

NOTICES

The Bereavement Journey course has been postponed: It is hoped that it will run later this spring - we will share further information when it's available, Lois and Janet

Craft and Cake: 2pm-4pm in the Bennett Centre. Thursday 2, 16 February and 2, 16 & 30 March. Bring along a craft or just come along for a chat and cake!

Festival Flower Fundraising Coffee Morning: Tuesday 7th February 10.30am - 12.30pm Garston Farm Cottage, Frome. Proceeds towards flower displays in St John's during Frome Festival. See posters in church for further details.

Radio Times: Devotees of radio broadcast services may be interested to know that Sunday Worship (Radio 4, Sunday 22nd Jan 8.10am) are coming from Selwyn College Cambridge, where Alice McC sings in the choir. Rosemary McC

The Marriage Course (on-line): Open to all couples, Tuesday evenings starting on 24th January. The course is hosted by Caroline & Henry Pomeroy and Felicity & James Evans. We're meeting with coffee and cake in Nunney Village Hall on Sat 21st Jan from 10-12 so you can find out more about the course or email nunneychurchwardens@gmail.com

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Current requests for; coffee, hot chocolate, jam, porridge oats, rice, custard, tinned soup & snacks Thank you very much.

DIARY DATES

Tues 31 Jan 11am Julian Meeting (SJ)
Thurs 2 Feb 2pm-4pm Craft and Cake (BC)
Sat 4 Feb 9am United Prayers (SJ)
Tues 7 Feb 10.30am SJ FF Fundraising Coffee Morning

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SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 883 7059 2194 Passcode: 522188

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Thursday 19 January

2pm-4pm Craft and Cake

BC

Friday 20 January

12pm Funeral of Shirley Herridge

SJ

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 21 January

10am Fundraising meeting

SJ

Tuesday 24 January

1pm Funeral of Beatrice 'Anne' McCarthy

SJ

Marriage Course (on-line) see Notices

Friday 27 January

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 28 January

9am Frome Festival Planning meeting

BC

10am SJ & SK Worship Committee meeting

BC

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023

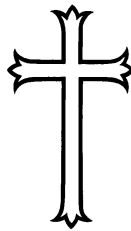
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Third Sunday of Epiphany (Year A)

COLLECT: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4.12-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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