

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Christmas Lunch, Sat 13 Dec, 12 noon for 12.30pm: Last call for booking your tickets. Please speak to Peter or Mandy before 6pm on Sun 7th if you haven't bought yours yet.

'Icon' Advent Group Thursdays at 7pm in the vicarage: Each week we will examine a film or other art form, such as music or sculpture, and explore how these encourage or challenge our Christian faith and draw us more closely into examining the good news of Christmas. Further meetings on 11 & 18 December.

Advent Worship - Wednesdays at 5pm on December 10 and 17. A different service each week intended to take us out of the hustle and bustle and focus us on the true meaning of this sacred season.

Tree Decorations: Donations of decorations to adorn one of our two Christmas Trees in church will be gratefully received. We are going to invite people to decorate this tree during the Mini-Market.

Advent Collection white boxes: For any change you might wish to donate in the run-up to Christmas. The proceeds will be evenly split between St John's and the Good Heart cafe's 'pay a meal forward'. The Lolly Trolley will be available at every service. Thank you.

YMCA Christmas Appeal: Thank you for your donations so far, we shall be collecting gifts in church on Sunday 7 & 14 December; chocolate & sweets, toiletries, stationery, hats & gloves etc. Please see notices in church for details.

Dementia Service - Friday 12 December 11.45am: At St Mary's Church, Innox Hill. Prayers & Carols followed by soup & mince pies. Open to everyone affected by memory loss and their friends.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
in the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Wednesday
5pm Advent Service

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.

December

Sun 7	11.15am-2pm Café and Mini-market
Wed 10	5pm Advent Service
Thurs 11	2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation (BC) 7pm Advent group 'Icon'
Sat 13	9am Morning Prayer: St Lucy 12pm Christmas Lunch - Bennett Centre
Mon 15	9am St John's School Christmas Service 7pm Standing Committee meeting (BC) 7pm St John's Women's Group Christmas Party
Tues 16	7am Train Station Carol Singing 7pm Frome College concert

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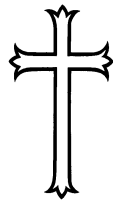
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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)



FIRST READING: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I

will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3.1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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