

# Pews News for March



From the vicar..

March already.. and the buds on the huge magnolia tree in the vicarage front garden are swelling and some have split already to reveal the promised beauty of their flowers. This tree is possible one of the most beautiful in Frome.. so long as we don't get a frost.. or heavy rain or strong winds! So precarious and yet each year, the buds which have been there throughout the winter, do their thing with such hope.

Hope is something that has been emerging in my thoughts this month. As we continue our journey through Lent and arrive at Holy Week it might seem that the hopelessness of Christ's crucifixion is too hard to bear.. that the intimacy of the upper room where feet are washed is too close for comfort. So many people skip Holy Week completely and just arrive on Easter Morning for the joyful moment. There are numerous things happening in Holy Week, so why not come along to something and deepen the Easter experience?

Thank you to everyone who prayed for the General Synod. Elenor Motion, one of the Diocese young people described the week as 'weirdly hopeful' and I must say, this resonated with me. She went on to say that there was a mix of feeling overawed at being at the heart of such a significant institution and impatience that this is not the world we live in any more. So true! It was good to hear Archbishop Sarah speaking on several occasions and she spoke movingly about having hope. She described hope as a muscle which needs to be flexed in order to strengthen and grow. She also encouraged us to have hope.. not in the Church of England.. but in God.

So I encourage you too to flex those hope muscles and to trust in God as we continue to journey through the Lenten wilderness to the terrible events of Holy Week and to the joy of resurrection life.

Lenten Blessings



# Marys House Community Retreat Day Being Peace

This day is being led by the Diocese of Bath and Wells Peacebuilding Team who will lead a series of reflective and practical exercises to help us consider what it means to be peace in a turbulent world and with those around us.

The day will comprise presentations with reflective exercises , a contemplative practice, conversation and dialogue  
A simple soup lunch will be provided

*Marys House Community is a community for the spiritually curious - a gathering of seekers exploring together what Christian wisdom can teach us about how to live more fully in an uncertain world. All are welcome.*

## Coffee Morning

St. Mary's  
Saturday March 21st  
10 -12.00  
All welcome  
Raising funds to restore  
the car park



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March  
2.30 pm in St John's Church

Join this global, ecumenical service as people from different congregations share in the service prepared by Christian women from Nigeria, reflecting their experiences and mirroring the struggles faced by many around the world.

A Nigerian proverb states, 'The pain of one is the pain of all.'  
Everyone is very welcome

## From the Registers

Funerals

Feb 5th Keith Berry at Haycombe and Christ Church

## Lent Lunch



This year's Lent Lunch will be held on Sunday 8th March following the 10.30 service at Christ Church. This will be a simple lunch of soup, bread and fruit. Come to the service expecting to stay for lunch. You are invited to make a donation

equal (at least) to the amount that you would normally spend on your Sunday lunch to our Christian Aid collection.

Vegetarian, gluten free and contactless options available

## Contemplating Holy Week

Wednesday 25th March  
7pm

The Lady Chapel  
Christ Church

words music silence



## Holy Week Devotions

**Tuesday 31st March 6pm in Christ Church**

### **A Devotional concert of Rosary Sonatas**

by Heinrich Biber (1644-1704)

played by Alison Townley (violin), Matthew Bale (organ continuo) and Matthew Greswell (cello), with selected poems between the pieces of music.

Admission is free with a retiring collection for  
Medical Aid for Palestinians



## Morning Praise at St. Mary's

On the fourth Sunday of the each month at 9am there will be a Morning Praise Service rather than a Eucharist. The service will have music and readings and prayers but will be a little shorter maybe lasting 45 minutes. Come and see ..

## Annual Meeting

**Saturday March 21st at 12.00pm in St. Mary's Church Hall**

The last year has been an exciting and challenging one of the two Parochial Church Councils as we face the reality of being church in this present age. Both churches are having to consider the impact of changing expectations in the light of changing resources. Although there is so much to celebrate, as we look to the year ahead and the further future, it is clear that there is a need to think radical thoughts and to work together as a benefice as we all seek to share God's love in a world that is looking increasingly perilous.

The first part meeting is where we elect churchwardens for each church for the coming year. We will then share a simple lunch before moving on to the second part of the meeting. Here we elect members of the Parochial Church Council for a three year term. There is also the opportunity to ask questions about matters of interest in church life as well as about any of the report circulated in the annual report. It is also an important chance to shape and share the vision for our churches. The meeting will be arranged to ensure the legalities are maintained and there will be one annual report. Please make this a priority and come along to find out just how much God is doing in and through our churches, and where you can join in.

If you would like to receive a copy of the annual Report before the meeting by email, please drop an email to [admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk) Paper copies will be available in church from Sunday 8th.



# Night Falls - A new Passion Play

Four final days before an execution that will change everything.  
Three enemies that want to put an end to the so-called Messiah.  
Two strangers torn between faith and doubt, hope and grief, trying to prevent Jesus of Nazareth from getting himself arrested.  
One safe house in Bethany.

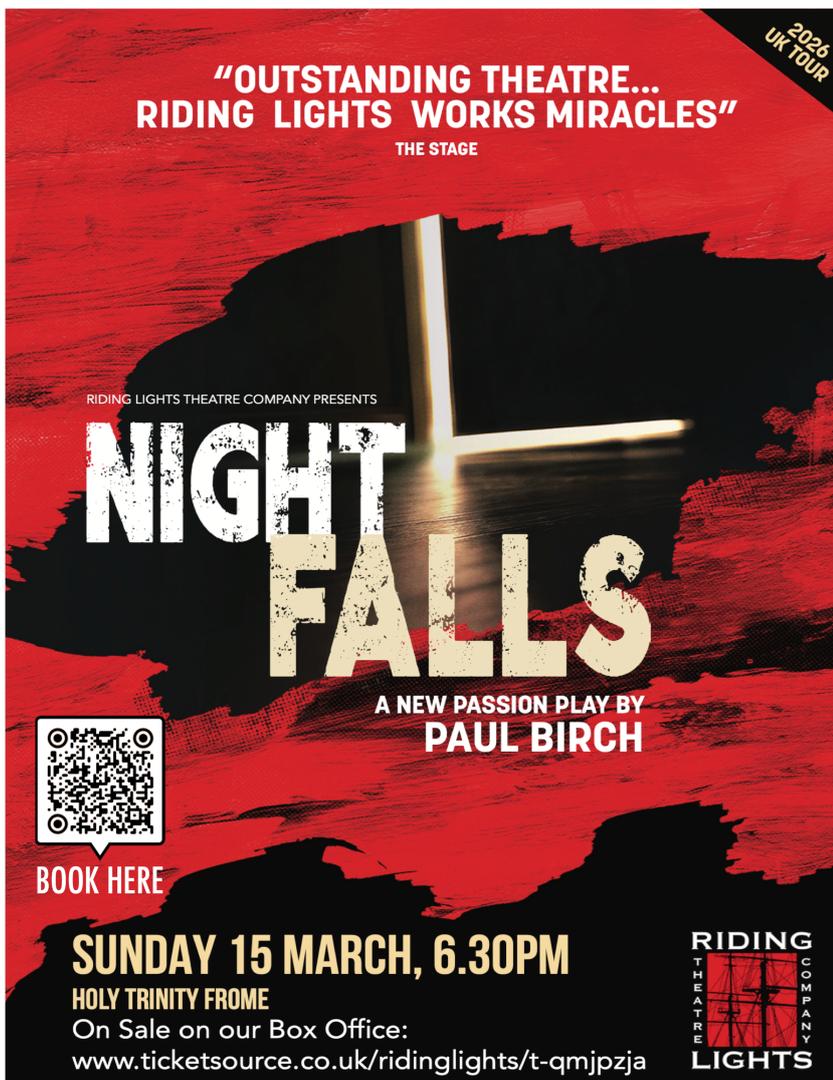
The hours are running out, but even as night falls, a strange hope is wrapped in a secret that both strangers share. For this is the house of Lazarus, and under his roof, the impossible has already occurred...

Brought to you by Riding Lights Theatre Company, Night Falls is a

fresh, vivid and dynamic retelling of the Easter story - a powerful new drama, featuring an original score from Nikki Crowley.

Holy Trinity have kindly agreed to host this evening on behalf of Frome Deanery and surrounding churches. Do come and bring your friends.

Tickets are selling fast so get yours now!



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# The Big Plastic Count

Recycling has become such a routine thing that most of us do it without thinking and it we know we are fortunate that our council now takes plastic film and packaging in the blue bags. However, we also know that lots of our recycling, infact, ends up in landfill or travels further afield to pollute other communities. Recycling isn't necessarily the answer to our problems. We need to take seriously

the need to reduce the production of plastics especially around our food packaging. This requires big business and our government to make changes.

In order to get this done, we need data.. and this is where you can help.

By taking part in the Big plastic count we can make change happen. There are forms available in church or you can sign up at [thebigplasticcount.com](http://thebigplasticcount.com)

This will also help Christ Church work towards their gold EcoChurch Award.

No judgement - just data!



**EVERYDAY PLASTIC**

**COMMUNITY FUND**

**THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT**

**9-15 MARCH**

**LET'S MAKE OUR PLASTIC COUNT!**

**I'M TAKING PART, ARE YOU?**

Scan to sign up or head to: [thebigplasticcount.com](http://thebigplasticcount.com)  
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## Hall Bookings

If you are interested in booking either of the halls. Please visit [hallbookingonline.com/frome](http://hallbookingonline.com/frome) where you will be able to check availability, make a provisional booking and access all the booking information and forms that you need.

# Marys House Contemplative Prayers

Mary House Community continues to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings, (3rd, 17th and 31st of March) for contemplative prayer in St. Mary's hall. The evening begins at 6.30pm with a simple meal - vegetarian and gluten free. Those not eating arrive at 7pm.

Each evening is led with a focus.. music, art.. scripture.. poetry and this is followed by a time of silence lasting 20 mins. The evening ends with conversation/sharing/dialogue.

All are welcome.



## Services for Holy Week and Easter

	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>St. Marys</b>
Monday 30th		8.00pm Compline
Tuesday 31st	6pm Sacred Concert	
Wednesday 1st	8.00pm Compline	10.00am Said Eucharist
Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Eucharist with foot washing
Friday 3rd Good Friday	2.00pm The Last Hour Music and Readings	
Easter Day	10.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Choral Evensong	6.am Dawn Eucharist with breakfast



# Sunday Services in March



	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>St. Marys</b>
Sunday 1st	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6pm Choral Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 8th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 15th	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 22nd	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Morning Worship
Sunday 29th Palm Sunday	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Parish Eucharist

Each Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist at St. Mary's (said)  
Critchill Court Holy Communion Tuesday 3rd March at 2pm  
Belmont Villa Holy Communion Thursday 5th March at 2.00pm  
Greenhill Grange Easter Service Wednesday 1st April at 3.00pm  
Frome Hospital Service Friday 27th March at 2pm

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