

from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for those in need: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Wai Ping, Jean Gill, Chris, Pauline Burgess, Sally

RIP Keith Kemp

Years Mind for September

Marion Amor, Margaret Bullock, Cathy Farnish, Pam Hiscott, Diana Stannard, Arthur Bailey, Marina Snelgrove, John Brown

The week ahead

Mon 14th 2.00pm Bubble Church Meeting at St. Mary's
Tues 15th 6.30pm Contemplative Prayer with MHC St. Mary's
Wed 16th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Fri 18th 5.15pm Choir practice at Christ Church
Sat 19th 10.00am Coffee Morning at St. Mary's

Harvest Lunch Sunday 27th September.

what says harvest more than hearty casseroles and fruit crumbles? Sign up at the back of church if you are able to bring either a casserole or a pudding. Also please sign up if you are coming to eat said casseroles and puddings and support Christian Aid by calculating and donating at least the equivalent cost of your usual Sunday lunch

Annie Besant – A Neglected Pioneer A talk by Kevin Tingay, in Christ Church. Saturday 26th September at 11.00am.

Refreshments from 10.30am. Admission free. Donations welcome.

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

After this service you are invited to make your way to the churchyard to help pull out the Buddleia before it completely engulfs us all.

Services Next Week: 20th September

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church

9.15am Bubble Church at St. Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

2.30pm Baptism for Grace Urch

6.00pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church

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

Sunday 13th September

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103. 1-12

1 Praise the Lord 'O my soul : and all that is within me praise his ' holy' Name.

2 Praise the Lord ' O my' soul : and for 'get not' all his ' benefits;

3 Who forgiveth ' all thy' sin : and ' healeth' all thine in 'firmities;

4 Who saveth thy' life from destruction : and crowneth thee with' mercy and ' loving'kindness ;
 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with' good' things : making thee young and' lusty 'as an' eagle.
 6 The Lord executeth ' righteousness and ' judgement : for all' them that are op'pressed with' wrong.
 7 He shewed his ways' unto ' Moses : his works' unto the' children of ' Israel.
 8 The Lord is full of com'passion and' mercy : long-suffering' and of ' great' goodness.
 9 He will not' alway be ' chiding : neither' keepeth he his ' anger for ' ever.
 10 He hath not dealt with us'after our'sins : nor rewarded us ac' cording ' to our ' wickednesses.
 For look how high the heaven is, in comparison' of the ' earth : So great is his mercy also ' toward' them that' fear him.
 12 Look how wide also the east is' from the'west : so far hath he ' set our' sins' from us.

Second reading: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you,

why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help