



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1st September 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion in Christ Church
10.30am Parish Eucharist in St Mary's
6.00pm Evensong at Christ Church

Next Week:

9.00am Parish Eucharist in St Mary's
10.30am Parish Eucharist in Christ Church

Prayers:

RIP: Viv Webb

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Alan Charlesworth, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Reg Garrett, Koji Saki, Jean Boucher, Jonathon Aburrow, Jude Priest, Viv Meadows, Ken Matthews, Brian Bullock, Barbara Bullock, Shirley.

Years Mind for September:

Margaret Bullock, Cathy Farnish, Pam Hiscott, Diana Stannard

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#### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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: Deuteronomy 4 1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

## **Psalm 15**

Lord, who may approach your temple,  
Dwell upon your holy hill?  
Those who walk in blameless pathways,  
Those whose deeds are righteous still;  
Those who speak the truth sincerely,  
Those whose tongues are free from ill:  
Folk like this shall not be shaken.

Those who never hurt a neighbour,  
Nor reproach their friends near by;  
Those who see themselves as lowly,  
While they raise the faithful high;  
Those who tell the truth at all times,  
Free from fraud and greedy eye:  
Folk like this shall not be shaken.

## **Second Reading: James 1 17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **Gospel: Mark 7 1-8, 14,15,21-23**

Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines."  
You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Notices

Viv Webb's Funeral will be at St. Mary's on **Wednesday 4th September** at midday. Please wear a splash of Red - All are welcome to come.

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**Friday 6th September** 7.30pm Concert for Gaza at Christ Church

Maria Danishvar-Wilson (soprano) and Nicholas Stuart (piano)- fundraiser for MAP (Medical Aid for Palestine).

Tickets £15/concessions £10 at the door. Refreshments available.

Work has begun to rebuild the shed at the top of the drive at Mary's House to create a Prayer Shed which will be accessible 24/7 for prayer and meditation.

Overgrowth has been cleared and stone delivered which is all very exciting! On Saturday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> we are taking part in the Diocesan Wave of Prayer and this will be the first 'official' use of the shed as we hold a 24 hour prayer vigil.

**Archbishop Justin** will be visiting and we are hoping that he will take some of the final slot.

If you would like to book a slot then use this link <https://signup.247prayer.com/signup/1ba5c1> or ask Revd Liz to book it for you. Some people have also very generously offered to contribute to the project target of £11000.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do this directly and confidentially via St. Mary's PCC Sort Code 60-08-31 and Account Number 50717898.

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Benefice Harvest Bring and Share Lunch
St Mary's
Sunday 29th September

There will be a bring and share lunch after the benefice service at St Mary's.

Please sign up if you will be joining us, and get a ticket from one of the social committee to guarantee a seat indoors!

Numbers are limited, as the hall is small.

It is suggested that a donation to the value of a Sunday lunch is made, which will be sent to Christian Aid.

Food donated at the service will be taken to the food bank at Fair Frome.

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**Quiz Night at Christ Church Hall**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Quiz master Peter John

Teams of 4

£5/head to include light refreshments

Come along for a stimulating evening of quizzing.

Hosted expertly by our own answer to Jeremy Paxman

- but a lot more light-hearted!

Sign up sheets in church.