

Pews News for October



From the vicar..

In the last couple of weeks, Frome has made it into the national news twice. Frome College and Mayday Saxonvale. Both stories coloured by injustice and disappointment. Both stories of strong leadership passionately committed to improving the lives of individuals and the wider community, by ensuring excellent education for all and by endeavouring to provide the housing and employment that this town needs.

Both stories left me thinking about the nature of leadership.. especially as we now have a new PM who also is exercising a new way of leading the country. What makes a good leader?

I wonder if the very first thing that is required is passion.. a belief that their actions are the right ones... maybe this is where the need to differentiate between good and bad leadership emerges. A good leader has the wellbeing of their country.. school.. community.. church.. family at the forefront. A bad leader places their own needs and wants first.

Jesus modelled something called servant leadership.. where those who wanted to be great had to be least and the example of Jesus was to give everything, including his life, for the lives and wellbeing of the rest of humanity.

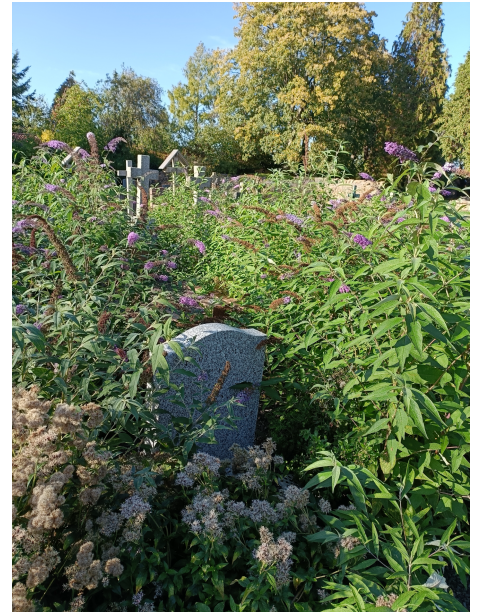
As our world becomes evermore precarious, leaders will emerge around us and we will need to discern the path they are leading us down. The psalmist writes: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (ps119.105). As we are led, or maybe as we are called upon to lead, may we keep the Word of God in our hearts and minds at all times.

Blessings
Revd Liz



Churchyard Team at Christ Church

The churchyard team have been delighted with offers of help to do some of the necessary work especially as some concern had been expressed by congregation members that some of the war graves were being overwhelmed by buddleia. On closer inspection it was clear that the roots of the many budleia plants are putting the monuments at risk, so on 28th there is a working party to tackle the issue before it gets too large.



The vision is to encourage hardy native species into the gravelled area to reduce the need for weeding, to suppress the sycamore seedlings and to create habitat for wildlife... a careful balance of intervention is essential. Thanks to the team who will also mulch the roses and shrubs and care for the grass in the garden of remembrance. If you would like to be involved, speak to Caroline Thornycroft.

From the Registers



Baptism

Grace Urch
September 20th
at St. Marys



Weddings

Jonny Davies and Kelly Stansbury
September 13th at Christ Church

Funeral

Marlene George
September 4th at Christ Church

Emmaus Course

Wednesday October 14th at 6.30pm at the Vicarage

Starting with supper so if eating isn't for you, come along at 7pm (please let Revd Liz know for catering numbers).

A course for those wanting to explore and deepen faith and prepare for confirmation. More details from Revd



Quiz

Saturday 24th October

Christ Church Hall

6.30pm for fingers on buzzers at 7pm

Refreshments

All welcome

sign up with a team or just turn up

Leaf Sweeping

at St. Marys

Saturday 31st October

10-12pm

**This is a really fun way clear
the fallen leaves from the
paths and car park**

Music Marathon at Christ Church

We are working hard to raise the funds to create an accessible entrance. If you are musical and would like to participate, speak to Ann Burgess. If not, then please drop in and come and listen. It promises to be a really great day of live and local music



Harvest Festival



**Thank you to everyone who decorated the churches,
provided lunch and made donations to Christian Aid.
All good gifts..**

Art Exhibition

Viv Meadows is a member of our congregation who is also a very talented artist. She has a picture in this exhibition entitled Missing Days. If you want to see it (and it is worth seeing!) go along while there is still time!



Coffee Morning

St. Mary's
Saturday October 17th
10 -12.00
All welcome

Remembrance Sunday

Parish Eucharist at Christ Church at 9.30am
Service of Remembrance at St. Mary's at 10.30



This is to allow time to join the Town's Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Theatre at 10.55am



BUBBLE CHURCH

Here at St. Mary's
on the third Sunday of each
month at 9.15am

Bubble Church is a free, puppet-packed, Jesus-centered, coffee-and-food-fuelled kids and families adventure.

Turn up at 9am for refreshments before heading to your bubble to share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets and prayer.

Book online now at
www.bubblechurch.org
or
txt 07305623160

From Elizabeth..

Following her ordination Elizabeth Alden wrote: To the beautiful congregation at St. Mary's, This comes with my thanks for your card and the abundantly kind messages and for your most generous gift. I thank God for these signs of love and affection. I look forward to hearing how you are all doing , asking God to empower you to go from strength to strength in His love, Elizabeth (Revd)



Elizabeth had been on placement at St. Mary's during her training and is now a curate in the Beckington Benefice

From Christ Church PCC...

The PCC met at the beginning of September. Here are some of the exciting bits...

Work to remove the polycarbonate screen and the wooden batons from the lower windows on the west front can commence

The possibility of signing up to Inclusive Church was considered(www.inclusivechurch.org). A parish morning to explore this further in the New Year is a possibility

Work to move the bank account from Nat West to the CoOp continues and the accounting system is working well.

The terms of reference for the churchyard team were confirmed and there was a discussion about what the vision for the churchyard (particularly the area behind the stone wall to the north of the church) should be. A clear vision is needed and the what/why/how should be well communicated.

The date for the Christmas Fair has been agreed for November 21st

From St. Mary's PCC

There were exciting bits from the September meeting of St. Mary's PCC too..

The collaboration between St. Marys, Marys House Community, LoopFrome and Edventure continues to gently take shape

A parallel conversation around Inclusive Church happened and there was agreement to a benefice gathering in the New Year

Stewart who has cut the grass for many years has retired and there was agreement to give him a gift as a token of our appreciation

The next PCC meetings are on October 20th (St Marys) and 22nd (Christ Church)

BUBBLE CHURCH

At our first Bubble Church service we told the story of The Lost Sheep with singing and puppets and prayers. Bubble Church is a service especially for young children and their families... it lasts 30 mins and includes refreshments and an activity.. so no sitting quietly in pews listening to long sermons!

The next Bubble Church is on
Sunday October 18th at 9.15am
Book now at www.bubblechurch.org.

if you know a family who would
enjoy coming, there are invitations
at the back of both churches. Do take them and give them away!



Marys House Community

Twenty people gathered on Sunday 13th September for our first Community gathering bringing together the regular Tuesday evening contemplative pray-ers with the Saturday event-ers and the gardeners.. (there was quite a lot of overlap). After a delicious lunch of soup and bread we spent time considering the last year.

We recognised the value of contemplation and community, non-judgemental hospitality and being part of something that was still emerging. We spoke of the need for spiritual resilience in an increasingly threatening world and someone offered “make for yourselves purses that do not wear out’ (Luke 12.33) as an example of what Marys House Community might offer.



We meet on alternate Tuesdays for a simple meal and contemplative paryer (6.30pm) and the next Saturday event is on October 11th, 10-4pm on the subject of Listening.

We meet in St. Mary's hall

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.

People's Emergency Briefing

This is an important film being shown nationally. Even though the temptation may be to ignore what is happening already to our climate and the potential impact it may have on us here in Frome, you are invited to come to this screening at



Holy Trinity Church
Date: 10 October 2026
Time: 7pm-9pm

Booking link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/frometowncouncil/2405878>

The film features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing, bringing together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. It presents a calm, evidence-based overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the science says about risks and responses. We are all facing the risks, so let's work together in our response.

The Somerset Russets

present

Music Makers of Somerset
Traditional Tales and
Somerset Folk Music
at St. Mary's

on Sunday 11th October at 3pm

Tickets available on the door
£10 to include refreshments
Supporting St. Mary's Church
Funds

(featuring our very own Malcom Parr)



Sunday Services in October



	Christ Church	St. Marys
Sunday 4th	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6.00pm Choral Evensong	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 11th	10. 30am Sung Eucharist	9am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 18th	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.00 Bubble Church 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 25th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Morning Praise
Sunday 1st November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6.00pm Choral Evensong for All Souls	10.30am Parish Eucharist

Each Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist at St. Mary's (said)
 Critchill Court Holy Communion Tuesday 6th October at 2pm
 Belmont Villa Holy Communion Thursday 1st October at 2.30pm
 Greenhill Grange Communion Service Wed 28th October at 2.30pm
 Frome Hospital Service Friday 30th October at 2pm

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