

## NOTICES

**Our new Vicar:** We are making plans to welcome the Revd Seamus Hargrave on Monday 3 February, with a Welcome Service at 7.00pm. Do make sure that the date is in your diary- all will be very welcome at his service in the evening. In the meantime, he really wants to meet as many people as possible and has sent us a visiting rota for you to sign, if you wish to meet him in person. More details to come together with the sign up list.

**Thank you all:** As our thoughts turn to the new year we really must thank everyone who contributed to a wonderful Christmas at St John's. The beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and tree weighed down with messages and prayers will all stay in place until Candlemas, 2 February, when we will also have Christingles!

**'Thank you' Tea party - Saturday 18 January 3pm-4pm in church:** Everyone is welcome, but it would be good to have an idea of numbers. If you'll be attending, please can you *RSVP by noon Tuesday 14th* to Angela, via the new PCC Sec email; [pccsec@stjohnsfrome.com](mailto:pccsec@stjohnsfrome.com)  
Offers of cakes would be most welcome!

**Coffee Rota:** Thank you to those who have signed up so far - please do consider helping the small, but faithful band who already serve us.

**The Bereavement Journey Course:** Continues on Friday 17 January at 12.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. Please contact Revd Liz Dudley via [admin@christchurch-stmayrs-frome.co.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch-stmayrs-frome.co.uk) for further information.

**Fair Frome Foodbank:** There are collection points in most supermarkets. There is also an app called 'Bank the Food' which Fair Frome update regularly with their current needs. All help gratefully received.

### DIARY DATES

Thurs 23 Jan	2-4pm Craft & Cake (BC)
Sat 25 Jan	10am Fundraising Meeting
Tues 28 Jan	11am Julian Meeting
Sun 2 Feb	9.45am Candlemas Service with Christingles
Mon 3 Feb	7pm Welcome Service for Revd Seamus Hargrave
Sat 8 Feb	9.30am-11am Working Party 10.30am Open Doors

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

Following the retirement of Revd Colin Alsbury, the Parish is in Vacancy.  
Please contact the Parish Office with all queries.

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### SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025

#### Baptism of Christ

**8.00am Service at Christ Church**

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

**9.45am Holy Communion** - Celebrant: Rev Ian Pearson

After the Service - Vestry Team meeting

### Tuesday 14 January

7pm PCC Meeting

BC

### Friday 17 January

11.30am Funeral of John McLarnon

12.30pm Bereavement Journey Course (SM Church hall)

SM

6.30pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 18 January

2pm Baptism of Sonny, Thomas, Jade, Ruby and Ryan

3pm 'Thank you' Tea party (see notices)

### SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025

#### Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

**9.00am Service at St Mary's**

**9.45am Holy Communion** - Celebrant: Kevin Tingay

## Baptism of Christ (Year C)

### COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43.1-7

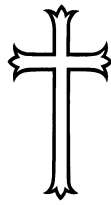
But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

### SECOND READING: Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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



## GOSPEL READING: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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