

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Pizza and Boardgame Party: 10th June, 7pm in the Bennett Centre cloisters. A social evening for newcomers to the Church who would like the opportunity to meet up and get to know each other better.

Swan Singers Concert - Saturday 13 June at 7pm 'Floral Choral' at the Bennett Centre: Wonderful music from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Tickets £12 in advance (see poster) or from Peter or Mandy.

Prayer & Scones - Friday 19 June 11.55am at St Mary's: Christians around Frome warmly invite all affected by memory loss and their friends to a time of prayer with hymns at St Mary's Church, Innox Hill, Frome.

Models Needed: For Frome Festival, we shall again be breaking open the wardrobe and getting on our swag with the very best of clerical kit. Anyone who would like to have a go on the catwalk and compete with Rev. Seamus for most piously overdressed is welcome to contact either Rev. Seamus or Elaine for details.

Volunteer Chaplains Needed: This summer, to help minister to the numerous people who come through our doors each day, St John's is hoping to provide some time set aside each week where a voluntary 'chaplain,' will be at the Church to listen, pray with and talk to any visitors who might need it. Anyone who considers themselves empathetic and a good listener is welcome to volunteer. Please contact Rev. Seamus.

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 7 JUNE 2026

First 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
5pm Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist: Bishop Ken
in the Ken Chapel

Thursday
St Barnabas
8.45am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

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

Mon 8 5pm 'Food at Five' shared supper
Wed 10 7pm Pizza & Boardgames - Bennett Centre cloisters
Thurs 11 2pm Craft & Conversation
Fri 12 9am-12pm Jackdaws event in church (schools)
Sat 13 11am Wedding
7pm Concert - Swan Singers at Bennett Centre
Sun 14 1pm Baptism
Tues 16 7pm Deanery Synod Meeting
Fri 19 11.55am Prayers & Scones - SM
Sat 20 12.30pm Wedding
Sun 21 Patronal Festival

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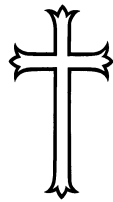
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First Sunday after Trinity (Year A)



FIRST READING: Hosea 5.15 - 6.6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 4.13 - end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully

convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

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

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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