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

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Christ the King

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10am Choral Eucharist

5pm Let Us Pray

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Mattins

Wednesday 25th
St Catherine
8.45am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist

Friday
12.30pm Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

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

Mon 23	7pm St John's Women's Group AGM & Quiz
Tues 24	11am Julian Meeting
Fri 27	2pm Hospital Service
	From 4pm Lantern Parade event in the town
Mon 30	12.30pm Eucharist: St Andrew
December	
Wed 2	6.30pm The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset's Community Carol Service at St John's
Sat 5	9am Uniter Prayer
Sun 6	11.15am-3pm 'Christmas Fair' and Café
Mon 7	7pm St John's Women's Group Christmas Party

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Christ the King (Year A)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1.15–end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule

and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.31–end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord
'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Glass doors: Already, we have felt the benefit! The doors were blessed at last Sunday's morning service, as the choir sang an impromptu anthem. With many thanks to all who have worked on this, and to those whose generosity enabled us to do it.

Advent Art Competition for young people: The Closing date is Wed 25 Nov for Exhibition from 2 December. Entry details in church or ask Alison H.

Icon: An Advent Course: As is the custom, we will once again be meeting weekly at the vicarage, starting Thursday 26th November to study Christian faith through art. The classes will be held at 7pm and will have different speakers. Please alert the vicar if you are looking to join and spread word to friends and family. Refreshments served.

White Box Appeal: With Advent and Christmas shopping fast approaching we shall once again be handing out the White collection boxes to you and bringing out the Lolly Trolly. The charity we will be supporting is, again, Aid the Church in Need, the persecuted Christian charity. This will be the last time we collect for this charity as we move to our next, next year. So please be generous in what will be our last donation to them.

'Christmas Fair' Sunday 6 December 11.15am - 3pm: Our 'Festive Special' fundraising event with additional stalls, including the tombola!
Tombola prizes: Janet would really appreciate donations of bottles - a selection of tempting bottles really attracts people to participate. Any gifts gratefully received (preferably before 6 December) on the next two Sundays, or when there are people in church to receive them and lock them away. Thank you! Also any donations for our other stalls, too: nice books, 'gift' items etc.
Helpers needed: please see the Sign-up sheets.