

## NOTICES & DIARY DATES

**Our grateful thanks** to Revds Kevin Tingay, Ian Pearson and Graham Witts who have been celebrants at the Eucharist while Rev Seamus was away.

**Café & Mini Market - Sunday 3 May 11.15am-2pm:** Do stay after the service to support our monthly fundraiser! There will also be an all-age activity stall for people to join in colouring clip art designs which will form part of the Well Dressing collage. See note below about further activities.

**Well Dressing - Saturday 23 May 2026:** Much background preparation for this has already taken place. Art material is being delivered to Berkley, Hayesdown and St John's schools and there will be opportunity for everyone to contribute during the mini-market. Alison will be very grateful for support in assembling the art work from Friday 8 May onwards - do let her know if you can help.

**Concert 'Vivaldi's Trumpets' at St John's - Friday 8 May 7.30pm:** a programme full of energy and colour - see poster & display for details. Tickets cost £20 (£10 student, Free for under 12s) and are available from [www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts](http://www.breathe-music.co.uk/concerts) or from Mandy Crook 07561 305888

**Board Game and Pizza Party - Wednesday 13 May at 7pm:** For those new to St John's and looking to make contacts and socialise, please join us for a night of free pizza and board games in the Bennett Centre.

**Christian Aid Week 10-16 May:** There will be a collection in town on Saturday 16 May 9.00am - 2.00pm. Please be ready to be asked to volunteer! There are additional details in the May magazine. Envelopes will be available in church, but the quickest way to donate in on line at [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk)

**Annual meetings - Sunday 17 May at 11.30am:** The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect the two Churchwardens) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in Church. The APCM is a chance to discuss the accounts and annual report for 2025. There will also be elections to two Deanery Synod places and to several vacancies on the PCC. Please see Angela Pater (Secretary), or a Churchwarden for an informal chat if you are interested.

**Holy Ghost Novena 15 - 23 May at 5pm daily:** As part of the Thy Kingdom Come project, there will be a novena of evening prayer between Ascension and Whitsun 15th-23rd each day at 5pm. A Novena is an ancient and powerful prayer to ask God's help for an important issue, person or place, all are welcome to join in these series of prayer for God's Spirit to intervene in something close to your heart.

**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 3 MAY 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**Sunday**  
**8.45am Online Service**  
contact admin for code  
**10.00am Choral Eucharist**  
**5pm Evening Prayer**

### 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.

Sun 3	11.15am-2pm Café & Mini Market
Thurs 7	7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Fri 8	7.30pm Concert - Vivaldi Trumpets
Tues 12	12.30pm Eucharist; St Pancras
Wed 13	7pm Board Games & Pizza - Bennett Centre Cloisters
Thurs 14	8.45am Mattins: Ascension Day 2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation 7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Sun 17	11.30am APCM (after the service)
Thurs 21	7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Sat 23	9.30am Well Dressing

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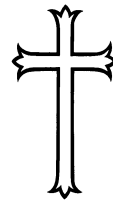
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



### FIRST READING: Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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### GOSPEL READING: John 14.1-14

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

#### Glory to you, O Lord

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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