

NOTICES

Reminder: the Churchwardens will be ready after Sunday's service to receive answers to Rev Seamus' question 'How's my vicaring?'.

'Christian Aid Week 11-17 May: Thank you to the team of volunteers from St John's who have offered to collect in the Westway Precinct on Monday 12 May. Donation envelopes will be available in church, too.

St John's APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on Sunday 18 May in church at 11.15am after the service. This is an opportunity to hear reports on the work and finances of St John's in 2024 and to elect people to key roles. There are some vacancies on the PCC - please talk to Angela Pater (PCC Sec) in advance.

May Café & Mini Market: Thank you to everyone who supported the event. We're pleased to report that we made £600 this time!

Next Café & Mini Market - Sunday 1 June: We'd love to have a 'Plants, Produce & Preserves' stall, and to refresh stock for the usual stalls (books, bric-a-brac); all donations would be most welcome, thank you!

Deanery Synod Thursday 22nd May, 7pm for 7.30pm: Beckington First School hall, opposite St George's Church, Beckington (BA11 6TG). The meeting is open to all church members.

Frome Foodbank: Demand remains high, with collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received, thank you.

Regular Services

Sunday 10.00am Choral Eucharist & 5.00pm Evening Worship.

Monday 8.45am Morning Prayer. Friday 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist.

DIARY DATES

Wed 21 May	10.30am Coffee Morning - Festival Flowers (Jane B)
Thurs 22 May	7pm Deanery Synod at St George's Beckington
Sat 24 May	9.30am Well Dressing service
Tues 27 May	11am Julian Meeting
Thurs 29 May	Ascension Day; morning & evening services 2pm-4pm Craft & Cake in church
Fri 30 May	2pm Hospital Service

Further ahead - dates for your calendar:

Fri 4 - Sun 13 July Frome Festival 2025

Brochures are now in church!

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SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

10.00am Holy Communion - Revd Ian Pearson

5.00pm Benediction and Evening Prayer - Revd Kevin Tingay

Monday 12 May

8.45am Morning Prayer - Ken Chapel

10am-4pm Christian Aid collection in Westway Precinct

Thursday 15 May

2pm-4pm Craft & Cake in church

7.30pm Spring Songs Concert at Christ Church

Friday 16 May

Filming taking place in church during the day

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

6.30pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion

11.15am APCM in church after service

4.00pm Evensong Pop-up Choir rehearsal

5.00pm 'Come and Sing' Evensong

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

COLLECT: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, though your people walk in the valley of darkness, no evil should they fear; for they follow in faith the call of the Shepherd whom you have sent for their hope and strength. Attune our minds to the sound of his voice, lead our steps in the path he has shown, that we may know the strength of his outstretched arm and know the light of your presence for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy Ghost, ever one God, the world without end. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and

honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: John 10.22-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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