

PEW NEWS

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15 Churches: One Community

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16 August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after
Trinity
Proper 15

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Year A Green

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reference.
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notice about local
events included in the
next issue, please
email information to
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by 9 am on
Tuesday 18th August

Good News 16th August 2026

Welcome Alex Eadon, our new Director of
Music and organist at St Mary's Beaminster.

Summer activities continue, although we have
cancelled the Woody Wanders due to the heat
and lack of take up.

We had a successful Cream Tea and history talk
in Blackdown last weekend. The cream tea and
history theme continues in Netherbury this
weekend, Sunday 16 August, 3-5pm. It is such a
good way to support other churches in the team
by turning up, enjoying their hospitality, making
a financial donation and this also builds our
relationships as a team of churches.

Mosterton Church takes their turn to host a
Cream Tea on Sunday 23rd August followed by
Beaminster on Saturday 29th August.

We pray for Luke and Amy, Jack and Ella,
Matthew and Emma, and Adam and Rowan, all
to be married in Team Churches in the next few
weeks.

We will begin an adult confirmation class in the
autumn. See Jo for details.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Covenant Extended to All Who Obey

56 Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[Things That Defile

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all
price,
through our Saviour Jesus
Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Noticeboard

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.
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 17th and 24th August

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

Bricks and Buns at Mosterton Church
10am-11am Saturday 22nd August

For more info about these events visit the Team website or
email beaminsterteamoutreach@gmail.com