



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

Christ The King – Sunday 26th November

9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

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### **Prayers:**

**Sick:** Judy Kirkham, Alan Charlesworth, Alan Taylor, Suzanne Bailey, Jude

**RIP:** Lorraine Thompson, Brian

### **Years Mind for November:**

Rita Janes, Charles Mitchell, John Skipper, Anthony Barefield, Clara Harrison,  
Betty Tingley, Molly Wheeler

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### **Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 31 11-16**

I gave it into the hand of the prince of the nations; he has dealt with it as its wickedness deserves. I have cast it out. Foreigners from the most terrible of the nations have cut it down and left it. On the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs lie broken in all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth went away from its shade and left it. On its fallen trunk settle all the birds of the air, and among its boughs lodge all the wild animals. All this is in order that no trees by the waters may grow to lofty height or set their

tops among the clouds, and that no trees that drink water may reach up to them in height. For all of them are handed over to death, to the world below; along with all mortals, with those who go down to the Pit. Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day it went down to Sheol I closed the deep over it and covered it; I restrained its rivers, and its mighty waters were checked. I clothed Lebanon in gloom for it, and all the trees of the field fainted because of it. I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to Sheol with those who go down to the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that were well watered, were consoled in the world below.

## **Psalm 95**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord,  
With cheering, thanksgiving and shouting to God,  
Our rock and salvation to whom we resort,  
Our King and great Father of the heavenly court.

God's is the power that fashioned the earth,  
And brought all the peaks of the mountains to birth,  
Who made the wide oceans and all they contain,  
Establishing dry land and the natural domain.

Come, let us honour, bow down and revere  
The Lord, who has made us, and kneel down in fear,  
For we are his sheep in the pasture of God,  
Protected and guiding by a merciful rod.

O that today you would listen to me!  
Do not close your heart as they did by the sea.  
Your forebears at Massah, and Meribah's well,  
Ignoring my wonders, fell away and rebelled.

Forty years long I despised then and said,  
'This people are erring in heart and in head,  
Not knowing my ways,' so in anger I stressed,  
'These rebels will never ever enter my rest.'

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 1 31-46**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Gospel: Matthew 25 31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

## Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Week Ahead

Wed 29th 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
2.30pm Service at Greenhill Grange
Thurs 30th 1pm Funeral for Leslie Baker at Christ Church
7.30pm Christ Church PCC Meeting at St. Mary's

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## Next Sunday... **Advent Sunday 6pm at Christ Church**

Instead of the usual choral evensong, there will be a special candlelight service of readings, music and prayer.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.



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The website www.christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk is once again operational. It is still being updated, but the home page with service details is now current! **Hurrah!**

At Christ Church we have decided to reinstate the **bringing up of gifts** during the offertory hymn. As well as the bread and wine, we felt that it is important that our financial gifts are also offered at this point. If you usually put money on the collection plate at the end of the service, please can you put it on at the beginning so that it will be offered in prayer to the glory of God during the service?

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**The Bereavement Journey** starts again on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Hall. 12.30-3pm beginning with lunch. This is six sessions that gently explores bereavement and loss through films and discussion. It is suitable for anyone who has been bereaved, whether recently or not. If you would like to know more or you know someone who might find it helpful chat to Revd Liz or one of the bereavement journey team.

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Thanks to everyone put in so much effort for the **St. Mary's Christmas Fair**. We raised approx. £530.

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**Save the Date** Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 (bacon butties from 9.30) we are gathering together at Christ Church hall to create a map of our community which will help us see, not only where the needs are in our town, but also where the resources to address them might also be. Everyone is invited. As preparation for this, you are invited to take some two pictures of something that you love about our community and want to celebrate; and two pictures of something that you wish was better than it is. You can develop your pics yourself or email them to [admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch-stmarys-frome.co.uk) (tech help is available!) so that we can create a visual map of what is important to us.

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Both churches have now signed up to the **Parish Giving Scheme**. If you currently give by standing order, please would you consider using this scheme? It reduces the amount of work for treasurers and gift aid officers and creates a predictable income each month. You can also ask to be reminded to increase your giving each year inline with inflation! Money can be a worrying thing, so if you would like to know more, please speak to Richard/ Glen or Revd Liz. Tech help is also available if you are not confident doing things online.

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### **'A Journey into the Labyrinth'**

An evening of harp, song and stories with discussion led by Vicki Burke  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ The Good Heart (7 palmer Street) 7-9pm

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Community Hospital Service on Sunday 10th December 4.00 pm
Do please try to support this, there will be prayers for the patients and staff
and the singing of hymns