

PEW NEWS

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15 Churches: One Community

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27 September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday
after Trinity
Proper 21

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end
Psalm 25:1-8
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

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
29th September

Good News 27th September 2026

Our Harvest services continue and the readings for Harvest may be different to the ones printed in the Pew News. For Harvest festivals led by Jo, the readings will be Deuteronomy 8.7-18 and Luke 17:11-19.

We pray for Jaxon to be baptised today and Mabel to be baptised next week.

We had a great Safeguarding meeting with our local safeguarding lead this week. Penny has helped us think about how to enable culture change to make our churches safer. Barbara and Jo will be setting dates for in person safeguarding training for October. If you have any queries about safeguarding do please get in touch.

Ofsted have been in Broadwindsor School this week. Do continue to pray for our local schools as they settle into the autumn term. Our advert for a new community and family outreach worker will be on our website this week.

Dates for your diary. 2nd Nov 7pm, joint PCC and Team council meeting. 28th Nov Advent Quiet morning

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end**Individual Retribution**

¹⁸The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2:1-13**Imitating Christ's Humility**

²If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:1-13 continued

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till
they find their rest in you: pour
your love into our hearts and draw
us to yourself, and so bring us at
last to your heavenly city where
we shall see you face to face;
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 God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

OR

COMING SOON

4th October 11 am Harvest Thanksgiving

at St Mary's Mosterton and

**6th October 7pm Harvest Supper and
Auction, Mosterton Village Hall**

Entrance £10 for adults/£4 for children

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Noticeboard

-TODAY-TODAY-TODAY-

Harvest Tea at 3pm in

South Perrott Village Hall

with homemade cakes and savoury
nibbles, followed by a

Harvest Service at 5pm in

St Mary's South Perrott.

Donations gratefully received in aid of
St Mary's Church South Perrott & Chedington.

Contact Sue for more details: 07971 979 155



**Fair Trade Coffee
Morning**

Saturday 3 October

10am to 12 noon

In St Mary's Beaminster
with

Home-made Cakes
Books

Christmas Cards
Raffle