



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

## **Candlemas Sunday** **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church  
10.30am Christingle Eucharist at St Mary's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas  
Next Week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

### **Prayers:**

**RIP:** Alan Charlesworth

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

### **Years Mind for February:**

Audrey Ashley-Belbin, Gordon Bailey, Peter Bardgett, Bernadette Case, Dave Jones, Mary Kilner, Colin Smith, Georgio Parmakis, Joe Parmakis

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### **Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Malachi 3 1-5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 2 14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Gospel: Luke 2 22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Post Communion**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Diary**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm Licensing Service for Revd Seamus at St. John's
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Staff Meeting at Lottes  
7.00pm Marys House Community Prayers at St. Mary's
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Christ Church PCC Meeting at Christ Church
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Bereavement Journey in St Mary's Hall  
4.00pm Scallop Shells Junior Choir at Christ Church

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Revd Harry is taking a period of leave post Christmas. Please keep him in your prayers and resist the temptation to drop him an email/text.

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**Planned Giving Review**

In both parishes we are inviting everyone who comes to our services and those on the electoral rolls to take an interest in the reality of our financial situation and the impact that this has (and will have) on our church life. If you are on an electoral roll, there should be a named envelope .. there are also lots of spare ones. Please don't leave the service today without one and if you are reading this online and wish to receive a leaflet, please let [admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk) know. Thank you

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**Lift sharing for services**

Not everyone can get to every service under their own steam, so to help find people who need lifts or can offer lifts Rob has set up a WhatsApp community. If you would like to offer lifts sometimes, or need lifts sometimes please add yourself to the group...

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EpRWIHWESktAnDfpQsdQf2>

If you need help, please WhatsApp Rob Lee on 07584 439113, and he can invite you to the group (or talk to him after the service)

This will be a person-to-person initiative and not run by the churches.

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Big Dream – Do you want to see Jesus transform the lives of our young families in Frome and across the Deanery? Have you got previous experience to share.. or longings and hopes for what might be? Come and join a conversation as we dream a Big Dream at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 7 for 7.30pm

All are welcome

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The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Frome St John the Baptist are delighted to invite you to the Celebration for a new Ministry of the Revd Seamus Hargrave as Parish Priest by the Rt Rev Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Ven Anne Gell, Archdeacon of Wells on Monday 3 February 2025 at 7pm in St John the Baptist Parish Church