

NOTICES

The Revd Seamus Hargrave: our new Vicar will be welcomed at a very special service in St John's on Monday 3 February at 7.00 pm.

Everyone is invited to join us. Many thanks to all those who have been working hard in preparation for this service. Meanwhile Seamus has already been meeting lots of people in the parish-do please continue to sign up on his visiting rota which will be in church on Sunday.

Fair Frome Donation: £228 has been sent to Fair Frome. This is a share of the collection taken during our Christmas Carol Service.

Special prayer: we have been asked to keep in our prayers a group of students from Selwood Academy going on a skiing trip to Austria 1- 8 February.

The Bereavement Journey Course: Fridays at 12.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall until 14 Feb. Please contact Revd Liz Dudley via admin@christchurch-stmayrs-frome.co.uk for further information.

Fair Frome Foodbank: There are collection points in most supermarkets. There is also an app called 'Bank the Food' which Fair Frome update regularly with their current needs. All help gratefully received.

DIARY DATES

Wed 12 Feb	7pm at Holy Trinity 'Dream Big' project
Sun 16 Feb	5pm Evensong
Wed 19 Feb	7pm PCC Meeting (BC)
Thurs 20 Feb	2-4pm Craft & Cake (BC)
Tues 25 Feb	11am Julian Meeting

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish has been in Vacancy. This Vacancy will end on 3 February when we welcome

Revd Seamus Hargrave as our new Vicar.

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SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

Candlemas

8.00am Service at Christ Church

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Revd Kevin Tingay

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025

7.00pm Welcome Service for Revd Seamus Hargrave

Tuesday 4 February

10am Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday 5 February

6.30pm *Inspired to Read* Book Club (at JC house)

Thursday 6 February

2pm-4pm Craft & Cake

BC

Friday 7 February

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 8 February

9.30am Working Party

10.30am-12.00pm Open Doors

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025

Fourth before Lent

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

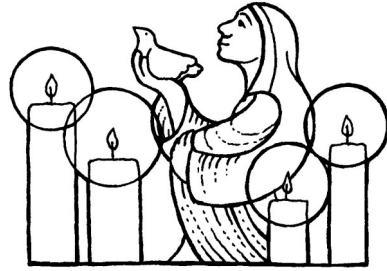
9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion

Candlemas (Year C)

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.22-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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