

NOTICES

Regular Services:

Monday 8.45am Morning Prayer. Friday 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist.

Sunday 10.00am Choral Eucharist & 5.00pm Evening Worship.

Look out for further additions to our weekly worship, and other changes.

Via Crucis: We hope that you have noticed that the Via Crucis is once again open to all. We are so grateful to Pete and Tony for their hard work in making this happen. There will be an opportunity to walk the Via Crucis together during the three hours of Good Friday.

Staging for school services, concerts etc in church: We're hoping to provide staging so that performers in church can be raised up by a few inches and thereby be more visible to their audiences. We are going to check some staging stored in the Via Crucis on **Wednesday 2nd April at 2.30pm** and would be very grateful for volunteers to help get it out. Please let Pete or Mandy know if you can help.

West End Doors. Before the glass doors are installed, the wooden outer doors could do with a new coat of oil and ironwork painting. But first a good pressure wash to strip the dirt off. Volunteers please to Pete as soon as possible.

Fair Frome Foodbank: There are collection points in most supermarkets. There is also an app called 'Bank the Food' which Fair Frome update.

DIARY DATES

Tues 8 April 4pm Lent Reconciliation Service

Wed 9 April 1.30pm Lent Course at the Vicarage

Thurs 10 April 7pm PCC Meeting

Further ahead - dates for your calendar:

Fri 9 May 7.30pm Breathe Music Concert at St John's

Sat 24 May 9.30am Well Dressing service

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SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothersing Sunday

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

10.00am Holy Communion

5.00pm 'Flexible Fifth at Five' - congregations from

Frome Area Christians Together have been invited

Monday 31 March

8.45am Morning Prayer - Ken Chapel

Tuesday 1 April

10.30am Funeral of (Arthur) David Christmas

Wednesday 2 April

1.30pm Lent Course - SJ Vicarage

6.30pm *Inspired to Read* Book Group meeting

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Friday 4 April

9.15 am St John's School End of Term Service

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

5pm Lent Evening Prayer

6.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 5 April

9.00am United Prayer at St John's

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

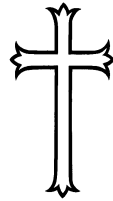
8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion

11.15am - 2pm Café & Mini Market

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)



COLLECT

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid, turn our hatred to love, our conflict to peace, our death into eternal life, turn us back to you again; We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, the world without end. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Joshua 5.9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5.16-end

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15.1-3,11b-end

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**