

NOTICES

Christian Aid Week: Thank you all so much for braving the chilly wind and giving your time to collect for Christian Aid. We collected an amazing total of £150.61 which considering the few people there were around was an excellent result. We will have envelopes in church if you wish to contribute, or for online donations christianaid.org.uk

Annual meetings: Don't forget our annual meetings this week:
St Katharine's APCM – Sunday 21st May, straight after the service, in church. **St John's APCM** – Tuesday 23rd May, 7pm, in church.

Jean Bryer: Jean's funeral will take place on Friday 16th June at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington at 1.15 pm. All are welcome.

Reader in Training- we are delighted to report that Rosemary McCormick, following a rigorous selection process (including preaching a sermon), is now officially a Reader in Training and will begin further studies later this year. We look forward to someone else in a blue scarf! Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

'Thy Kingdom Come' - prayer in the Giant's Garden, at St Mary's:
Starting Friday 19th May until Saturday 27th at 6-7pm daily.

Deanery Plan: The proposals from the Deanery for future realignment of benefices and deployment of clergy in the Deanery were approved at the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group meeting on 25th April.

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Mon 29 May	Bank Holiday
Tues 30 May	11am Julian Meeting (SJ)
Sun 4 June	11am-2pm Café and Mini Market (SJ)
Thurs 8 June	2pm Craft & Cake - Altar Cloths repair (SJ)
Sat 10 June	10am-12pm Open Doors (SJ)
	10am Worship Committee meeting (SJ)

**THE PARISHES OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL
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SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 865 7788 2320 Passcode: 551056

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Morning Service at St Katharine's

St Katharine's APCM - after the service

Note - TeaTime at St John's will now be on Sunday 28 May

Friday 19 May

6-7pm Prayer in the Giant's Garden; daily until Saturday 27 SM

6.30pm Choir Practice SJ

Tuesday 23 May

2.00pm Funeral of George Howard SK

7pm SJ APCM SJ

Thursday 25 May

2pm-4pm Craft and Cake BC

Friday 26 May

2.00pm Funeral of Joanne Trace SK

6.30pm Choir Practice SJ

Saturday 27 May

9.30am Well Dressing Service SJ

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

Pentecost

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's

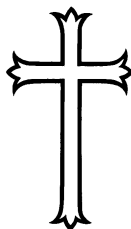
9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

4.00pm TeaTime at St John's

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Acts 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing

the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 17.1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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