

## NOTICES & DIARY DATES

**World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March at 2.30pm:** St John's is hosting this service. Thank you all to those who have stepped forward to support in welcoming and taking part. Do please come and share with people from other congregations, in what promises to be a moving service featuring accounts of the life of women in Nigeria.

**Lenten White Box Appeal:** This year we are collecting for Aid to the Church in Need, a charity working, on the ground, with persecuted Christians across the globe, to support their maintenance and witness of faith. The Lolly Trolley will be out at all services for your donations.

**Lent Study:** Thursdays at 7pm at the Vicarage. We shall be studying the Creed, what it means and how it shapes our Christian faith. This course is especially suitable for those recently confirmed, or those looking to explore Christian Faith.

**Lenten Compline:** Tuesdays at 7pm during Lent. A Contemplative Compline in the Lady Chapel, focusing on a different theme of Lent. Do join us and see how joint, intentional, Lenten prayer can add to your Lenten Observance.

**Bishop's Taize Pilgrimage:** For young people (18-35) of the diocese. 18th-26th July at the cost of £425. The pilgrimage will involve camping, deepening of faith. There is a booklet with full details, please speak to Rev. Seamus if you have any questions.

**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 1 MARCH 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**Sunday**  
**8.45am Online Service**  
contact admin for code

**10.00am Choral Eucharist**

**5pm Evening Prayer**  
in the Lady Chapel

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Monday**  
**8.45am Morning Prayer**  
in the Ken Chapel

**Tuesday**  
**7pm Lenten Compline**  
in the Lady Chapel

**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.

- Sun 1 11.15am-2pm Café & Mini Market  
Tues 3 7pm Lenten Compline  
Wed 4 6.30pm *Inspired to Read* Book Club (BC)  
Thurs 5 2-4pm Craft & Conversation (BC)  
7pm Lent Study Group: The Creed  
Fri 6 10am Funeral  
2.30pm World Day of Prayer Service at St John's  
7pm Meet the Author event with Dianne Sangster  
Sat 7 9am United Prayer at St John's  
3.30pm St Johns Women's Group meeting (BC)  
Tues 10 7pm Lenten Compline  
7pm PCC Meeting (BC)

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## Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)



### FIRST READING: Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

### SECOND READING: Romans 4.1–5, 13–17

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

### GOSPEL READING: John 3.1-17

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

#### Glory to you, O Lord

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a

second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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