

NOTICES

Future developments at St John's: Thank you to all those of you who took the time to complete the "have your say" form. Your responses have been very helpful as we draw up the profile document: they demonstrate what a caring and outward looking congregation we have at SJ.

St. John's Wives Group Meeting: Monday 13th May in church at 7pm. Current and potential members are very welcome. We are having an arts and crafts session helping to make part of the Annual Well Dressing decoration. Tea, coffee, and nice biscuits will be provided. Any questions? Please ask Alison Henderson

Christian Aid Week 2024: St John's will be fielding a team of collectors for Christian Aid in the Westway Precinct on Monday 13 May There will be envelopes available in church for personal donation.

APCM - this year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 19 May: It will take place in church after the service. There are some vacancies on the PCC. If anyone is interested, please talk to Angela Pater or Peter Connew in advance of the meeting.

The single candle on the altar at St John's: For two years we have burned yellow and blue candles as we silently pray for the people caught up in the conflict in Ukraine. Since then, images of other, dreadful conflicts have filled our screens. In recognition of so many suffering people, we now have one single white candle burning on our altar. Our prayer remains fervent for a resolution of all these conflicts.

Frome Foodbank - stocks remain very low: All help gratefully received Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Mon 13 May	Christian Aid collection in Westway Precinct 7.00pm St. John's Wives Group meeting (SJ)
Sun 19 May	11am APCM after the service
Thurs 23 May	2-4pm Craft & Cake (BC)
Sat 25 May	9.30am Well Blessing
Tues 28 May	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.
Please contact the Parish Office with all queries.

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SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 875 6469 6231 Passcode: 4T83jZ

9.45am Holy Communion – Celebrant: Revd Graham Witts

11am - 2pm Café & Mini Market

Thursday 9 May

2-4pm Craft & Cake

7pm Ascension Day Service - Celebrant: Revd Kevin Tingay

Friday 10 May

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 11 May

10.30am to noon - Open Doors

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

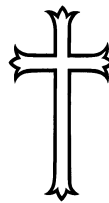
8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Charlie Peer, Acting Archdeacon of Wells

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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GOSPEL READING: John 15.9-17

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

Glory to you, O Lord

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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