

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Holy Ghost Novena 15 - 23 May at 5pm daily: As part of the Thy Kingdom Come project, there will be a novena of evening prayer between Ascension and Whitsun 15th - 23rd each day at 5pm. A Novena is an ancient and powerful prayer to ask God's help for an important issue, person or place, all are welcome to join in these series of prayer for God's Spirit to intervene in something close to your heart.

Well-Dressing Preparation: Alison will be very grateful for support in assembling the art work this coming week; meet in church from 10.00am Saturday 16th, after morning service on Sunday, Monday 18th and Thursday 21st 9.30 -11.00am and Friday 9.30am -12.00pm

Birch Branches: Next Saturday, 23rd May, it is not only the Well Dressing, but also the day we put up Birch Branches to decorate the church for Pentecost. We will do this after the Well Dressing at about 10.30am. Anyone who would like to help is very welcome. Thank you!

Pentecost Petals: As the Church prepares for Pentecost, we would gratefully ask for any yellow or red rose petals which you might be able to collect a day or two before Whitsun. These will be used to represent the tongues of fire. They need to be fresh, so should be delivered only on the Friday or Saturday before Pentecost, but please do start eyeing those floral beauties you are willing to shred.

4th @4pm Sunday 24 May: Pentecost: 'When the wind blew'. Informal, intergenerational worship with songs and cake. Everyone welcome!

Vivaldi concert: A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this concert last Friday. Members of the audience commented on the beauty of our church as well as the thrilling music, so it was a good evening all round!

Floral Choral by the Swan Singers at the Bennett Centre, Sat 13th June, 7pm: in aid of the redevelopment of the Bennett Centre. Wonderful music from the Renaissance to the 21st century (more details on the St John's website). Tickets £12 in advance by using the QR code on the poster or from Peter Connew or Mandy Crook in church.

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

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

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist

5pm Choral Evensong
3.30pm Choir rehearsal

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Saturday 23 May
9.30am Well Blessing Service
9am Gather for procession

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

Tues 19 10am Worship Committee Meeting
Thurs 21 7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Sat 23 9.30am Well Blessing
Sun 24 Pentecost - see Notices for further info
4pm: 4th @ 4pm 'When the wind blew'
Mon 25 St Aldhelm 8.45am and 12.30pm
Tues 26 11am Julian Meeting
Wed 27 12.30pm Eucharist: St Augustine
Thurs 28 2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation
7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Fri 29 2pm Hospital Service

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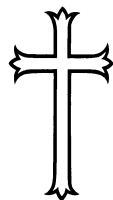
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Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)



FIRST READING: Acts 1.6–14

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4.12–14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL READING: John 17.1–11

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

Glory to you, O Lord

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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