



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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church**

**12.30pm Baptism for Ava Pitman at Christ Church**

**Next Week: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's**

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

**RIP:** Sheila Hazel, Robin Young

**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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading: Acts 9 36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside,

and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Second Reading: Revelation 7 9-17**

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.'

**John 10 22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

**Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The week ahead**

- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Marys House Community Prayers at St. Marys
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Songs of Spring Concert at Christ Church
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> No Scallop Shells  
5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church
- Fri 23rd 4.00pm Scallop Shells.
- Fri 30th No Scallop Shells

*Revd Liz is out of the parish on Monday and Tuesday and Saturday*

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**Notices**

**Christ Church APCM** will now be held on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**St Mary's Spring Fair** on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christian Aid Evensong at Wells Cathedral Today at 3.00pm**

The preacher will be Dr Frances Clemson, the Faith Communications Lead at Christian Aid. She works with churches across the UK and global partners supporting Christian Aid's work to end poverty through fundraising, action and prayer. She will be speaking about Christian Aid's work in Guatemala and the biblical call to abundant hope and just action.

There will also be an interesting and interactive exhibition of Christian Aid posters marking 80 years of Christian Aid in the Cathedral from the afternoon of Saturday 11 May to the evening of Wednesday 14 May

**"Songs of Spring"** sung by Maria Danishvar-Wilson, soprano and Arabella Heaton, mezzo with Nicholas Stuart, piano, who will be joined by Emma Davies, clarinet for Schubert's "The Shepherd on the rock" and other clarinet solos.

The programme includes music by Puccini, Fauré, Tchaikovsky, Gurney, Rachmaninov, "The Flower Duet" from Delibes' Lakmé and even Japanese art songs!

Free admission and donations for Christian Aid. Interval refreshments Thursday 15th May 7.30pm - Christ Church

### **Christian Aid Week - May 12th - 17th**

Volunteers needed on Thursday 15th May to help with the collection for Christian Aid in the Westway Shopping precinct. If you can spare an hour or so, please speak to Jude Matthews (Christ Church) or Diane (St. Mary's). Thank you

**Deanery Synod** is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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....