



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

Sunday 26th April

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

The Lord' is my' shepherd : therefore ' can I ' lack ' nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a' green ' pasture : and lead me forth
be'side the ' waters of ' comfort.

3 He shall con'vert my' soul : and bring me forth in the paths of
righteousness ' for his ' Name's ' sake.

4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will' fear no' evil : for thou art with me, thy' rod and thy' staff

' comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against ' them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil' and my ' cup shall be ' full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the ' days of my ' life : and I will dwell in the ' house of the ' Lord for ' ever.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2.19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in

and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow
in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for those in need: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart,
Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Janet Dudley, Jean Gill

RIP Gladys Joyce, Marri Carmichael, Brian Harris, Marion
Taylor, Hilary Daniel

Years Mind for April: Sharon Garland, John Haskins, Les
Ellison, Samuel Stephenson, Robin Young, Sheila Hazel,
Margaret Carpenter, Shirley Wheeler

After the service today we are offering a **Sycamore Seedling Pulling** experience .. pull as many as you like .. every little helps! The beautiful sycamores have scattered their seed and we need to pull up as many of the seedlings as possible before they get too big. If you are not able to stay, please consider pulling a few each time you pass through the churchyard.. they are particularly numerous on the north side of the church. This means we can avoid using chemicals and avoid disappearing into a sycamore forest.

Mary's House Community contemplative prayers are on
Tuesday. Come at 6.30pm for supper or 7pm if not eating.

Contemplating Easter is in the Lady Chapel at Christ Church on
Wednesday at 7pm. This is a short service with music, words
and a time of silence as we reflect on and rest in the mystery of
Jesus' resurrection. All are welcome

On **Monday 4th May**, the Coat of Hopes will leave Christ Church at 8am and begin a four day walk to Salisbury. The route will go down through the market place and out of town along Stonebridge Drive and Beaconsfield Way, turning right onto Gypsy lane and down to A36. Revd Liz is planning to walk the coat out of the parish and you are welcome to join in too. You might even like to walk further and you can find the route on The Coat of Hopes website.

The week ahead

Mon 27th 12.55am Coat of Hopes goes to Christ Church School
Tues 28th 6.30pm Mary's House Contemplative Prayer at St Marys
Wed 29th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Marys
14.30pm Holy Communion at Greenhill Grange
7.00pm Contemplative Service at Christ Church
Fri 1st 11.00am Coat of Hopes is at Boyles Cross
4.00pm Scallop Shells Choir at Christ Church
5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church
Sat 2nd 10.00am Spring Fair at St. Mary's

Services Next Week: 3rd May

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church

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