

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

September Mini Market: We are very pleased to tell you that we raised a remarkable £692.30. Once again it seemed pretty quiet at times, but somehow we are still managing to bring in much needed funds. Thanks to everyone for the huge effort you all make to ensure these events work so well. Next event Sunday 4th October!

Communal Christening: William Lloyd-Murphy and Rosanne Hull are delighted to announce the Baptism of their Son, James William John Lloyd-Murphy during the 10am Holy Eucharist on the 20th September. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and welcome Master James into the family of Christ and St John's, and to stay behind after the service for Christening Refreshments.

Vicarage Communion: Due to an unfortunate scheduling clash with a wedding on the 25th September, Holy Eucharist will NOT be celebrated in the Lady Chapel of St John's, but instead will be celebrated at 12:30pm in the St John's Vicarage. Everyone is welcome to the Vicarage for Holy Communion and there shall, in honour of this unusual event, be a snack reception afterwards.

'Consider the Wondrous' - Choral Evensong at St John's: Sunday 20th September at 5.00pm. Choir rehearsal at 3.30pm. 'Consider the Wondrous' is a new literary festival for Frome celebrating nature writing, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September at RISE, Whittox Lane. Brochures in church or visit: <https://www.sta-website.com/consider>

Cavatina Orchestra concert at St John's: Friday 25th September 7.00pm, including Alma Mahler: *Sieben Lieder* and Beethoven: *Symphony No.7*. See posters and website for further information. Tickets online <https://www.cavatinaorchestra.com/festival>

Flower Arranging: Our skilled team of flower arrangers are anxious to start welcoming new people into the family of Flower Fanatics. Flowers in Church is an ancient and important art, elevating our worship, but needs new people to learn the skills and continue the work. Anyone interested in learning to flower arrange and join the St John's team, please contact Elaine: elainegilburt@live.co.uk

Save the Date! Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16 December in the Bennett Centre.

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

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Fifteenth 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 Benediction

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday 14th
Holy Cross Day
8.45am Mattins
12.30pm Eucharist

Tuesday 15th
Our Lady of Sorrows
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.

Thurs 17 2pm Craft & Conversation

Sun 20 Baptism
5pm Evensong 'Consider the Wondrous'

Mon 21 12.30pm Eucharist: St Matthew
7pm St John's Women's Group

Tues 22 10am Worship Committee meeting

Fri 25 12.30pm Eucharist - *in the Vicarage*
1pm Wedding

7pm Cavatina Concert at St John's - Max Todes

Sat 26 9am Morning Prayer: St Cosmos & St Damian
1pm Wedding

Sun 27 5pm Service

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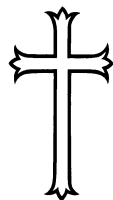
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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Year A)



FIRST READING: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18.21-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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