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

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Remembrance Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

9.45am Choral Eucharist

5pm Benediction

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Mattins

Wednesday 11th
11am Act of Remembrance

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.

Tues 10	7pm Event : Malcolm Guite & Amy Jeffs
Thurs 12	2pm Craft & Conversation
Sat 14	10am Worship Committee meeting
Wed 18	7pm Talk with Guest Speaker
Mon 23	7pm St John's Women's Group AGM & Quiz
Tues 24	11am Julian Meeting
Fri 27	2pm Hospital Service
	From 4pm Lantern Parade event in town
December	
Wed 2 Dec	Lord Lieutenant of Somerset's Carol Service

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Remembrance Sunday (Year A)

FIRST READING:

Sirach 44:1-15 - Hymn in Honour of Our Ancestors

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valour; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes—all these were honoured in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their offspring will continue for ever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation. The assembly declares their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in

Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord
‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Year's Mind: following our All Souls' Services, during which names were read aloud and placed on the tree, we are introducing a monthly Year's Mind. There are more details in this month's edition of *Inspire* magazine, and the request sheets will remain in church, so more names may be added.

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 - November: We're thrilled to report a wonderful amount of £711.10 was raised. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen yet again.
'Christmas Fair' Sunday 6 December 11.15am - 3pm: Our 'Festive Special' fundraising event with additional stalls, including the tombola!
Tombola prizes - Janet would be pleased to receive your donations, especially bottles! We will need a variety of helpers and goods for the other stalls, too: nice books, 'gift' items etc. 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.

Mon 16 - Wed 18 November work taking place in church:
Installation of glass doors in church. Please note that the parking bays outside the church cottage will be in use by contractors.

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

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