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

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Trinity 24 – Second before Advent

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10am Choral Eucharist

5pm Choral Evensong
3.30pm Choir Rehearsal

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Mattins

Tuesday 17th
12.30pm Eucharist

Friday
12.30pm Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Saturday 21st
10am Morning Prayer

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

Wed 18	7pm Talk with Guest Speaker
Mon 23	7pm St John's Women's Group AGM & Quiz
Tues 24	11am Julian Meeting
Wed 25	8.45am Morning Prayer: St Catherine
	12.30pm Eucharist
Fri 27	2pm Hospital Service
	From 4pm Lantern Parade event in town
Mon 30	12.30pm Eucharist: St Andrew
December	
Wed 2	6.30pm The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset's Community Carol Service at St John's

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Trinity 24 – Second before Advent (Year A)

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with

him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25.14–30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

November talk by Dr: Janek Gryta: As part of our November reflection and prayer for the dead, we are delighted to host a talk by one of our congregants, Dr. Janek, reflecting on the Christian care for Jewish graves in places scarred by the Holocaust. The talk is entitled 'Holocaust Mass Graves. Jewish Dead, Christian Memories' and will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 18 November in the Lady Chapel.

Christmas Shoeboxes: Empty boxes & donations still needed - soap, flannels, tooth paste & brushes, hairbrushes, etc. The final date for bringing completed boxes to church is Sunday 22 November.

Advent Art Competition for young people: The Closing date is Wednesday 25 November - for Exhibition from 2 December. Entry details in church or ask Alison H.

'Christmas Fair' Sunday 6 December 11.15am - 3pm: Our 'Festive Special' fundraising event with additional stalls, including the tombola! **Tombola prizes** - Janet would be pleased to receive your donations, especially bottles! We will need a variety of helpers and goods for the other stalls, too: nice books, 'gift' items etc. Thank you!
Helpers needed – please see the Sign-up sheets for times & roles.

Christmas Lunch: Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16 December, 12 for 12.30 in the Bennett Centre. Tickets available from Peter Connew and Christine Holland.