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15 Churches: One community in Christ

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15 November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end
Psalm 90:1-8(9-11),12 or 90:1-8
I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Year A Red or 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 17th November

Good News 15 November 2026

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. We give thanks for our PSO, Barbara Simmonds and we thank all those church volunteers who have completed their safeguarding training and take seriously the need to make our churches safe. We pray for all survivors of abuse, and we pray for all churches to be safe. If you don't feel safe, please do speak to Barbara or any member of the team clergy and we will support you and signpost you to further support. Check out safeguarding on our website for further information.

Deanery Synod meeting is in St Mary's Bridport 6.30pm for 7pm on Tuesday 24th November. The guest speaker will be Elizabeth Harvey, the director of finance. All synod reps and Church treasurers are asked to attend.

Advent prayer resources are on the website including a prayer diary for Advent. Each parish will receive a candle at the Team Advent Carol service, 6pm 29 November St Mary's Beaminster, so do attend if possible, to receive it and take it back to your parish.

Second Sunday Before Advent 15 November

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The Great Day of the Lord

14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 continued

[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

The Parable of the Talents

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” [21]His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” [23]His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” [26]But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the deviland to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glorywe may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or

Alternative Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

will be on sale again on 22nd November in St Mary's Beaminster after the 9.30am service.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Noticeboard

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Toller Porcorum
Church Christmas lunch
Sunday December 6th
12pm for 12.30pm in Village Hall
Festive food with vegetarian option. Tickets in Toller PO or book via the Toller Village Hall Website by Wednesday December 2. Four courses £17/ £8 for children.

Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm
Beaminster Singers perform
Matthew Coleridge *Requiem*
Magnificat & Nunc Dimitis
Vivaldi *Gloria*
in St Mary's, Beaminster
Tickets £18 available from Yarn Barton, the Church Office and on the door.