

## NOTICES

**Our new Vicar:** The Revd Seamus Hargrave, who will be welcomed as Vicar of St John's in February, spent more time in the with us this week, meeting various members of the congregation and discussing his vision for our mission together in this parish.

**Many thanks to Revd Kevin Tingay**, who nobly stepped in to take our service last Sunday at the eleventh hour when Father Ian was unwell. We are pleased that Father Ian is feeling better now and we continue to be immensely grateful for the ministry of all our retired priests.

**Christmas wreath making - Thursday 5th December 2pm in the Bennett Centre:** The Craft and Cake group invite you to join them in making Christmas wreaths - all materials provided; please let Judith Davies know in advance if you would like to come.

**Christmas lunch - Saturday 14th December:** 12.30pm for 1pm in the Bennett Centre. Three-course meal with vegetarian option; £15 a head (bring your own bottle). As well as being a social event, we are hoping to raise funds towards the continuing renovation of the building. If you want to come and haven't yet got your tickets, please speak to Peter or Mandy ASAP or email [amandacrook@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:amandacrook@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Christmas Gifts for the YMCA:** We have received our annual request for gifts for our neighbours the young people at the YMCA. We shall be collecting small items (*unwrapped please*) in church on Sundays 8th and 15th December. Full details of suggested gifts on the weekly cover note.

**Carol Singing at Frome Station - Tuesday 10th December 7.20am to 8.10am:** Frome Area Christians Together early morning annual carol singing event - we will be singing when 3 of the busiest trains are leaving. This is always appreciated by commuters and train staff alike. All welcome, the more singers the bigger the impact bringing the true message of Christmas.

### DIARY DATES

Mon 9 Dec	7pm Advent Study Group
Tues 10 Dec	7.20am-8.10am Carol Singing at Frome Station
Wed 11 Dec	7pm PCC Meeting (BC)
Sat 14 Dec	9.30am Working Party
	10.30am Open Doors & Readers Team Meeting
	11am Baptism of Joseph and Patrick
	1pm Christmas Lunch at the Bennett Centre
Mon 16 Dec	7pm Advent Study Group (final meeting)
Tues 17 Dec	7pm Frome College Christmas Concert

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

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish is in Vacancy.  
Please contact the Parish Office with all queries.

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### SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024

**First Sunday of Advent**

**8.00am Service at Christ Church**

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

**9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Rev Kevin Tingay**

**11am-2pm Café & Mini Market**

### Monday 2 December

7pm Advent Study Group

### Wednesday 4 December

6.30pm Inspired to Read Book Club

BC

### Thursday 5 December

2-4pm Craft & Cake - Christmas Wreaths

BC

### Friday 6 December

6.30pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 7 December

9.00am United Prayer in St John's

### SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2024

**Second Sunday of Advent**

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

**9.00am Service at St Mary's**

**9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Rev Mike Vockins**

## First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

### COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**



## GOSPEL READING: Luke 21.25-36

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

### Glory to you, O Lord

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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