

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025 - Ninth after Trinity

NOTICES

Evensong: This week's 5pm Service is Evensong. Singers are invited to meet in church at 3.45pm for a choir rehearsal.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes begin on Tuesday 2 September at 7pm and will run for six classes in the vicarage. Everyone wishing to be confirmed must attend these classes. They are also open to anyone wishing to explore, or re-explore the basic tenets of Christian faith. So all are welcome, with Confirmation at the end of these being optional.

Thinking Allowed: The group will meet on the 21 August, 7pm in the vicarage, with the topic "Living like a Christian."

Are you Letting? A valued member of the St John's community is looking to rent a property in Frome, if you, or anyone you know, is letting a property, please contact jonathan.norcott@gmail.com who would be grateful for any help finding a new home.

Sunday 31 August - Songs of Praise: We plan to join the congregation of St Katharines at 5pm for their special service of song as our 'flexible fifth' this month. It's also the final Cream Teas Sunday of the summer, 3pm-5pm at East Woodlands! Please ask Janet for further details.

There will not be a 5pm Evening service at St John's that day.

Mary's House Community, Innox Hill - Open Garden Sessions and Shared Lunch: The Giant's Garden is open for gardening, relaxing and a cup of tea each Wednesday and Sunday between 2pm and 4pm. Open to anyone of any ability! Please dress appropriately for what you'd like to do.

We will have a shared lunch in the garden on Sunday 31 August starting at 12.30 pm. This is open to anyone - do invite friends. Please bring and share!

Frome Foodbank: Demand remains high, with collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received – thank you.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5.00pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Worship
in the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

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

DIARY DATES

August

Tues 19	10am Worship Committee Meeting
Thurs 21	7pm Thinking Allowed (Vicarage)
Tues 26	11am Julian Meeting
Thurs 28	7pm Thinking Allowed (Vicarage)
Fri 29	2pm Hospital Service 7pm Women's Group meeting
Sat 30	11am Baptism
Sun 31	No 5pm Evening Service at St John's (see Notices)

Vicar: Rev. Seamus Hargrave 01373 433933

Rev.seamushargrave@stjohnsfrome.com

admin@stjohnsfrome.com

www.stjohnsfrome.com

Safeguarding Officer: Steve Smith 07548 250805

smith.steve.71@icloud.com

Ninth after Trinity (Year C)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so



that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12.49-56

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

Glory to you, O Lord

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

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