

## NOTICES & DIARY DATES

### **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Tuesday 17 February:**

10.30am to 12.30pm. At Elaine & Chris Gilburt's house, in aid of flowers for St John's Frome Festival displays. Parking limited, we can help with lifts if you need one.

**'Exploring the Wilderness' - Sunday 22 Feb 4.00pm** - Everyone welcome to share in worship with maps, songs and maybe cake!

**Café & Mini Market - Sunday 1 March 11.15am-2pm:** The first fundraising Mini Market of the year - it would be super to see some new helpers, please sign up on the sheet in the refreshment area. Do ask Mandy or Elaine if you would like further information. Also a call for any donations of items you may have to donate; books, nearly new items etc are all most welcome! Thank you!

*Please Note - there is no April Mini Market at St John's, as the first Sunday of the month is Easter Sunday.*

**Bishop's Taize Pilgrimage:** The Bishop is inviting all the young people (18-35) of the diocese to spend a week with him in Taize, France. This year's pilgrimage will run the 18th-26th July at the cost of £425. The pilgrimage will involve camping, deepening of faith, and hearing Rev. Seamus effecting a French accent. There is a booklet by the notice board with full details, please speak to Rev. Seamus if you have any questions.

**Lent Study - The Creed:** This Lent we shall be studying the Creed, what it means and how it shapes our Christian faith. This study will be every Thursday at the vicarage, 7pm beginning Feb 19th and ending March 26th. This course is especially suitable for those recently confirmed, or those looking to explore Christian Faith. All are welcome, why not bring a friend?

**Lenten Compline:** Each Tuesday of Lent at 7pm, starting on 24 Feb, there will be a Contemplative Compline in the Lady Chapel, focusing on a different theme of Lent. Do join us and see how joint, intentional, Lenten prayer can add to your Lenten Observance.

**World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March at 2.30 pm:** St John's is hosting this service so we will be needing Sidesmen (welcomers), a refreshments team, as well as people to take part in the service.

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

**SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026**

**Sunday next before Lent**

### 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**  
in the Lady Chapel  
Choir rehearsal at 3.45pm

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

Tues 17 10.30am-12.30pm Coffee Morning (see *Inspire*)

Wed 18 Ash Wednesday Services - see above

Thurs 19 2pm Craft & Conversation (BC)

7pm Lent Study Group: The Creed

Fri 20 2pm Funeral of Derek Kay

Sun 22 **4pm Exploring the Wilderness**

Mon 23 7.30pm St Johns Women's Group Quiz Night (BC)

Tues 24 11am Julian Meeting

7pm Lenten Compline - Each Tuesday in Lent

Wed 25 6.30pm Standing Committee meeting

Thurs 26 7pm Lent Study Group: The Creed

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## Sunday next before Lent (Year A)

### FIRST READING: Exodus 24.12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

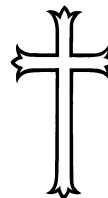
For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17.1-9, 14-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.' And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?' He said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'

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