

Sunday Services in July



	Christ Church	St. Marys
Sunday 5th	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6pm Choral Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 12th	10. 30am Sung Eucharist	9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 26th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Morning Praise
Sunday 2nd August	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Parish Eucharist

Each Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist at St. Mary's (said)
 Critchill Court Holy Communion Tuesday 7th July at 2pm
 Belmont Villa Holy Communion Thursday 9th July at 2.00pm
 Greenhill Grange Holy Communion Wednesday 29th July at 2.30pm
 Frome Hospital Service Friday 31st July at 2pm



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Pews News for July



from the Vicar...

Sometimes the best laid plans are completely swept aside by the demands of life and indeed death. The last few months have been particularly gruelling and I thank you all for your concern, prayers and support. The intention is continue with this monthly newsletter as a way of sharing the good news of who are with each other and visitors alike. There have been some amazing happenings this year so far and the future looks exciting too. In a couple of weeks I shall be travelling up to York for the final session of this general Synod. A new Synod will be elected in the autumn. One of the things on the agenda is a motion that the Church Commissioners should commit properly to turning over 30% of its land to rewilding by 2030. This would bring it into line with the Crown Commissioners' commitment and is an opportunity to lead by example in caring for God's creation. As I write this, the hottest days seem to have passed for the time being but the records for the hottest June have been smashed. Undoubtedly this is more than a blip or a rare occurrence. The planet is heating up and people we know are suffering. I wonder just how bad it has to get before we do something meaningful about it and I am reminded of the film 'Don't Look Up'. I am so pleased that both Christ Church and St. Mary's are using our churchyards and grounds to create habitats and hospitality for wildlife and also people. There is a deep joy in sharing God's care of creation and cherishing even the smallest insects and flowers. As the year goes on our focus will grow and I invite any of you to get involved as you can, at church and in your own homes to choose to care and act and love the world as God does.

Revd Liz



Marys House Community Retreat Day July 11th 10am -4pm at St. Mary's Hall

What is a contemplative Life?

This day is being led by the Chris Whittington from the School of Contemplative Life and will examine the role of meditation as a pathway to peace, community and oneness.

The day will comprise presentations with reflective exercises , a contemplative practice, conversation and dialogue
A simple shared lunch will be provided
Book via maryshouse.org

Marys House Community is a community for the spiritually curious - a gathering of seekers exploring together what Christian wisdom can teach us about how to live more fully in an uncertain world. All are welcome.

From the Registers

Funerals

Jean Norman March 2nd at Christ Church
Marion Taylor April 21st at Christ Church

Baptisms

Miles Laughton May 31st at Christ Church

Weddings

Chris Buckland and Nicole Parker April 16th at St. Mary's

Congratulations to

Kayleigh Holder and Toby Collins married May 2nd at Mells
Melissa Twohig and Ben Barnes married May 23rd at East Woodlands
Ellie Weeks and Tom Edwards married June 6th at Mells



Marys House Contemplative Prayers

Mary House Community continues to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings, (3rd, 17th and 31st of March) for contemplative prayer in St. Mary's hall. The evening begins at 6.30pm with a simple meal - vegetarian and gluten free. Those not eating arrive at 7pm.

Each evening is led with a focus.. music, art.. scripture.. poetry and this is followed by a time of silence lasting 20 mins. The evening ends with conversation/sharing/dialogue.

We have also taken responsibility for the garden at the bottom of the driveway formerly the Giants garden. We are looking to form a team to care for and develop this land. Please chat to Revd. Liz if you want to know more.



Quiz Night

Once again we stretched the old grey matter and answered the questions.. sometimes correctly. Thanks to everyone who came and helped and provided the delicious refreshments.

The next quiz is on Saturday October 25th in Christ Church hall.. book the date now and get those brain cells working out!

Prayer Shed

At Easter we used the Prayer Shed as the garden of repose for the Maundy Thursday liturgy. We gathered in the darkness and created a beautiful space for keeping vigil. The prayer shed continues to be available for private prayer and contemplation. You can book a slot on the marys house website www.maryshouse.org



Gala Concert

In April we were delighted to hold a Gala Concert in Christ Church – Glorious Baroque raising funds for Christ Church Future. The orchestra were Alison Townley and friends, and soloist Lucy Hewson performed Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Operatic arias were sung by Hannah Drury. With canapes and fizz, it was a truly special evening and raised £2600. Thanks also to our sponsors, Wayne Kelly and Latham Scaffolding.



Parochial Church Councils

In April and May, both churches held their Annual Meetings. It is really good news that at St. Mary's, Pauline Burgess is the churchwarden and at Christ Church, Alan Burgess and Mary Gatcliffe have been elected.

The PCC members for 2026 are as follows:

Christ Church: Jane Parr, Emily Saner, Olivia Date, Rob Lee (Deanery Synod) Peter John, Ann Burgess, Caroline Thornycroft, Sarah Eyles (Deanery Synod)

St. Mary's: Sue Hiscott, Libby Dobson, Sarah Chabowska, Jane Mitchell (Deanery Synod) Diane Ellis (Deanery Synod) Jenny Schild and Glen Schild.

We hold PCC meetings approximately every six weeks where we discuss the life of the church and make decisions that will enable us to flourish. If there is something that you think should be on the agenda, please speak either to Revd Liz or Olivia Date (CC) or Diane Ellis (StM)

If you are interested in joining the PCC please chat to Revd Liz or the churchwardens



Hall Bookings

If you are interested in booking either of the halls. Please visit hallbookingonline.com/frome where you will be able to check availability, make a provisional booking and access all the booking information and forms that you need.

Frome Festival

Once again we are hosting 15 wonderful concerts in Christ Church during the Festival. There will also be an extra special Choral Evening on Sunday 5. Tickets are available on the door for all these events so come along and bring your friends. If you can offer to help with stewarding during the festival, there is a sign up sheet at the back to Christ Church



Want to go deeper?



Looking towards the Autumn, we are planning to run a course exploring what it is to be and grow as a Christian. This will be suitable for those preparing for baptism or confirmation, but is equally exciting for anyone who wants to know more, or remember what they once learnt.

Probably to be held in an evening during the week.. details to be confirmed, but if you are interested,



Coffee Morning

St. Mary's
Saturday July 18th
10 -12.00

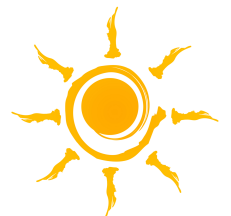
All welcome
Raising funds to restore
the car park

BBQ

The benefice BBQ is to be on Saturday July 18th at The Vicarage

Come along for an evening of good company and delicious food.

All welcome. Check the weekly pew sheet for lighting up time





Coat of Hopes

Made from hundreds of stitched blanket patches, the Coat of Hopes carries people's griefs, prayers, and hopes for the places they call home in response to the climate and ecological emergency. In April the Coat of Hopes came to St. Mary's and Christ Church on its pilgrimage round and through our nation. The churches were open for visitors and lots of people came to see and try it on. The coat continues its journey through Somerset this month and you can find out where it is www.coatofhopes.uk

The past is still with us..

We are so fortunate that Fr. Ian is a skilled and enthusiastic archivist who takes a keen interest in keeping our records in order. Following a brief sojourn at St. Johns, Christ Church records are now safely in Taunton Records office and St. Marys are soon to follow. Here is Fr. Ian handing them over.



Bubble Church is coming to St. Mary's!

Bubble Church is a free, puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-food-fuelled 30 minute kids and families adventure!



Turn up at St. Mary's hall from 9.15 for coffee and croissant before heading to your 'bubble' to share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets and prayer.

A service especially for little ones and their families

Starting Sunday September 20th

Swift and bat boxes at Christ Church

We are delighted that Christ Church now has accommodation facilities for bats and swifts. Thanks to Caroline for working with the Town Council to make this happen. This is another way in which we are creating a wildlife sanctuary in our churchyard.



Saturday Talks at Christ Church

Alternate months, Christ Church has held interesting and informative talks on a Saturday morning. Recently Peter Clark looked back at Winston Churchill and Stephen Slater explained the history and significance of British heraldry.

This is an evolving programme so ideas and offers are welcome.. speak to Mary Gatcliffe or Olivia Date.

Maintenance at Christ Church

General maintenance at Christ Church continues with adjustments to the inner doors so they now open easily We have replaced lights in the servers vestry and the priests' vestry which has made a big difference. we have also installed baby changing facilities in the loo. We now need to replace the lights in the church before the dark winter days arrive. The cost of this is likely to be around £5k

