

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday

5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday

8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist

5pm Benediction

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday

8.45am Mattins

Tuesday 13th

8.45am Mattins:

Edward the Confessor

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.

Mon 12	7pm St John's Women's Group
Thurs 15	2pm Craft & Conversation
	7.15pm Deanery Synod at St Giles, Leigh on Mendip BA3 5QJ
Fri 16	11.45am Prayers and Favourite Hymns St Mary's
Mon 19	8.45am Mattins: St Luke the Evangelist
Sat 24	Confirmation Retreat at St John's
Tues 27	11am Julian Meeting
	7pm Confirmation Rehearsal
Wed 28	8.45am Mattins: St Simon and St Jude
	7pm Confirmation Eucharist with Bishop Fiona
Fri 30	2pm Hospital Service

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22.1-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

October Café & Mini Market: Thank you so much for all your efforts, we're delighted to report that we made a grand total of £591.70 another very worthwhile fundraising event. The next Café & Mini Market takes place on Sunday 1 November.

Harvest Festival: thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the success of our Harvest Thanksgiving. Many people have commented on the real splendour of the flowers. Various people helped to welcome the Sunflower Nursery and St John's School as they came into church to bring their gifts. A noble army packed everything away in record time and took a wonderful amount of tins and packages to the Food Bank on Tuesday. Thank you all for your generosity!

A busy time: thank you to all those going the extra mile at the moment. Weddings, school services and funerals all require an immense amount of background work to go smoothly. We are very grateful to all those who give their time and energy in support.

St John's Women's Group: Meeting in church on Monday 12th October at 7pm. We are making small flower arrangements. Please bring a small bunch of flowers. Oasis, greenery etc provided. Usual raffle, coffee/tea and biscuits.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026: empty boxes still needed. 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

Rev. Seamus is away 5 - 19 October: All services will take place as usual. Please contact the church office for any admin enquiries and our Readers or Fr. Kevin Tingay for pastoral care.

Save the Date! Christmas Lunch: Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16 December in the Bennett Centre.

Fair Frome Foodbank: There are collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received – thank you!