

NOTICES

Future developments at St John's. Plans are in hand for 11 September when the candidates visit the parish. The interviews for our new vicar will take place on 12 September. None of us knows any details about the candidates so please don't be offended if we don't answer your questions. On Tuesday 10 September we will have a Day of Prayer from 10am - 4pm in church when we can pray for our parish and its future.

Coffee morning: Please join us for a fundraising coffee morning at Lois and Terry's house on Wednesday. There are more details on the posters.

Christine Vennell: We have learned of the death of Christine, who, with her husband Hugh, was very much a member of our St John's family in the past, particularly as part of the bell-ringing team. May they both rest in peace.

Concert in St John's Friday 13th September at 7.30pm - Vivaldi 'Four Seasons' in aid of church funds. Tickets are £10 (student), £20 & £30 (adult). Under 12's free. Available from Mandy Crook 07561 305888 / amandacrook@blueyonder.co.uk or online directly from Breathe Music <https://www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts>

'Concert for Gaza' Friday 6th September at 7.30pm at Christ Church: Maria Danishvar-Wilson (soprano) and Nicholas Stewart (piano) with music by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Handel etc. Money raised will go to Medical Aid for Palestine. Tickets £15 on the door (£10 concessions).

Diocesan 24 Hour of prayer on Saturday 7 September: Thank you to those of you who have already offered a prayer: the bunting so far completed will be on display in church. More flags can be added on Sunday and in the following days. It will be taken to Mary's House on Saturday in preparation for Archbishop Justin's visit.

DIARY DATES

Tues 10 Sept	10am to 4pm Day of Prayer at St John's - see <i>Inspire</i>
Wed 11 Sept	7.15pm Alpha Course starts (HT) Details in <i>Inspire</i>
Thurs 12 Sept	2pm-4pm Craft & Cake
Fri 13 Sept	7.30pm 'Vivaldi' Concert by Candlelight - see <i>Inspire</i>
Sat 14 Sept	10.30am Open Doors
Sun 15 Sept	4pm Tea Time at St John's
Tues 17 Sept	Funeral of Roger Palmer
Sun 22 Sept	Harvest Festival

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

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish is in Vacancy.
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SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

Fourteenth After Trinity

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom **NEW CODE**

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Meeting ID: 835 1451 6895 Passcode: kJ9k1W

9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Revd Kevin Tingay

11am-2pm Café and Mini Market

Wednesday 4 September

10.30am Coffee Morning at Lois & Terry's house

6.30pm *Inspired to Read* Book Club

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Saturday 7 September - Diocesan Wave of Prayer

9.00am FACT United Prayer

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3.00pm Archbishop Justin visiting Mary's House

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Fifteenth After Trinity

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Revd Kevin Tingay

Fourteenth After Trinity (Year B)

COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING: Song of Solomon 2.8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

SECOND READING: James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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



GOSPEL READING: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'

He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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