

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Martin Bax: The funeral of Martin Bax, founder of Frome Festival, will take place at St John's on Wednesday 1 July at 12pm.

Frome Festival Fri 3 - Sun 12 July stewarding help needed: We have a lot of slots still to fill for the daily exhibitions and special events, please do help! The sign-up lists are in the refreshment area or email Mandy on amandacrook@blueyonder.co.uk

Archdeacon's Visitation - Monday 22 June: 7pm St George's Church, Beckington. Everyone is welcome and it is a lovely service.

Sunday 28 June - Guest Preacher: We will have a guest preacher at the Church representing Aid to the Church in Need, the charity for persecuted Christians which we have been supporting. Please do come along and show support for our persecuted Christian brethren and learn a little more about where they are and how we can help.

Collection: The Offertory Plate Collection on this day will be given to Aid to the Church in Need. All who would like to contribute to this collection, please do bring something to put in the plate. Gift Aid envelopes for the charity will be available on the day.

St John's Women's Group Annual Summer Barbecue: Monday 29 June at Jan and Pete's house, 7 pm. Please see flyers in church and list of suggested 'bring & share' food items. Lifts are available. Please see Alison Henderson for further details.

Paperback Books Plea: We'd love your donations of paperbacks for the next market event on Sunday 5 July (fiction or non-fiction). We'll just be focussing on having a really good book stall and the Café - thank you!

Fashionable Faith - Models Needed: Frome Festival event July 12th. Anyone interested should contact either Rev. Seamus or Elaine.

Volunteer Chaplains Needed: We are hoping to provide some time set aside each week where a voluntary 'chaplain' can listen, pray with and talk to any visitors who might need it. Anyone who considers themselves empathetic and a good listener is welcome to volunteer - Rev. Seamus.

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 21 JUNE 2026

St John the Baptist

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist

5pm Choral Evensong
3.30pm Choir Rehearsal

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

Mon 22 12.30pm Eucharist: St Alban
7pm Archdeacon's Visit - St George's, Beckington
Tues 23 12.30pm Eucharist: St Etheldreda
Wed 24 8.45am Morning Prayer: St John the Baptist
Fri 26 2pm Hospital Service
Sun 28 4pm '4th @ 4pm' Saints Above
Mon 29 St John's Women's Group BBQ (see Notices)
Tues 30 11am Julian Meeting

July

Wed 1 12pm Funeral of Martin Bax

Fri 3 - Sun 12 July Frome Festival

Fri 3 8.45am Morning Prayer: St Thomas
12.30pm Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

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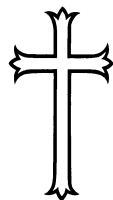
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St John the Baptist (Year A)



FIRST READING: Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

SECOND READING: Acts 13.14b-26

but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he

gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1.57-66, 80

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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