

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL
SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026
All Saints' Day

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Mattins
5.30pm All Souls' Service

Friday
12.30pm Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

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

Sun 1	11.15am-2pm Café and Mini Market
Mon 2	5.30pm All Souls' Service 7pm Bishop Michael Visit – Holy Trinity Church
Tues 3	12.30pm Eucharist – St Winefride
Sat 7	9am United Prayer 1pm Wedding
Tues 10	7pm Event : Malcolm Guite & Amy Jeffs
Thurs 12	2pm Craft & Conversation
Sat 14	10am Worship Committee meeting
Mon 23	7pm St John's Women's Group AGM & Quiz

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All Saints' Day (Year A)

FIRST READING: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, 'Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5.1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

November is the month of All Souls a time when we remember, but most importantly, pray for the departed. Through November, the dead we cherish will be remembered at every service held in the Church. There are paper leaves in the baptistry, for us to write the names of the departed. There will be an All Soul's service at 5.00pm on Sunday when these leaves will be placed on a tree of life and the names held them in prayer through the rest of the month.

Confirmation: this was a lovely service of affirmation for Will, Roseann, Abi and George. Thank you to everyone who came and supported, especially choir, servers and the refreshment team who all contributed magnificently!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026: Please see lists in church of items which can be donated to fill the boxes. All gifts gratefully received. Volunteers to help decorate and fill boxes welcome. Thank you, Alison

Fundraising News:

Café & Mini Market - Sunday 1 November: Do stay to support this event after the service. *Note - there is no 'Autumn Fair' this year.*

Café & Mini Market – Sunday 6 December 11.15am - 3pm: We are planning to make this our 'Festive Special' fundraising event with additional stalls, including handmade items from our 'Craft & Conversation' group, and seasonal refreshments available in the Café. As usual, we will need a variety of helpers and donation of items for stalls – more details to follow shortly. Thank you!

Sherlock & Pages Event at St John's – 'The Coming of Arthur':

Tuesday 10 November at 7pm – Malcolm Guite and Amy Jeffs in conversation. Tickets from Sherlock & Pages bookshop; 2 Catherine Hill, Frome.

Christmas Lunch: Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16 December, 12 for 12.30 in the Bennett Centre. Tickets available from Peter Connew and Christine Holland.

Michael Wood Talk: Historian and long-standing friend of St John's is coming to the Cheese & Grain on May 20, 2027 for a talk & book-signing: 'Athelstan: England's First and Last King'. Tickets are selling fast! Cheese & Grain Box Office 01373 455420