

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Christian Aid: Many thanks to the noble group who collected donations in the Westway and to those who donated in church. All money will be counted by the town Christian Aid treasurer and a total published when everything has been gathered. It's not too late to hand in your envelope!

Evening Prayer walk Sunday 31 May: Everyone welcome! If you would rather meet us part way round our approximate timings should be: 5pm at Holy Trinity; 5.20 at Christ Church; 5.30 at Catholic church; 5.45 at Wesley Methodist, returning to St John's for tea & cake at 6.00pm.

Clutter busting - Saturday 6 June: Because of weddings later in the month, our monthly working party will be on Sat 6 June at 10.00am when we will be sprucing the church up in preparation for the Frome Festival.

Café & Mini Market - Sunday 7 June: Donations of tombola items and produce needed, please! We are planning these two stalls for the June event, in addition to the usual books, nearly new items and cakes. We'd be very pleased to receive donations of bottles and any surplus you are growing in your gardens – also jams and chutneys etc. Please give them to Elaine or Mandy or put them behind the curtain of the south porch, which will be checked daily. Many thanks!

Swan Singers Concert - Saturday 13 June at 7pm 'Floral Choral' at the Bennett Centre: Wonderful music from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Tickets £12 in advance (see poster) or from Peter or Mandy.

Models Needed: For Frome Festival, we shall again be breaking open the wardrobe and getting on our swag with the very best of clerical kit. Anyone who would like to have a go on the catwalk and compete with Rev. Seamus for most piously overdressed is welcome to contact either Rev. Seamus or Elaine for details.

Volunteer Chaplains Needed: For this summer at St John's - further details will be on next week's sheet or speak to Rev. Seamus.

THE PARISH OF FROME, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BA11 1PL

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

Pentecost

SUNDAY SERVICES

Saturday
5pm Vigil Eucharist
in the Lady Chapel

Sunday
8.45am Online Service
contact admin for code
10.00am Choral Eucharist
Procession at 9.45am

4pm '4th @ 4pm'
Pentecost 'When the wind blew'

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.

Mon 25 12.30pm Eucharist: St Aldhelm
Tues 26 11am Julian Meeting
12.30pm Eucharist: St Augustine
Wed 27 4.30pm Baptism followed by Eucharist
Thurs 28 2pm-4pm Craft & Conversation
7pm 'Isaiah' Study Group
Fri 29 2pm Hospital Service
Sun 31 5pm Evening Prayer Walk - start at Holy Trinity

June

Mon 1 12.30pm Eucharist: Visitation Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 3 6.30pm Book Club
Thurs 4 12.30pm Eucharist: Corpus Christi

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Pentecost (Year A)

FIRST READING: Exodus 3: 1-14

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."'

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

SECOND READING: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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GOSPEL READING: John 20.19-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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