



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

Sunday 16th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give

you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Prayers of Welcome: for Freddie Farnell and his family as he comes for baptism at St. Mary's today

Prayers for the sick: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Geraldine Butland, Beth, Hugh Nowlan, Judy Matthews

RIP: Suzanne Bailey, John, Raymond Payne

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

The week ahead

Mon 17 th	7.00pm	CC Finance Meeting in Christ Church
Tues 18 th	1.00pm	Open the Book at Christ Church School
	7.00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal at St. John's
Wed 19 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	6.30pm	Bible Course at Christ Church
Thurs 20 th	7.00pm	Confirmation at St. Johns
Fri 21 st	12.00pm	Funeral for Suzanne Bailey at St. Mary's
	4.00pm	Scallop Shells Choir in Christ Church
	5.15pm	Choir Practice at Christ Church
Sat 22 nd	10.00am	Christmas Fayre at Christ Church

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make St. Mary's Christmas Fayre such a wonderful event

Ruby (who sings in the choir at Christ Church) is being **baptised and confirmed** by +Michael on Thursday 20th November at 7pm at St. John's. Please come along and share the joy and encourage her as she takes this next step in faith.

Christ Church's Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 22nd in the church. Thank you to everyone who has taken and delivered flyers and put up posters... publicity is so important.

We still need... donations of the following things...

- Bottles for the bottle tombola,
- toys
- games
- puzzles,
- books
- good quality household items (kitchen/bathroom).

Donations can be left in the back of church after any service or when the church is open (please put inside the kitchen so they are out of view) or you can leave things in the front porch of the vicarage at 73 Weymouth Road (maybe drop Revd Liz a quick text so she doesn't trip over them!) Thank you for your generosity.

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All are invited to come to **Suzanne Bailey's funeral** at St. Mary's. Suzanne had a deep dislike for the colour black, so please wear bright colours.

On Saturday 29th at 11am, Luke Sherlock's talk on **Forgotten Churches** in Christ Church will be amazing – do come along!

Services Next Week: 23rd November
9.00am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

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