

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Sunday 30 August: Note that there is no 5pm Service at St John's, as we shall be joining the congregation of St Katharine's East Woodlands for their 'Songs of Praise' service. This follows the final 'Cream Teas' event 3pm-5pm at the village hall.

Plinthing Our Lady: Following on from last year's vote about where/how to reposition the Statue of the BVM in the Lady Chapel, we are now in a position to act. There will be a discussion, in the Lady Chapel following the Sunday Eucharist on the 6th September, all are welcome to participate.

Café & Mini-Market - Sunday 6 September: Sign-up sheet in church, new helpers are always welcome! We shall be running a tombola again, so any contributions will be gratefully received, preferably on a Sunday when they can be safely stored away. Any prizes left over will be recycled at the Autumn Fair. See Janet for more details. And finally, we will also have a produce stall, so would welcome any surplus you may have!

Spare Chairs? The staff-room at St John's School is in need of some sofas, soft chairs etc which would be gratefully received. At present they only have hard chairs which are not very relaxing!

Homes for Ukraine: A Ukrainian family of three, one mum and two young children, are looking for sponsorship and accommodation in Frome. Please contact Rev. Seamus if you are interested in helping or finding out more.

St John's Choir: During August the church choir is on holiday.

Chaplains: We hope to have a chaplain available every Thursday between 12 noon and 1.30pm this summer, to allow a wider range of people to experience our Christian ministry.

Forthcoming events at St John's

'Consider the Wondrous' Festival - Choral Evensong:

Sunday 20th September at 5.00pm. Choir rehearsal at 3.30pm
Festival website <https://www.sta-website.com/consider>

Cavatina Orchestra concert: Friday 25th September 7.00pm
Website & Tickets <https://www.cavatinaorchestra.com/festival>

Fair Frome Foodbank: There are collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received – thank you!

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

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist

No 5pm Service this week

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

September

Wed 2 6.30pm Book Club
Thurs 3 2pm Craft & Conversation
Sat 5 9am United Prayer
Sun 6 11.15am - 2pm Café and Mini Market
Tues 8 12.30pm Nativity of BVM
Thurs 10 Laurel work in forecourt (tbc)
Sat 12 10am-11.30am 'Clutter-Busting' working party
Baptism
Mon 14 9am Morning Prayer: Holy Cross Day
12.30pm Eucharist
Thurs 17 2pm Craft & Conversation

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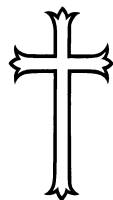
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Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Year A)



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15.15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance

is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16.13-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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