



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

Sunday 18th May 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Next Week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Prayers for the sick: Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart

RIP: Sheila Hazel, Robin Young, Alan Taylor

Years Mind for May: Bryan Chapman, Paul Francis, Molly Parmakis, Arthur Maxted, Reginald Taylor, Esther Edmonds, Beatrice Farnish, Barrie Hewitt, Dennis Jefferies, William Walls, Connie Grattidge, John Watson.

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Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 11 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying

to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148

Praise God, the Lord, you heavens on high,
Praise him you heights above the sky.
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise him, you angels who attend,
Praise him, his armies who contend.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him, you sun, and moon by night,
Praise him, you shining stars of light.
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise him, let highest heaven respond,
And you, the waters far beyond.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

May they adore his holy name;
By his decree they will remain.
O praise him, alleluia.
They were created and will stand
For evermore, by his command.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Second Reading: Revelation 21 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

The week ahead

Wed 20th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Thurs 22nd 7.30pm Deanery Synod in Beckington School
Fri 23rd 4.00pm Scallop Shells Choir
5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church
Sat 24th 10.30am Spring Fair at St. Mary's
Fri 30th No Scallop Shells

Notices

Deanery Synod is on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30pm in Beckington School (next to the church). All are welcome to come along and find out what is happening in the Frome Deanery... children and young people.. Anna chaplaincy and older people... parish finances... tea and biscuits

St Mary's Spring Fair on **Saturday May 24th** from 10.30am
There is box at the back of St. Mary's for donations of:
plants and gardening accessories - bric a brac – cakes- tombola and raffle prizes. All donations welcome.

Christ Church APCM will now be held on **Sunday 25th May** immediately after the service. There are vacancies for PCC Members and after 18 years of faithful and diligent service as Treasurer Richard is stepping down. We are looking for someone to join the finance team as they reconfigure the treasurer role for the future. Speak to Liz, Richard or Church Wardens

Ascension Day is on **Thursday May 29th**. There will be a sung eucharist at Christ Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome