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

Sunday 1st November 2026

Choral Evensong
Commemorating the Faithful Departed

Organ: Byrd, Preludium; and Pavana 'Sir William Petre'

Welcome

Hymn 396 Let saints on earth in concert sing (tune *Dundee*)

Prayers (page 15 of the green prayer book)

Responses ferial

Psalm 27 (page 169 of the green prayer book) (chant by Edward Bairstow)

First reading: Wisdom 3.1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Magnificat: *(Stand)* William Byrd, Third evening service

Second reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Nunc dimittis: *(stand)* William Byrd, Third evening service
Creed *(said)*

Responses Ferial

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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.

Anthem: "Justorum animae", music by William Byrd (1540-1623), words from Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3.
English translation: *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.*

Following the anthem, the organ will continue to play music and you are invited to come forward and light your candle and place

it in the sand as you remember your loved departed ones by name either aloud or silently. Please come as you feel able to and the candles will be left alight at the end of the service in case any want to come then.

Prayers

Hymn 478

Blessing Ye watchers and ye holy ones (*Lasst uns erfreuen + descant by Christopher Gower)*

(During the hymn, a collection will be taken for church funds: cash or contactless are both welcome. Thank you.)

Organ: Byrd, Galiardo

Do stay for a glass of sherry and a chat.

Prayers of Welcome: Maya Winter Thomas-Wyatt baptised at St. Mary's today

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

RIP: Geoffrey Berryman

Years Mind for November: Janice Langman, Leslie Baker, Anthony Barefield, Charles Mitchell, Clara Harrison, John Skipper, Geraldine Goddard, Rita Janes, Betty Tingey, Molly Wheeler, Leslie Baker, Terry Rusbridge

The week ahead

Mon 2nd 7.00pm +Fiona's Mission Visit at Holy Trinity
Tues 3rd 2.00pm Holy Communion at Critchill Court
Wed 4th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thurs 5th 10.30am Anna Chaplain Meeting at 68 Packsaddle
2.30pm Holy Communion at Belmont Villa
Fri 6th 9.00am Staff Meeting at Lottes
5.15pm Choir practice at Christ Church
Sat 7th 10.00am Breakfast Club at St. Mary's

We are saddened by the news that Geoffrey Berryman has died. There will be a memorial service in Christ Church on Friday 20th November at 2pm. All are welcome

Christmas Fayres in both churches are just a month away. There are lots of flyers to give away and we saw last year that they really do make a difference. Please take some and either give them to people you know or push them through the doors in your street. There are also posters. If you have a street facing window please put a poster in it and help spread the word.

Donations for stalls can be left at the back of church.

The next choral evensong will take place among the Christmas trees as we get ready to begin our annual Christmas Tree Festival. If you would like to take part (or just come along) there are flyers with information on available at the back of church.

Services Next Week: 8th November

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30am Remembrance Service at St Mary's

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