



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

Sunday 17th May

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68. V1-10

1Let God arise, and scattered let His e-ne-mies all be;
And let the foes that hate Him all before His presence flee.

2As smoke is blown away by wind, may You blow them away;
As fire melts wax, let wicked ones so perish and decay.

3But may the righteous ones be glad: let them before God's
sight

be joyful; yes, let them rejoice in Him with all their might.

4Sing praise to God, to His name sing; extol Him with your
voice,

Who rides on clouds—His name's the Lord—before Him now
rejoice.

5A father to the fatherless is God who sees their face;
Defender of the widow is God in His holy place.

6God sets the lonely in fam'lies, frees pris'ners with His hand,
They sing; but the rebellious ones live in a sun-scorched land.

7O God, when You went out before Your people in great might;
And when through desert wilderness, You marched them day
and night,

8The earth did shake, the sky broke forth and rain from heaven
fell,

Before the One of Sinai—God, the God of Israel.

9You gave abundant showers, God, Your people did sustain;
You bless'd Your tired inheritance, and sent refreshing rain.

10Your people settled in the land, and from Your bounty, Lord,
You filled Your people in their need, provided for the poor.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5. 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far that you are sharing in Christ's sufferings so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of

glory which sit eh Spirit of God is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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

Years Mind for May: Esther Edmonds, Beatrice Farnish, Barrie Hewitt, Dennis Jefferies, Reginald Taylor, William Walls, Connie Grattidge, John Watson, Bryan Chapman, Paul Francis, Molly Parmakis, Arthur Maxted, Cis Steele, Bexx Chivers

The week ahead

Mon 18th 10.00am CCFuture Meeting (zoom)
Tues 19th 7.30pm Deanery Council Meeting at 28 Rodden Rd
Wed 20th 10.00am. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thurs 21st 12.55pm Collective Worship at Christ Church School
7.15pm Big Dream Meeting at Holy Trinity Frome
Sun 24th 3.00pm

Christ Church APCM is on Sunday 24th May immediately after the 10.30am service. The service itself will be shorter, so please come prepared to stay a little longer...

Sunday 24th May 3pm Musicke's Measure presents Aperitivo! A taste of 17th-century Italy. Cornettist Helen Roberts (of His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts) brings together a team of leading historical performers for a concert of music from the chapels, convents, and chambers of the early Italian Baroque. Tickets cost £15 on the door (cash or card). Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available at the interval. We are very grateful to Helen (who also sings alto in our evensong choir) for making this concert happen and for raising funds for Christ Church Future

Saturday 30th May 11am "Looking Back at Winston Churchill": a Talk by Peter Clark: Peter wrote a book in 2020 called "*Churchill's Britain ~ from the Antrim coast to the Isle of Wight*" about places associated with Churchill. Peter will talk about the writing of the book and about important places in Churchill's life. From 10.30 coffee will be served, along with cakes made from recipes of Sir Winston and Lady Churchill's cook, Georgina Landemare. Donations welcome for Christ Church Future

Thank you to everyone who helped at **St. Mary's Spring Fair**. We raised over £700 for church funds.

Quiz Night at St Mary's on June 13th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. £5 per head, teams of four (or thereabouts) Sign up sheets a the back of each church.

Well-dressing Day is Saturday 23rd. Gather at the bottom of St. John's steps for 9.30am or arrive for the procession at 9.15.

Services Next Week: 24th May
9.00am Morning Praise at St. Mary's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

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