



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

Sunday 11th October

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23

The Lord' is my' shepherd : therefore ' can I ' lack ' nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a' green ' pasture : and lead me forth be'side the ' waters of ' comfort.

3 He shall con'vert my' soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness ' for his ' Name's ' sake.

4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will' fear no' evil : for thou art with me, thy' rod and thy' staff ' comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against ' them that' trouble me :thou hast anointed my head with oil' and my ' cup shall be ' full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the ' days of my ' life : and I will dwell in the ' house of the ' Lord for ' ever.

Second reading: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there

is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for those in need: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Wai Ping, Jean Gill, Chris, Pauline Burgess, Sally, Theo and his family, Maggie Thompson

RIP: Diana Pulman, Revd Pat Lawless

Years Mind for October: Christopher Argent, Terri Barker, Haydn Burgess, Mary Burgess, Elizabeth Comer, Ian Corney, Doreen Giles, Derek Gill, Pippa Hope, John Jones, Ted Meadows, Tony Price, Baby George Price, Colin Ball, Ron Taylor, Sybil Williams, Olive Bennett, Rosemary Savage, Raymond Payne,

The week ahead

Mon 12th 9.00am Staff Meeting at Lottes
11.30am Funeral for Diana Pulman at West Wilts
2.00pm Bubble Church at St. Mary's
4.30pm Grant Team at Christ Church

Tues 13th 6.30pm Marys House Contemplative Prayers
at St. Mary's

Wed 14th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
6.30pm Emmaus Course (with supper)
in Christ Church

Thurs 15th 7.00pm Deanery Synod at Leigh on Mendip

Fri 16th 12.00pm Memory Lane Service at St. Mary's
5.15pm Choir practice at Christ Church

Sat 17th 9-9 Music marathon at Christ Church

12 Hours of Music at Christ Church on Saturday October 17th. Please make offers of music or hospitality to Ann.

This Sunday we welcome Revd Paul Burden at 9am at St. Mary's and Fr. Ian at 10.30 at Christ Church

Services Next Week: 18th October

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ church

9.00am Bubble Church at St. Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

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