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08 November 2026
Third Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Day

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 *or* Amos 5:18-24
Canticle: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20
or Psalm 70
I Thessalonians 4:13-end
Matthew 25:1-13

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 10th November

Good News 08 November 2026

Lisa Wakeman, our new Community and Family Outreach worker will begin working with us on Monday 9th November, working flexibly across the week. Initially she will be getting to know the communities at toddler group, Walk in Wednesday and Messy Church, doing her safeguarding training and developing a Year 7 drop in at Beaminster School. Please pray for her as she begins working with us.

In person safeguarding training is booked for 2027. Basic: Sat 9 Jan, Foundation: Sat 6 Feb, Domestic Abuse: Sat 3 April – all at 10am til 12pm in St Mary's Church Beaminster. Or you can complete your training online. Details are on our website under safeguarding.

Team Council will meet before the end of year to set meeting dates for 2027. I will also work with Amanda to set annual meeting dates for 2027. PCCs can set their own meeting dates. Please make sure that all agendas and minutes for PCCs are copied to the Team Administrator and to Jo via email please. Keeping us all linked together with good communication will be a key challenge for next year.

Third Sunday before Advent **08 November**

Description of Wisdom

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Or

Amos 5:18-24

The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

I Thessalonians 4:13-end

The Coming of the Lord

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to
you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ
will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the
clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with
the Lord for ever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a
shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the
wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9But the wise
replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to
the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also,
saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not
know you." 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the
hour.

ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

Quiet Morning Saturday 28 November 9.30am, Netherbury with Bishop Karen
Advent Carols Sunday 29 November 6pm, St Mary's Church Beaminster
From Darkness to Light Tuesday 8 December 7pm, St Mary's Church Beaminster
Carols and Prayers Saturday 19 December 10.30am Beaminster Square
Online Compline Tuesday 22 December 8pm via Zoom

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or

Alternative Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Noticeboard

The next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 14th November
10-11.00am in St Mary's Church Beaminster
Activities, crafts, songs, games, bible story and prayers Drink and snack provided. All welcome.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

FREE LAP BLANKETS

Are you interested in a lap blanket for a chilly evening? I crochet these from chunky yarn, and I will make one of these FREE of charge for you Please contact the church office for more information.
Also, if you have any unwanted chunky yarn at home please take it to the church office and I will use it to make lap blankets for others.
Thank You! Sharyn Brown