



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

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 30th March 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Next Week: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Prayers:

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Koji Saki, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart

Years Mind for March:

David Plaskitt, Lily Harrill, Sheila Margaret Ball, Nora Mitchell, Garth Burrows, June Lamb, Carole Tassell, Elizabeth John, Gordon Jones-Williams, Jonathan Burgess, Julie Bunce, Noreen Spall, Marlene Veale

Years Mind for April:

Alan Yearnshaw Greenhalgh, Louis John, Hayley Lidbitter Philip Littlewood, Arthur Smith, Samuel Stephenson, George Stephenson Snr, Mary Williams

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## **Collect**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Joshua 5.9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

## **Psalm 32**

Blessed the one who is forgiven,  
whose offence is set at nought,  
whose iniquity is driven  
from the Lord, and out of thought,  
in whose mind there is no lie,  
no deceit or evil eye.

While my weary bones were silent,  
through my groaning all day long;  
day and night I was defiant,  
when your heavy hand was strong,  
sap within was dried away,  
like an arid summer day.

I declared my violation,  
and did not conceal my sin.  
I decided on an action,  
to confess my guilt within.  
You forgave my sinful ways,  
guilty past, and evil days.

Faithful ones will rise to pray you,  
in the time of their distress.  
Floods and waters never sway you,  
as you guard me through the test,  
you, my rock and hiding place,  
where we ever sing your praise.

'Pay attention; I will teach you  
in the way that you should go,  
with my watchful eye to reach you,  
give you counsel, make you know.  
Be not like a mule or horse,  
bridled, lest it range off course.'

Many pains surround the sinful,  
who have never seen your face,  
while the trusting, with the simple,  
are surrounded by your grace.  
May your saints rejoice and sing,  
true of heart before their King.

## **2 Corinthians 5.16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Luke 15.1-3,11b-32**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow, welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So, he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So, he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So, he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So, he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate; for this

son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord

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Diary

- Mon **31st** 2.30pm Lent Group at 28 Spring Road
- Tues **1st** 9.00am Staff meeting at Lottes
7.00pm Marys House Community Prayers at St. Marys
- Wed **2nd** 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
7.00pm Lent Group at St. Mary's
- Fri **4th** 4.00pm Scallop Shells Junior Choir at Christ Church
- Sat **5th** 10.00am **St Mary's** APCM in Christ Church
10-11am Clean and Polish at Christ Church

As you are aware Harry has been taking a break from ministry over the past few months.

He has currently paused his curacy whilst he discerns with others where and how he may resume his curacy.

We hope there will be an opportunity to express our thanks to Harry for all he gave during his time with us.

For now, let us keep Harry in our prayers.

Loving God, we offer our prayers for your beloved son Harry.
Guide him on his path of ministry
Support him in this time of discernment and discovery
May he know your love surrounding and supporting him.
In your loving name and through your Holy Spirit we pray.
Amen

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Somerset Aid for Ukraine have requested candles to be recycled in Ukraine

Any candles, pre-lit, scented, colours... all are gratefully received and will be made into new candles.

Candles may be dropped off at Trinity - labelled FOR UKRAINE - any weekday morning 9.30am to 12.30pm or email the office [office@holytrinityfrome.com](mailto:office@holytrinityfrome.com) to arrange for someone to collect from you.

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St. Mary's Annual Meeting is on Saturday 5th April. Starting at 10am and will be held in church. At this meeting we elect churchwardens and members of the PCC for the coming year. We are looking for people to join the PCC for the next important and exciting chapter in our church life. If you would like more information, speak to Revd. Liz, and churchwardens or any member of the PCC.

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We are seeking to grow our relationship with Christ Church School. They would like more Open the Book, people to go in and hear readers and they would also love a weekly lunchtime activity involving craft and bible stories. If you would like to know more, please ask Revd Liz.

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Saturday 5th April 10-11am

Coffee and biscuits provided.

Bring your favourite duster and polish to make Christ Church shine for Holy Week and Easter.

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