



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 21st April 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Next week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St. Marys
10.30am Parish Eucharist and Baptism at Christ Church

Prayers:

Welcome: Noah Townsend

RIP: Anne Layfield, Steve Legge,

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Alan Charlesworth, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden,
Reg Garrett. Koji Saki, Jean Boucher, Jonathon Aburrow

Years Mind for April:

Sharon Garland, John Haskins, Les Ellison, Samuel Stephenson,
Alan Greenhalgh, Louis John, Hayley Lidbitter, Philip Littlewood,
Arthur Smith, Mary Williams, George Stephenson Snr

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**The Week Ahead**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

3.30pm Holy Communion at Greenhill Grange

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Bereavement Journey at St. Mary's Hall

4.00pm Scallop Shells at Christ Church

5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10am Marys House Community Day at St. Mary's Hall

12pm. Silent Prayers for Peace at St. Marys

## **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 4 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **Psalm 23 – Christ Church**

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.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3 16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel: John 10 11-18**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

## **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.

# Notices

**Help needed:** Can you offer transport to a lady at Longleat Court who would like to attend services at Christ Church? Speak to Revd Liz

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Spring Fair at St Mary's **Saturday May 11th**

Our Spring Fair is fast approaching.
Please start bringing donations of goodies to sell.

The usual lovely things:
Plants and garden related items
Raffle and Tombola prizes, jewellery, fashion accessories,
toys, books, bric a brac
cakes and preserves

Collection boxes at the back of church and sign up sheet in the hall

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Elizabeth Alden, one of our pioneers amongst young adults in Frome, is working with Movement to host a week of prayer for young people between 22nd April - 28th April 2024.

It feels like a pretty significant time to be praying for young people across our diocese in many ways especially with exams coming up,

Please find a link to our website [wearemovement.net/pray](http://wearemovement.net/pray) for more details and where each day of the week we will have helpful resources posted based around different daily themes.

We know everything starts in prayer and that prayer can change things so would you please join us personally in committing to taking up a slot and to letting others know about it in your networks.

Please find a direct link to the [24-7 prayer](http://24-7prayer) website that are hosting our online prayer sign up page.

Please also find link to the invite video

[Movement 2024 - Week Of Prayer  
youtu.be](http://Movement2024-WeekOfPrayeryoutu.be)