

NOTICES

Festival Flower Fundraising Coffee Morning: Tuesday 7th February 10.30am - 12.30pm at Garston Farm Cottage, Frome. Proceeds towards flower displays in St John's during Frome Festival. See posters in church for further details.

Craft and Cake: 2pm-4pm in the Bennett Centre. Thursday 2, 16 February and 2, 16 & 30 March. Bring along a craft or just come along for a chat and cake!

Radio Times: Sunday Worship (R4, Sun 22 Jan) from Selwyn College Cambridge, where Alice McC sings in the choir is now available on BBC Sounds: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001hdmn?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

The Bereavement Journey course has been postponed: It is hoped that it will run later this spring - we will share further information when it's available, Lois and Janet

Fair Frome Foodbank: All help gratefully received. There are donation boxes for goods locally in supermarkets. Current requests for; coffee, hot chocolate, jam, porridge oats, rice, custard, tinned soup & snacks Thank you very much.

Songs for the Memory: A group for people with dementia and their carers. Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3pm at the Masonic Hall. Further info contact 01373 466367 or email songsforthememory@gmail.com

DIARY DATES

Tues 7 Feb 10.30am SJ FF Fundraising Coffee Morning
Thu 9 Feb 11am Funeral in the Lady Chapel (SJ)
Sat 11 Feb 10am Open Doors (SJ)
Tues 14 Feb 7pm SJ PCC Meeting (BC)
Thurs 16 Feb 2pm-4pm Craft and Cake (BC)

**THE PARISHES OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL
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SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 883 7059 2194 Passcode: 522188

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 27 January

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 28 January

9am Frome Festival Planning meeting

BC

10am SJ & SK Worship Committee meeting

BC

Tuesday 31 January

11am Julian Meeting

SJ

Thursday 2 February

2pm-4pm Craft and Cake

BC

Friday 3 February

6.30pm Choir Practice

SJ

Saturday 4 February

9am United Prayers

SJ

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023

Third Before Lent

8.00am Service at Christ Church

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.45am Holy Communion at St John's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Katharine's

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Year A)

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 2.22-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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