## 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. The sign-up list will be in church will be in church from this Sunday. Please ask Janet or one of the sidesmen for more details.

**Sidesmen for Seamus's Welcome Service**: We would like as many people as possible to be part of the welcoming team before and after this service. Lanyards will be provided! Some who were part of the amazing team at the Carol Service have already been recruited, but if you would like to join, please contact Karolyn our Administrator administrator@sjfrome.co.uk

**Fundraising and Frome Festival meeting, Saturday 25 January, 10am in the Bennett Centre (Randall Room**): We are very aware of how busy everyone is, so the meeting will last just one hour: half an hour doing the initial planning for the coming year's fundraising and half an hour confirming plans for this year's Frome Festival. All are very welcome – as are new ideas! Mandy and Elaine

**Mary's House contemplative prayer:** Meet on Tuesday 21 January at 7pm at St Mary's Church hall, and will then meet fortnightly.

**The Bereavement Journey Course:** Fridays at 12.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall until 14 Feb. Please contact Revd Liz Dudley via <a href="mailto:admin@christchurch-stmayrs-frome.co.uk">admin@christchurch-stmayrs-frome.co.uk</a> 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

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
Tues 4 Feb	2pm-4pm Craft & Cake (BC)
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 19 JANUARY 2025 Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83125573638? pwd=aevKrkQnKeHlvgibuQrTnCR6YZQeby.1

Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8 9.00am Service at St Mary's

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

## **Tuesday 21 January**

7pm Mary's House Contemplative prayer	SM
Thursday 23 January	
2pm-4pm Craft & Cake	BC
Friday 24 January	
12.30pm Bereavement Journey Course (SM Church hall)	SM
6.30pm Choir Practice	
Saturday 25 January	
10am Fundraising & Frome Festival Meeting	BC

#### SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025 Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

9.00am Service at St Mary's 9.45am Holy Communion - Celebrant: Prebendary Graham Witts

# Second Sunday of Epiphany (Year C)

### COLLECT

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one

and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

#### GOSPEL READING: John 2.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not vet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

