

## **NOTICES & DIARY DATES**

**Thank you to Rachel and Tom** whose Wedding refreshments were enjoyed by both congregations at our services the following day. One last tray of cakes was delivered to our neighbours at the YMCA. The beautiful flower displays which remained in church have been much admired by everyone coming into church.

**Sunday 23 August:** our evening worship returns to 5 pm. There will be time for individual prayer; but we will also be talking and praying together about our future plans for this regular fourth Sunday service.

**Sunday 30 August:** Note that there is no 5pm Service at St John's, as we shall be joining the congregation of St Katharine's East Woodlands for their 'Songs of Praise' service. This follows the final 'Cream Teas' event 3pm-5pm at the village hall.

**Café & Mini-Market - Sunday 6 September:** Sign-up sheet in church, new helpers are always welcome! We shall be running a tombola again, so any contributions will be gratefully received, preferably on a Sunday when they can be safely stored away. Any prizes left over will be recycled at the Autumn Fair. See Janet for more details. And finally, we will also have a produce stall, so would welcome any surplus you may have!

**Spare Chairs?** The staff-room at St John's School is in need of some sofas, soft chairs etc which would be very gratefully received. At present they only have hard chairs which are not very relaxing!

**Homes for Ukraine:** A Ukrainian family of three, one mum and two young children, are looking for sponsorship and accommodation in Frome. Please contact Rev. Seamus if you are interested in helping or finding out more.

**St John's Choir:** During August the church choir is on holiday.

**Chaplains:** We hope to have a chaplain available every Thursday between 12 noon and 1.30pm this summer, to allow a wider range of people to experience our Christian ministry.

**Fair Frome Foodbank:** There are collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received – thank you!

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL

**SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Saturday**  
**5pm Vigil Eucharist**  
in the Lady Chapel

**Sunday**  
**8.45am Online Service**  
contact admin for code  
**10.00am Choral Eucharist**  
**5pm Time for Prayer**

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Monday 24th:** St Bartholomew  
**8.45am Morning Prayer**  
**12.30pm Eucharist**

**Friday**  
**12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist**  
in the Lady Chapel

Confessions, Sacrament of the Sick and Pastoral Conversations are by appointment. Please contact Rev. Seamus to arrange.

Tues 25 11am Julian Meeting  
Fri 28 2pm Hospital Service  
Sat 29 9am Morning Prayer: 'Lessening' of John the Baptist  
Sun 30 5pm St Katharine's 'Songs of Praise' Service  
No 5pm Service at St John's

### **September**

Wed 2 6.30pm Book Club  
Thurs 3 2pm Craft & Conversation  
Sat 5 9am United Prayer  
Sun 6 11.15am - 2pm Café and Mini Market  
Tues 8 12.30pm Nativity of BVM  
Thurs 10 Laurel work in forecourt

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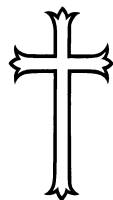
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## Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Year A)



### FIRST READING: Isaiah 51.1-6

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: Romans 12.1-8

I 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. Do 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. 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. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16.13-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And 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. And 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. I 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.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**