

## NOTICES & DIARY DATES

**New to St John's:** Since Christmas we have been delighted to notice a number of new faces coming to our worship and would like to give you each a good welcome. After our morning Eucharist (today) there will be guided tour at 11:30am of the Church to help newbies know where things are, how to access resources, and to introduce key figures in our life and ministry. Please do join, and do stay for coffee so we can get to know you better, Rev. Seamus.

**A Month of Sundays:** This January, to celebrate the diversity of our Christian faith, we shall be having a month of guest preachers! Jan 11th: Rev Andrew Alden, Jan 18th: Rev. Kevin Tingay, Jan 25th. Rev David Brinn, Feb 1st: Mr. Alex Taylor All of these figures are amazing speakers and will bring a fresh approach to our faith and worship so do come along to welcome them and be inspired.

**Fundraising Meeting Saturday 17 January at 10am - Bennett Centre Randall Room.** We'll be planning the 2026 events, everyone very welcome to come with their ideas and suggestions! Thank you, Mandy & Elaine

**Christingle Service Sunday 25 January at 4pm:** We warmly invite you to join us on For worship with Choruses, Christingles and Cake! All are welcome.

**Candles for Candlemas:** On February 1st the Church will celebrate Candlemas, a time when the Church blesses all the candles to be used in the Church and parish through out the year. Everyone is welcome to bring candles of their own, or family and friends, to be blessed. These candles are traditionally then kept and lit on special occasions, or given to people in our lives going through a dark time.

**White Box appeal:** The amount raised will be announced soon.

**Fair Frome Foodbank:** There are collection points in most supermarkets. All help gratefully received – thank you!

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

**SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2026**

**Baptism of Christ**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**5pm Vigil Eucharist**  
in the Lady Chapel

**Sunday**  
**8.45am Online Service**  
contact admin for code

**10.00am Choral Eucharist**  
Guest Preacher:  
Rev Andrew Alden

**5pm Benediction and Evening Prayer**  
in the Lady Chapel

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

### **January**

Sat 17 10am Fundraising Meeting (BC Randall Room)  
Wed 21 12.30pm Eucharist: St Agnes  
7pm PCC Meeting (BC Cloister)

Thu 22 2pm Craft and Conversation (BC)  
Sun 25 4pm Christingle Service

### **February**

Tues 3 10am Worship Committee meeting  
12.30pm Eucharist: St Blaise  
Thurs 5 2pm Craft & Conversation (BC)

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Monday**  
**8.45am Morning Prayer**  
in the Ken Chapel

**Friday**  
**12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist**  
in the Lady Chapel

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## Baptism of Christ (Year A)

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42.1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**



witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3.13-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

### SECOND READING: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as