

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Confirmation Classes begin on Tuesday 2 September: 7pm in the vicarage. There will be six classes, everyone wishing to be confirmed must attend these classes. They are also open to anyone wishing to explore, or re-explore the basic tenets of Christian faith. So all are welcome, with Confirmation at the end of these being optional.

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 3 September: 10.30am - 12.30pm
See posters in church for further details or ask Elaine.

Café & Mini-Market - Sunday 7 September: All help welcome!
We would also be grateful for donations of produce and preserves to sell. Thank you!

Twinning Celebration service - Sunday 14 September:
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Frome twinning with Château-Gontier, there will be a French flavour to our morning service!

Harvest Festival - Sunday 28 September: We will have a 'Bring and Share' brunch after the morning service. More details nearer the time.

Church Painting: Volunteers please to help repaint the rain water goods and metalwork on doors, also clear guttering before the winter rains. If anyone has a few hours to help, please let Pete Connew know (it will be ad hoc on timing to ensure we miss any rain, etc).

Are you Letting? A valued member of the St John's community is looking to rent a property in Frome, if you, or anyone you know, is letting a property, please contact jonathan.norcott@gmail.com who would be grateful for any help finding a new home.

Want to be a Model? For our Fashionable Faith exhibition on the Saturday 25 October (see poster in church), St John's is looking for interested people who would like a go at modelling. All interested persons, or people knowing of interested persons, are to contact Rev. Seamus or Reader Janet with some Headshots and a preference of lace or linen.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL **SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2025 - Eleventh after Trinity**

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5.00pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist

No 5pm Evening Service at
St John's this week

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Friday
12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Confessions, Sacrament of the sick or Pastoral Conversations
are by appointment. Please contact Rev. Seamus to arrange.

August

Sun 31 5pm Songs of Praise at St Katharine's, East Woodlands

September

Tues 2 7pm Confirmation Class at the Vicarage

Wed 3 10.30am Coffee Morning (see notice board in church)
6.30pm Inspired to Read Book Club

Sat 6 9am United Prayers at St John's

Sun 7 11.15am - 2pm Café & Mini Market

Mon 8 12.30pm Eucharist: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 13 10.30am Sidesmen/Welcomers meeting

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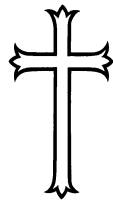
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Eleventh after Trinity (Year C)



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to

you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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