

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Peter Davies: We were saddened to learn of Peter's death last week. He was such a good friend of St John's and will be greatly missed. We send our deepest sympathy to Judith and all their family. We shall celebrate his life at a service in church on Monday 20th October at 12 noon.

Thank you from Rosemary: Thank you to everybody who came to support me for my licensing last weekend. Your prayers and encouragement throughout my training have been very much appreciated, and it was lovely to be able to share the celebration with you all. Rosemary

Thank you from the Food Bank: For 80.78kg of food donated following our Harvest Festival! There is a letter of thanks in church.

Thank you - October Café & Mini-Market: Very many thanks for your help and goods received - we're happy to report that we made a grand total of £533.60, including £20.00 for the Bennett Centre.

Bulb Planting - Tuesday 14 October 10am -12 noon: The Gardening team are planning to plant bulbs in the churchyard, or if raining then Tuesday 21 October. Tools provided. All very welcome!

Autumn Fair - Saturday 18 October 10am to 2pm: Cakes & Refreshments, Tombola & Raffle. Books, Jewellery, Crafts, Toys and Bric-a-brac stalls. Please see cover note & posters for further details or contact Mandy (467828) or Elaine (466072)

Archdeacon's Visitation - Sunday 19 October: The Archdeacon of Wells, The Ven Anne Gell, will preside and preach at Holy Eucharist. She is keen to meet as many people from the Church as possible and hear their thoughts on the parish and diocese.

Fashionable Faith - Saturday 25 October 10am to 2pm: A free exhibition of vestments, concluding with a talk and catwalk. Talk tickets are now available; see posters in church or contact Janet.

Prayers for the Dead - Sunday 2 November: November is the month set aside for prayer and remembrance of the departed. On Sunday 2 November both Morning Eucharist and Evening Prayer will be set aside to pray for the departed. Anyone wishing a particular person to be remembered is invited to take a paper leaf, or leaves, home and write the names of the deceased on them. Please bring them with you to the Morning Eucharist.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025: See posters in church and *Inspire* for details so far!

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

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

Seventeenth After Trinity

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer
in the Lady Chapel

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 and Pastoral Conversations are by appointment. Please contact Rev. Seamus to arrange.

October

Tues 14 7pm Standing Committee Meeting
Thurs 16 2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation
Sat 18 9am Mattins: St Luke
10am - 2pm Autumn Fair at St John's
Sun 19 10am Preacher: Ven. Anne Gell
5pm Evensong (3.45pm Choir Rehearsal)
Tues 21 4-5pm PCC Meeting (with Ven. Anne Gell)
Sat 25 10am to 2pm 'Fashionable Faith' event and talk
Sun 26 Clocks go back
5.00pm Lay-lead service: The Nicene Creed

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Seventeenth After Trinity (Year C)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

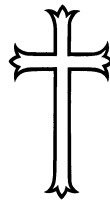
But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"? So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.'

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

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

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.



Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 17.11-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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