

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Thank you to everyone who helped with last Sunday's Christingle service. Special thanks for all the cakes; we were able to take a few left-over cakes, together with a couple of Christingles, across to the YMCA on Monday.

There will be a short meeting in the Lady Chapel after this morning's service for anyone interested in helping us to develop our ministry to families and young people.

Lent Study - The Creed: This Lent we shall be studying the Creed, what it means and how it shapes our Christian faith. This study will be every Thursday at the vicarage, 7pm beginning Feb 19th and ending March 26th. This course is especially suitable for those recently confirmed, or those looking to explore Christian Faith. All are welcome, why not bring a friend?

Lenten Compline: Each Tuesday of Lent at 7pm, starting on 24 Feb, there will be a Contemplative Compline in the Lady Chapel, focusing on a different theme of Lent. Do join us and see how joint, intentional, Lenten prayer can add to your Lenten Observance.

Saints Days: There are two important Saints days this week, St Blaise (3rd Feb) and St Agatha (5th Feb). Each will have a 12:30pm Eucharist to celebrate their days. St Blaise is the patron saint of throat complaints and there will be the blessing of throats on his day, St Agatha is the Patron Saint of breasts and there will be Agatha buns for sale after the service for Cancer Research UK.

Prayers for the Persecuted: The diocese has named this year, the year of prayer. St John's is partnering with a charity, Aid to the Church in Need, to raise awareness of, and pray for Persecuted Christians. Each Month, in the Lady Chapel, there will be a display about a different group of persecuted Christians, please stop by this board and pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Deanery Synod - Monday 2nd February at Holy Trinity Church. Refreshments from 7pm and meeting start at 7.30pm. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2026

Candlemas

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist
Guest Preacher:
Mr. Alex Taylor
5pm Evening Prayer
in the Lady Chapel

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Tuesday
12.30pm Eucharist: St Blaise

Thursday
12.30pm Eucharist: St Agatha

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.

February

Mon 2 Selwood Academy visiting St John's
7pm Deanery Synod Meeting at Holy Trinity Church
Tues 3 10am Worship Committee Meeting
12.30pm Eucharist: St Blaise
Wed 4 6.30pm Book Club
Thurs 5 12.30pm Eucharist: St Agatha
2pm Craft & Conversation (BC)
Fri 6 10.30am Funeral of David Starr
Sat 7 9am United Prayer at St John's

Vicar: Rev. Seamus Hargrave 01373 433933

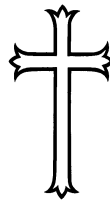
Rev.seamushargrave@stjohnsfrome.com

admin@stjohnsfrome.com www.stjohnsfrome.com

Safeguarding Officer: Steve Smith 07548 250805

smith.steve.71@icloud.com

Candlemas (Year A)



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.

For 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.

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

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**