
10th March and moves into the church in
Beaminster for the rest of the course.

The theme for the Lent course this week is
Sharing Communion, exploring what we really
need as human beings, and how sharing
communion is God's presence among and
between us.

Tuesday 10th March Coffee Chat & Cake morning
in Hooke Church 10.30-12 noon and then the
second Tuesday of every month. All welcome.

A community green bus service has started
running through Hooke, to Dorchester on
Wednesdays and Bridport on Fridays with a stay
of approximately 2 hours. £8.00 return fare/bus
passes accepted on the day, but journey must be
booked in advance. Full details can be found on
ectcharity.co.uk, looking for Dorset.

Third Sunday of Lent

08 March

Exodus 17.1-7

17From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Romans 5.1-11

5Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4.5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

John 4.5-42 continued

¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'