

PEW NEWS

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15 Churches: One Community

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23 August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 16

Isaiah 51: 1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12: 1-8
Matthew 16: 13-20

Year A Green

Please keep this copy
of Pew News for
reference over the
coming week.
If you would like a
notice about local
events included in the
next issue, please
email beaminsterteam@gmail.com
by 9 am on
Tuesday 25th August

Good News 23rd August 2026

I wonder how you imagine the Beaminster Team? Our new logo design feedback got us talking. What do we focus on? Our buildings, our communities, our faith and worship, our mission and evangelism. One image is of one body but many members, the metaphor St Paul uses in our reading from Romans today. Each community of faith may have different purposes or skills or vision, but we work better together.

Working together well as a team means supporting each other. Thank you so much to church members who travel to services and who have been supporting the cream teas this month, it is wonderful seeing people pop up in different places.

Working together means sharing our expertise. Over the autumn our working together plans include; getting all our church musicians together, training for intercessors and worship leaders, enabling new lay leaders and preparing adults for confirmation. How might you be part of the team in this new season? Do speak to the clergy team if you have any ideas you want to explore.

Isaiah 51:1-6

Blessings in Store for God's People

51 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12:1-8

The New Life in Christ

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray and to give more
than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the
abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which
our conscience is afraid and
giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask but
through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may
grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR



Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this
broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Noticeboard

TODAY! TODAY! TODAY! TODAY! TODAY!

Sunday 23rd August

St Mary's Mosterton

3-5pm Cream Tea in the Churchyard



Relax and enjoy stunning views accompanied
by delicious tea and scones.

Coke floats and garden games for the young.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

All money raised will go to support
St Mary's Mosterton



**What's On across the Team
in August**

**Toddler Group in Beaminster Park
10am-11.30 am Monday 24th August**

**Sunshine & Stories Salway Ash Park
25th August 11am-1pm**

For more info about these events visit the Team
website or email
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