



Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome
Diocese of Bath and Wells

Sunday 2nd November

All Saints' Sunday

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever-for ever and ever.'

Psalm 149

O praise the Lord and sing to the Lord a brand-new song;
Sing praise in the assembly of saints, where praise belongs.
Let Israel rejoice in their Maker—let them sing;
Let all of Zion's people be glad in their great King!

Let them with dancing praise Him, with tambourine and song;
With harp, make praise and music which to His name belong.
For God the Lord takes pleasure in those who are His own;
He crowns them with salvation, the humble ones alone.

Let godly ones rejoice in this honour God bestows,
And let them sing for joy on their beds when eyelids close.
May His praise fill their mouths, and a two-edged sword their hand,
To execute God's vengeance on nations through the land.

They'll bring God's punishment on the peoples and their kings.
To bind their kings with fetters—for them iron shackles bring
to carry out the sentence, the judgment God accords.
This is His people's honour, their glory—praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.11-end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6.20-31

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the sick: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Geraldine Butland, Bet

h, Hugh Nowlan, Judy Matthews

RIP: Suzanne Bailey, John

Years Mind for November: Anthony Barefield, Charles Mitchell, Clara Harrison, John Skipper, Geraldine Goddard, Rita Janes, Betty Tingey, Molly Wheeler, Leslie Baker

Next Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**. Please note that the service times are different in order join the Town commemoration at the Memorial Theatre and also to observe the 2 minute silence at St. Mary's war memorial.

The week ahead

Mon 3rd 10.00am Christ Church Finance Team in Christ Church
9.00am Staff Meeting at Lottes
Wed 5th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
6.30pm Bible Course at Christ Church
Thurs 6th 10.30am Christ Church Christmas Fair Meeting
in Christ Church
2.00pm Holy Communion at Belmont Villa
Fri 7th 4.00pm Scallop Shells Choir in Christ Church
5.15pm Choir Practice in Christ Church
Sat 8th 10.30am Leaf Sweeping at St. Mary's

Christmas Fayres in November

St. Marys on Saturday 15th - Christ Church's on Saturday 22nd
With the fayres fast approaching, now is the time to have a good search for all those little gems you've squirrelled away, for just such an event – and bring them to us. We welcome cakes and preserves; handicrafts; puzzles, games and toys; clothes, jewellery and accessories; decorations; bathroom goods and raffle prizes. In fact, almost anything – but not (live) animals! Collection points are at the back of each church.

Keep Fit at St Mary's November 8th 10.30am

Come and join our working party to start the leaf clear up. Bring your own gloves and rakes. Bags and bins provided

Reward offered: Bacon butties and a warm glow and a chance to meet the Loop Frome Compostables!

The Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church is from Sunday 6th Dec to 14th. Flyers are available in church. Please take them and distribute them as this is a great way of publicising this very special event.

Services Next Week: 9th November

9.00am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Mary's

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