

NOTICES

St John's Café and Mini Market Sunday 4th December: Our last Mini Market of the year; after the service; 11am to 2pm. Do come and support!

Tea Time at St John's Sunday 11th December: We are going to use the time to celebrate Advent by way of Yuletide music and readings at Lois and Terry's house. To help with seating and catering, please let Janet, Lois or Elaine know if you would like to come and if you need help getting there.

Christmas Gifts: There will be an opportunity to contribute goods for the young people living at the YMCA and for Fair Frome. Both groups would appreciate toiletries; shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap etc. We will have boxes in St John's on 11th and 18th December. Thank you.

Carols at Frome Station: Thurs 15th December 6:35am for 30 minutes. We will once again have the traditional early morning Carol singing by Frome Churches. This event is a way of sharing the true message of Christmas and brightening up commuters' mornings. All welcome!

Frome Christmas Get Together: Sunday 25th December 2022 at Trinity Church Hall, Frome Cricket Club and Frome Key Centre. The event is free, but you must register to book. Forms available at Frome Library or email fromechristmas@gmail.com

Winter Fair at St John's: Thank You to all who contributed to the success of the event. The amazing total stands at £1380 Very well done everyone!

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Current requests for; rice, sauces for pasta & rice, tinned soup & snacks (ravioli, spaghetti hoops, sausages), coffee, sugar, hot chocolate and toilet roll. Thank you very much.

DIARY DATES

Tues 13 Dec	7pm Frome College Christmas Concert (SJ)
Thurs 15 Dec	6.35am Carols at Frome Station 2pm-4pm Crafts & Cake (BC) 7pm Selwood Academy Christmas Concert
Sun 18 Dec	11.15am Carol Service (SK) 6.30pm Carol Service (SJ)
Sat 24 Dec	3pm Family Service Carols & Readings at the Crib (SJ) 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Sun 25 Dec	9.45am Christmas Communion (SJ) 11.15am Christmas Communion (SK)

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SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 825 0188 1594 Passcode: 689229

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Katharine's

Friday 2 December

6.30pm Choir Practice SJ

Saturday 3 December

9am United Prayers SJ

4pm Wedding at St John's SJ

Sunday 4 December

11am - 2pm Café and Mini-Market SJ

Tuesday 6 December

10.30am Coffee Morning SK

Wednesday 7 December

10.30am Funeral of Brian Sirrell SJ

Thursday 8 December

1pm SJ School Year 1 Christmas visit to school SJ

Friday 9 December

6.30pm Choir Practice SJ

Saturday 10 December

10am Open Doors SJ

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's

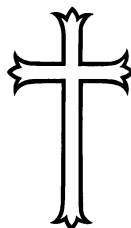
9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

4.00pm Tea Time at St John's - Details on flyer & in *Inspire*

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3.1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

