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

# Sunday 1st November
# All Saints' Day

## Collect
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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: Revelation 7.9-end
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These

are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## Psalm 34. 1-10

All of my days I'll bless and praise the Lord;
His praise will ever be within my mouth.
Boast, O my soul, extol the living Lord;
Let all the humble hear it and be glad.

Come, join with me to magnify the Lord.
Let us together praise His name on high!
Daily I sought; the Lord has answered me,
And He from all my terrors set me free.

Each one who looks to Him is not ashamed.
For this poor man called; the Lord heard and saved.
God's righteous angel constantly encamps
around those fearing God and rescues them.

How good to taste the goodness of the Lord;
Bless'd is the man who trusts in Him alone.
In fear of God, you saints, forever dwell;
For those who fear God never suffer want.

Join not the lions hungering for food,
But trust the Lord instead, and have no want.
Know, children, come and listen unto me,
And I will teach you how to fear the Lord.

## Second reading: 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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, 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

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| Mon 2nd | 7.00pm +Michael'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 |

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 are most welcome of toys, cakes, preserves, gifts and handicrafts, books, puzzles and prizes for the raffle.

# Services Next Week: 8th November

**9.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church**

**10.30am Remembrance Service at St Mary's**

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