

NOTICES

Winter Fair at St John's: Thank You to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of Saturday's fund-raising event. The amazing total stands at £1380. A small, dedicated group set everything up on Friday, but it was significant that a larger and efficiently directed group put everything away in record time on Saturday afternoon. Very well done everyone!

Tea Time at St John's: Thank you to Jane Bruges for her moving account of the life of Bernard Mizeki, the first Zimbabwe martyr. You can read more about him in the December edition of Inspire, where you can also find out about next month's TT@SJ.

St John's Café and Mini Market Sunday 4th December: Donations of Christmas goods, cakes and marmalade most welcome! If you are able to help please let Elaine or Mandy know.

Heating at St John's: Because of the huge increase in fuel rates, we are having to think very carefully about how much we can put the heating on in church - and being a wonderful yet large and lofty space, a lot of the heat our boiler generates disappears up into the rafters! However, please be assured that we are taking some interim steps to make the church warmer. These include:

- Opening only the side door for the time being
- Providing hot drinks before the service as well as afterwards
- Heating the church for one hour before our main services (but please still wear warm clothing!)

Our Standing Committee will be meeting on Thursday 8th December to consider costings and make more informed decisions on heating during the cold winter months, and if you have anything you'd like them to consider, please let Angela Pater know angelapater987@btinternet.com

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Currently requests for; tinned soup & snacks (ravioli, spaghetti hoops, sausages), tinned cold meat, sauces for pasta & rice, chocolate and washing-up liquid. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Tues 6 Dec	10.30am Coffee Morning (SK)
Sat 10 Dec	10am Open Doors (SJ)
Tues 13 Dec	7pm Frome College Christmas Concert (SJ)
Thurs 15 Dec	2pm-4pm Crafts & Cake (BC)
Sun 18 Dec	11.15am Carol Service (SK) 6.30pm Carol Service (SJ)

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SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

First Sunday of Advent

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89658519293?
pwd=L2pScmlrUjJoVnZISFNXV2c0SVNXdz09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89658519293?pwd=L2pScmlrUjJoVnZISFNXV2c0SVNXdz09)

Meeting ID: 896 5851 9293 Passcode: KJ8z2Q

9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 25 November

6pm-10pm Frome Lantern Parade & Extravaganza

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 26 November

10am SJ & SK Worship Committee Meeting

SJ

Sunday 27 November

7.30pm Concert; Gregory Stewards, tenor

BC

Tuesday 29 November

11am Julian Meeting

SJ

Thursday 1 December

2pm-4pm Crafts & Cake

Friday 2 December

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 3 December

9am United Prayers

SJ

Sunday 4 December

11am - 2pm Café and Mini-Market

SJ

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Katharine's

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord 's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. 'For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

SECOND READING: Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24.36-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

