

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Thank you: Many thanks to everyone who supported and came to the Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th at Elaine & Chris' house. We're delighted to report that £402.35 was raised towards Frome Festival flowers.

'Exploring the Wilderness' - Sunday 22 Feb 4.00pm - Everyone welcome to share in worship with maps, songs and maybe cake!

Lenten White Box Appeal: As we enter into Lent and stock up on Easter Eggs, the white boxes will again be distributed to everyone, 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.

Café & Mini Market - Sunday 1 March 11.15am-2pm: It would be super to see some new helpers, please sign up on the sheet in the refreshment area. Also a call for any donations of items you may have to donate; books, nearly new items etc are all most welcome! Thank you! *Please Note - there is no April Mini Market.*

World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March at 2.30pm: St John's is hosting this service so we will be needing Sidesmen (welcomers), a refreshments team, as well as people to take part in the service. Expect emails from Lois and Janet very soon!

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 22 FEBRUARY 2026

First 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

4pm 'Fourth at Four'
Exploring the Wilderness

Confessions, Sacrament of the Sick and Pastoral Conversations are by appointment. Please contact Rev. Seamus to arrange.

Mon 23 7.30pm St Johns Women's Group Quiz Night (BC)

Tues 24 11am Julian Meeting

7pm Lenten Compline - Each Tuesday in Lent

Wed 25 6.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Thurs 26 7pm Lent Study Group: The Creed

Fri 27 2pm Hospital Service

March

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

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First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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



SECOND READING: Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**