

NOTICES

Future developments at St John's: Thank you to all those of you who took the time to complete the "have your say" form last Sunday, and a particular thank you to Kevin and Janet for leading us through it so skilfully. Your responses have been very helpful as we draw up the profile document: they demonstrate what a caring and outward looking congregation we have at SJ.

One Voice Community Choir concert: Thank you to all of you who supported the concert last Sunday. At the end of the afternoon when we had enjoyed a feast of music and cake we had raised another £526 towards the organ appeal. We are now tantalisingly close to reaching our target; I am hoping that the second phase of work can start very soon, and we still have another fund-raising concert to look forward to in July. Rosemary

Julian Meeting Tuesday 30 April: Please note that the meeting will now take place at 10am in the Ken Chapel.

May Mini Market & Café - Sunday 5 May: The Rota is now in the hospitality area; please sign up with offers of help, thank you.

Christian Aid Week 2024: St John's will be fielding a team of collectors for Christian Aid in the Westway Precinct on Monday 13 May (times to be confirmed). Please be prepared to be asked to join the team! There will be envelopes available in church for personal donation.

APCM - this year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 19 May: It will take place in church after the service. There are some vacancies on the PCC. If anyone is interested, please talk to Angela Pater or Peter Connew in advance of the meeting.

The single candle on the altar at St John's: For two years we have burned yellow and blue candles as we silently pray for the people caught up in the conflict in Ukraine. Since then, images of other, dreadful conflicts have filled our screens. In recognition of so many suffering people, we now have one single white candle burning on our altar. Our prayer remains fervent for a resolution of all these conflicts.

DIARY DATES

Tues 30 April	10am Julian Meeting (in the Ken Chapel) 11am Funeral of Eric Poole at St John's
Wed 1 May	Poetry evening – details to be confirmed
Sun 5 May	11am –2pm Café & Mini Market
Sat 12 May	10.30am to noon - Open Doors

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

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish is in Vacancy.
Please contact the Parish Office with all queries.

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 875 6469 6231 Passcode: 4T83jZ

9.45am Holy Communion – Celebrant: Rev Ian Pearson

4.00pm Tea Time at St John's

Informal discussion about future opportunities for fellowship,
worship and study.

Thursday 25 April

2-4pm Craft & Cake

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Friday 26 April

2pm Hospital Service

6.30pm Choir Practice

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion – Celebrant: Rt Rev Rob Martin

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



The Diocesan Vacancy Prayer

Beloved God, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place. We give you thanks for all that has been and all that will be. We ask for your guidance as we work together in this time of vacancy: guidance to be light in our community; guidance to love and encourage one another; and guidance to draw us to the person that is right for us and our community. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: John 10.11-18

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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