

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

'Icon' Advent Group Thursdays at 7pm in the vicarage: Each week we will examine a film or other art form, such as music or sculpture, and explore how these encourage or challenge our Christian faith and draw us more closely into examining the good news of Christmas. Further meetings on 4, 11 & 18 December.

Advent Worship - Wednesdays at 5pm: December 3, 10 and 17. A different service each week intended to take us out of the hustle and bustle and commercialism of the Advent season and focus us on the true meaning of this sacred season.

Write a Card for Amnesty: At this time of year Amnesty asks people to send a card expressing solidarity with someone whose human rights are being abused. There will be the opportunity to write a card or sign a letter at Wesley Methodist Church on Saturday 6 December, 10am -12pm and at St John's Café on Sunday 7 December.

Tree Decorations: Donations of decorations to adorn one of our two Christmas Trees in church will be gratefully received. We are going to invite people to decorate this tree during the Mini-Market.

Café and Mini-Market - Sunday 7 December: Volunteers & donations needed, please, including bottles for the Tombola! There will be a 'festive' focus to the stalls ; craft items, new/nearly new gifts, accessories & jewellery, toys & books. Thank you!

Advent Collection: We will be giving out the white boxes for any loose change you might wish to get rid of in the run-up to Christmas. The proceeds will be evenly split between St John's and the Good Heart cafe's 'pay a meal forward'. The Lolly Trolley will be available at every service. Thank you.

YMCA Christmas Appeal: As usual, we shall be collecting gifts in church on Sundays during Advent; chocolate & sweets, toiletries, stationery, hats & gloves etc. Please see notices in church for details.

Dementia Service - Friday 12 December 11.45am: Held at St Mary's Church, Innox Hill. Prayers & Carols followed by soup & mince pies. Open to everyone affected by memory loss and their friends.

Christmas Lunch - Saturday 13 December in the Bennett Centre: 12.00pm for 12.30pm. Two course meal & tea & coffee (vegetarian option), bring your own bottle. Tickets £15 (£10 child under 10) from Peter 01373 474158, bennettbooking11@gmail.com Or from Mandy or Peter in church.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

Advent Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist
5pm Advent Service
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.

December

Wed 3 5pm Advent Service: Guided Meditation
 7pm *Inspired to Read* Book Club
Thurs 4 11am Funeral of Tina Cooper
 2.30pm Funeral of Yuk Ting Pang
 7pm Advent group 'Icon'
Sat 6 9am United Prayer at St John's
Sun 7 11.15am-2pm Café and Mini-market
Tues 9 7pm Standing Committee meeting
Wed 10 5pm Advent Service
Thurs 11 2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation
 7pm Advent group 'Icon'

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Advent Sunday (Year A)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2.1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

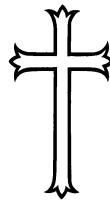
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

SECOND READING: Romans 13.11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24.36-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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