



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

**Second Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Next Week: 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church  
10.30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's

**Prayers:**

RIP: Jean Corben, Diana Macdonald, Ruth Read, Clive Lewis

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Alan Charlesworth, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Reg Garrett. Koji Saki, Jean Boucher, Jonathon Aburrow, Jude Priest, Oliver Newton, Margaret Hodder

Years Mind for June : Leslie Ede, Ethel Tudgay, Graham Dodge, Audrey Burgess, Mary Ford, Chris Garmston, Connie Grattidge, William Bullock, Beryl Eyles, Marigold Price

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**Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading: Genesis 3 8-15**

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

## **Psalm 130**

Within the deep I cry to you;  
My Lord, in mercy hear.  
Lord, be attentive to my need,  
And when I pray, give ear.  
If you recorded human wrong,  
my Lord, who would be cleared?  
But you are gracious, you, forgive,  
And so you are revered.

My longing soul in patience waits;  
I wait upon his word.  
As watchers look toward the dawn,  
My soul hopes in the Lord.  
O Israel, look to the Lord,  
Whose saving love is strong,  
For he will ransom Israel  
From every kind of wrong.

## **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5-1**

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do

not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **Gospel: Mark 3 20 – 35**

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### **Post Communion**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Diary**

- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Funeral of Clive Lewis at Christ Church  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Christ Church first school Pilgrimage at St Marys and Christ Church  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 12 Noon Tidy up in Christ Church Churchyard  
6.30 for 7.00pm Quiz in St Mary's Hall

## **Notices**

*Marys House Community will be gathering for prayer and company at St Mary's Hall on alternate Tuesdays starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm.  
All are welcome*

Living Churchyards and Great Big Green Week **8 to 16 June**  
We will be welcoming the community at Christ Church every afternoon during the week 8 to 16 June. Please bring posies, flowers or greenery from your garden to decorate the church on Saturday, any time between 12 and 2pm. We would also be happy to receive donations for a plant sale.

On **11 June** a walking group visiting Frome's historic buildings will be at Christ Church at 3pm and Frome Town Council's Wild Bunch will be finding out about our churchyard on **13 June from 1 to 5pm**, while 16 June is Father's Day!

**Tuesday June 11** from 4.15pm to 5.15pm  
at the Bridge Cafe in Selwood Road  
PRAYER FOR CARE HOMES  
All are welcome.

There is a plan to meet to pray for care homes, residents, staff, volunteers, their families and friends every other month.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Big Green Clean Up in the Churchyard  
at Christ Church  
10.00am – 12 noon  
Bring your own tools - Coffee and tea available  
Tools needed to be brought:  
Rakes and dumpy bags, or wheelbarrows  
Pruning saw, strong secateurs  
Watering cans  
Gloves, a bin bag, strong secateurs and trowels  
Chicken wire/mesh, cutters, strong wire

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Quiz Night  
St Mary's Hall : 6.30 for 7.00pm  
Light refreshments  
Teams of 4, £5/head  
Sign up sheets