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

# SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026

## First Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Saturday**
**5pm Vigil Eucharist**
in the Lady Chapel

**Sunday**
**8.45am Online Service**
contact admin for code

**10am Choral Eucharist**

**5pm A service of words and music for Advent**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Monday**
**8.45am Mattins**

**Wednesday 25th**
**St Catherine**
**8.45am Morning Prayer**
**12.30pm Eucharist**

**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.

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| Mon 30 | 12.30pm Eucharist: St Andrew |
| **December** | |
| Wed 2 | 6.30pm The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset's Community Carol Service at St John's |
| Thurs 3 | PCC Meeting |
| Fri 4 | 11am Funeral - Marina Miller |
| Sat 5 | 9am United Prayer |
| Sun 6 | 11.15am-3pm 'Christmas Fair' and Café |
| Mon 7 | 7pm St John's Women's Group Christmas Party |
| Tues 8 | 8.45am & 12.30pm Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Mon 14 | 9.15am St John's School end of term service |

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## First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64.1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 13.24–end**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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

## NOTICES & DIARY DATES

**Icon: An Advent Course:** We are meeting weekly during Advent at the vicarage on Thursdays at 7pm to study Christian faith through art. The classes will have different speakers. Please talk to Rev. Seamus if you are looking to join and spread word to friends & family.

**Year's mind:** The November year's mind ends this week; new names will appear next week. If you wish to add the name of someone to remember during the anniversary month of their death, please speak to Janet or email admin@stjohnsfrome.com

**White Collection Box Appeal:** We shall once again be handing out the boxes to you and bringing out the Lolly Trolly. The charity we will be supporting is Aid the Church in Need, the persecuted Christian charity. This will be the last time we collect for this charity as we move to our next in the new year. So please be generous for this final donation.

**'Christmas Fair' Sunday 6 December 11.15am - 3pm:**
**Tombola prizes**: Janet would really appreciate donations of bottles - a selection of tempting bottles really attracts people to participate. Any gifts gratefully received (preferably before 6 December) on Sunday, or when there are people in church to receive them and lock them away. Also any donations for our other stalls, too: nice books & 'gift' items.
**Helpers still needed**: please see the Sign-up sheets. Thank you!

**St John's Women's Group:** Christmas bring and share buffet Monday 7th December 7 pm in the Bennett Centre. All welcome - look out for your invitations in church.

**Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16 December - 12 noon for 12.30pm:**
Tickets are available for our Christmas meal at the Bennett Centre; a two course lunch, tea & coffee (vegetarian option available), bring your own bottle. £15 adult place, £10 children under 10 - tickets from Peter C and Christine H in church or email bennettbooking11@gmail.com