



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

Sunday 3rd May

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

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.

Gospel Reading: John 14.1-14

'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.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 4th 8.00am Coat of Hopes leaves Christ Church
Tues 5th 9.00am Staff meeting at Lotties
11.30am Anna Chaplaincy Meeting
2.00pm Communion Service at Critchill Court
2.00pm Open the Book Rehearsal at St. Mary's
Wed 6th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thurs 7th 2.00pm Holy Communion at Belmont Villa

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.

Ascension Day is on Thursday 14th May and there is a service at Christ Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come

Christian Aid Week begins on Sunday 10th May. Envelopes will be available in church on Sunday 10th and 17th. There will be a street collection in the Westway Precinct on Saturday 16th May. If you can help with this please contact Janet Caudwell at St. John's.

Trio con Brio play Haydn piano trios and Schumann Fantasy Pieces. Free Admission. Donations for Christian Aid. Tea and cake during the interval on Saturday 16th at 3pm at Christ Church

Unfortunately and due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to hold the APCM next Sunday. We are required to hold it before May 31st and will endeavour to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

Services Next Week: 10th May
9.00am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

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