

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Sunday 22 March - 4th @4pm 'Surprises in the Garden': An informal service with songs, gardens and cake - everyone welcome - do join us!

Lenten Compline Tuesday 24 March: Our final contemplative compline during Lent at 7pm - do join us.

Thank you to all the noble souls who came to church on Saturday. In the morning some attended the sidesmen and welcomers meeting (we gained an extra person on the team!); some constructed the beautiful Mothering Sunday posies; some vacuumed and did some essential tidying up. Later, some acted as welcomers to the fantastically exuberant Songs and Scones event organised by the Kindness Festival. Some were present at all of those events. Very many thanks to you all.

Be ready to do readings in several services during Holy Week. Expect emails and personal approaches from Rosemary and Janet.

Pilgrim Progress: From the 20th April Rev. Seamus and Jay shall go on pilgrimage across Northern Italy, They will be visiting numerous Sacred Sites, including Turin, Padua, Pavia and Milan. There is a book in the Lady Chapel where people may write prayers that they would like to be offered at these sites.

Well Dressing May 2026: Calling all artists, any age, if you would like to help in decorating the display boards for the Well Dressing this year on the theme "The Creation", please let me know. Thank you, Alison Henderson

Prayers for those persecuted for their faith. Our focus this month is to the people of Nigeria. This links with our World Day of Prayer service which was prepared by the women of Nigeria. Of course, our prayers have not ceased for the people of Iran.

Note - there is no April Mini Market at St John's, as that will be Easter Sunday. The next one is Sunday 3 May.

Lenten White Box Appeal: This year we are collecting for Aid to the Church in Need, a charity working, on the ground, with persecuted Christians across the globe, to support their maintenance and witness of faith. The Lolly Trolley will be out at all services for your donations.

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

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code

10.00am Choral Eucharist
4pm '4th @ 4pm'
'Surprises in the Garden'

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday
8.45am Morning Prayer
in the Ken Chapel

Tuesday
7pm Lenten Compline
in the Lady 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.

- Tues 24 7pm Lenten Compline
Wed 25 8.45am Mattins: The Annunciation
12.30pm Eucharist: The Annunciation
Thurs 26 7pm Lent Study Group: The Creed
Fri 27 2pm Hospital Service
Sun 29 **Palm Sunday** (BST Clocks Forward)
9.45am Procession from Aldhelm's Well to church
5pm Sequence of Words and Music
Mon 30 7pm Zoom Service for Holy Week
Tue 31 11am Julian Meeting
7pm Stations of the Cross
Wed 1 9.15am St John's School Easter Service
7pm Tenebrae

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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GOSPEL READING: John 11.1- 45

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

Glory to you, O Lord

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