

NOTICES

Update: Colin, our Vicar has now had his long-postponed operation and is slowly recovering. He won't be returning to active ministry until some time during Holy Week. Meanwhile we are very grateful for the support of clergy in the Town Ministry, especially those who are coming to take our Communion services. It does mean that the patient Zoom worshippers will have to be content with 'non whizzy' services for the moment.

Performance of Bach 'St John Passion' at St John's church: By St John's College, Cambridge on Tuesday 28th March 2023, 7.30pm

Tickets £15, £10 concessions; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bach-st-john-passion-st-johns-church-frome-tickets-574784575137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> Or by cash only on the door

Lent Course at Holy Trinity 'Difference': Tuesday evenings each week at 7.30pm, until 21st March. Contact Revd Caroline Walker for details 01373 834258 carolinewalker@btinternet.com

Radio Times: During Lent there will be services of Compline broadcast on Radio 3 on Monday evenings, 9.30-10pm.

Pat Lawless: Pat's many friends will be delighted to learn that she is 'comfy and cheerful'. For more information, especially about visiting Pat, please see Judith or Janet.

Earthquakes: The Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for the people of Turkey and Syria - donate online at www.dec.org.uk

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Tues 28 Mar	10.30am Daffodil Coffee Morning (SK)
	11am Julian Meeting (SJ)
	7.30pm Concert in St John's - see notices for details
Thurs 30 Mar	2-4pm Craft and Cake (BC)
Sun 2 April	11am-2pm Mini Market & Café (SJ)
Mon 3 April	11am Funeral of Marian Parker (SJ)
4 & 5 April	Work on Sound System being carried out (SJ)
Sun 9 April	Easter Sunday

THE PARISHES OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL & ST. KATHARINE'S, EAST WOODLANDS, BA11 5LQ

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SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023

Mothering Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 883 0598 5189 Passcode: k2xpSB

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Morning Service at St Katharine's - Daffodil Service

4pm Tea Time at St John's - The Simnel Cake

Thursday 16 March

2-4pm Craft and Cake

BC

Friday 17 March

10am St John's School service for Mothering Sunday

SJ

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

7.30pm St Patrick's Night - CANCELLED

SK

Saturday 18 March

2pm Posy making for Mothering Sunday service

SJ

7.30pm Good Afternoon Choir Concert - Assembly Rooms

Tuesday 21 March

7pm SJ PCC Meeting

BC

Friday 24 March

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent - BST Begins

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

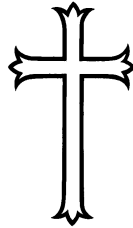
9.00am Service at St Mary's

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday (Year A)

COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant

through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.33-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**