

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Communal Christening: William Lloyd-Murphy and Rosanne Hull are delighted to announce the Baptism of their Son, James William John Lloyd-Murphy during the 10am Holy Eucharist on the 20th September. Everyone is warmly invited stay after the service for Christening Refreshments.

Carpet & Chair Cleaning in church: Monday 21st September from 2.30pm the carpets will be professionally cleaned. This will necessitate all chairs, the altar etc to be moved accordingly and put back the next day after the carpets have dried. On Tuesday 22nd from 9.30am all chairs will be cleaned. Andrew B-S, PCC

St Johns Women's group meeting: On Monday 21st September 6.45 - 9.30 pm in church. Featuring a talk about Frome Carnival, refreshments & raffle. Lifts available on request. Please ask Alison

Vicarage Communion: Friday 25th September, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 12:30pm in St John's Vicarage. Everyone is welcome to the Vicarage for Holy Communion and there shall, in honour of this unusual event, be a snack reception afterwards.

Cavatina Orchestra concert at St John's: Friday 25th September 7.00pm, including Alma Mahler: *Sieben Lieder* and Beethoven: *Symphony No.7*. See posters and website for further information. Tickets online <https://www.cavatinaorchestra.com/festival>

Flower Arranging: Our skilled team of flower arrangers needs new people to learn the skills and continue the work. Anyone interested please contact Elaine: elainegilburt@live.co.uk

The Baptisms keep rolling: We are delighted to announce that on Thursday 1st of October at 7pm, three members of our congregation will be baptised. Please could as many people as can come and support them in this step of faith and welcome them, fully, into the Church family.

October Mini Market - Sunday 4 October: Helpers are needed for our regular fundraiser - please see the Sign-Up sheet in church. All offers of time are most welcome on Saturday (setting up) and Sunday (market and packing up), it's a team effort!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026 - we need empty shoeboxes in the first instance! Suggested lists for contents will be in church soon, together with decorating & filling dates. Thank you! Alison H

Save the Date! Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16 December in the Bennett Centre.

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

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Sixteenth 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 Evensong
'Consider the Wondrous'
3.30pm Choir Rehearsal

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday 21st
St Matthew
12.30pm Eucharist

Friday 25th
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the vicarage - this week only

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

Mon 21	7pm St John's Women's Group
Fri 25	1pm Wedding 2pm Hospital Service 7pm Cavatina Concert at St John's - Max Todes
Sat 26	9am Morning Prayer: St Cosmos & St Damian 1pm Wedding Evening - Frome Carnival procession
Tues 29	9am Morning Prayer: St Michael and all Angels 10am Worship Committee meeting 11am Julian Meeting 12.30pm Eucharist

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Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Year A)

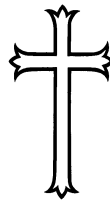
FIRST READING: Jonah 3.10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of



your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20.1-16

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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