

NOTICES

Our new Vicar: Revd Seamus Hargrave will be joining us at the beginning of February. His welcome service will be on Monday 3 February at 7pm so please save the date. In the meantime Seamus and his partner Jay made a flying visit recently, and we are looking forward to their next visit in November. Jay will continue to work in the Tenby area after Seamus joins us, so she won't be with us full time.

Personal information sheet: thank you to those who have already filled in and returned the getting-to-know-you sheet for our next Vicar Seamus, who is keen to learn as much as he can about us. There are more sheets available in church.

Autumn Fair - thank you: Very many thanks to everyone for helping with our Autumn Fair – it was lovely to see everyone. We raised a magnificent £1125. A big thank you to everyone for all the preparation, setting up, manning and taking down - a huge effort all round!

Disasters Emergency Committee: thank you to all who donated last week to the retiring collection for the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. There will also be opportunity to donate in church this week.

Season of Remembering: please add any names you wish to be read aloud and remembered at next Saturday's All Souls service. The list will be available throughout the week.

November Café & Mini Market: next weekend, Sunday 3 November. Do join us for our regular monthly event. Donations of books most welcome!

Giving Review: Very many thanks for your responses to the giving review held during Generosity Week. We are very pleased to report that as a result the total planned giving by our parishioners has risen by 25% to £25000 per year, which will help the church finances hugely. Thank you again for your generosity. Christine and Mandy

DIARY DATES

Wed 6 Nov	6.30pm <i>Inspired to Read</i> Book Club (BC)
Sat 9 Nov	9.30am-11am Working Party
	10.30am Open Doors & Servers Team meeting
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Tues 19 Nov	7pm PCC Meeting
Fri 22 Nov	Evening - Frome Lantern Parade
Mon 25 Nov	7pm Advent Study Group
Tues 26 Nov	11am Julian Meeting

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

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish is in Vacancy.
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SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

Bible Sunday

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Rev Ian Pearson

Tuesday 29 October

11am Julian Meeting

Friday 1 November

No Choir Practice

Saturday 2 November

9am FACT Prayers

4pm All Souls Service

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

All Saints' Day

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

8.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Rev Kevin Tingay

11am - 2pm Café & Mini Market

Bible Sunday (Year B)

COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 55.1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the

message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 5.36b-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?' This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**