



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

10th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24th August 2025

St Mary's

9.00am Morning Worship at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Next Week: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

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## **Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading: Isaiah 58. 9b-14**

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 12.18-end**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'

This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## **Luke 13 10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## **Post Communion**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **St Bartholomew - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

#### **Christ Church**

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **First Reading: Acts 5.12-16**

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

## **Psalm 145**

I will magnify thee, O God, my King \*  
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee \*  
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised \*  
there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another \*  
and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship \*  
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts \*  
and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed \*  
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4.9-15**

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute.

To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly.

We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

## **Luke 22.24-30**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Week Ahead

Wed 27th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Sun 31st 12.30pm Marys House Community Lunch at St. Mary's

Mary's House Community invite you to join them for Sunday lunch. Due to the poor weather forecast and access issues, lunch will now be in the hall at St. Marys. Come along for 12.30pm on **Sunday 31st August** ... share food, pull a few weeds (if the sun comes out!) and join in a short time of contemplative prayer. All welcome.

Celebration of Marriage at Christ Church – a display of wedding outfits.. photos and stories begins on **Sunday October 5th** and ends with a Songs of Praise on **Sunday 12th October** at 6pm. We need wedding outfits and stories! If you would like to take part... let Revd Liz know

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the **St. Mary's Coffee Morning** - £210 was raised in all.

Prayers

Prayers for the sick: Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Shirley, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Jane, Wai Ping, Geraldine Butland Beth

RIP: David Legg

Years Mind for August: Charlin Evans, Jennifer Dodge, Doris Rapley, Kenneth Denton (priest), Alice Greenhalgh, Eric Kilner, Jean Moore, Gretta Murley, Phylis Sommer, Fr Jack Thomas, Ken Walls, Marguerite Walls, Olivia Wilson