



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

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-13**

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

## **Psalm 69 v8-20**

For Your sake I endure great scorn; my face is filled with shame.

I am a stranger to my kin, to all who share my name.

I am consumed with zeal, O Lord, for Your house fervently;  
The insults of those who curse You now fall with weight on me.

And when I weep and fast, I must endure scorn constantly;  
When sackcloth is my daily garb, they all make sport of me.

Those seated at the gate mock me; they taunt with drunken song;  
But to You, Lord, I pray—hear me! Your love is wide and long.

In Your salvation, answer me, and save me from the mire;  
Don't let me sink—deliver me! Their hatred does not tire.

Deep waters roll, the floodgates pour, the depths will swallow me;  
Don't let the flood engulf me or the pit close over me.

Lord, from the goodness of Your love, in mercy turn to me.  
Don't hide Your face, for I'm distressed; come answer speedily.

Come near and rescue me, O God; redeem me from my foes;  
You know I'm scorned, disgraced and shamed; my enemies You know.

Their scorn has left me helpless and my heart is torn in two;  
No one gives comfort, sympathy; I have no one but You.

## **Second reading: Romans 6.1b-11**

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into

death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24-39**

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever

loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

**RIP** Ashley Baber

**Years Mind for June:** John Collier, Glyn Morgan, Eileen Hales  
Phyllis Hurden, Leslie Ede, Ethel Tudgay, Graham Dodge, William Bullock, Audrey Burgess, Beryl Eyles, Mary Ford, Chris Garmston, Marigold Price

## **The week ahead**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St George's Beckington  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm MHC Contemplative Prayers at St. Marys  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
2.30pm Holy Communion at Greenhill Grange  
7.30pm CC Finance team at 73 Weymouth Road  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Scallop Shells Choir at Christ Church  
5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church

Please pray for Elizabeth Alden and those being Ordained at Wells Cathedral next weekend. All are welcome to attend the service which begins at 10.30. Bring a picnic and meet up afterwards...

## **Services Next Week: 28th June**

**9.00am Morning Praise at St. Mary's**

**10.30am Sung Eucharist at Christ Church**

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