



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

3rd Sunday before Lent

Sunday 16th February 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
Next Week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

Prayers:

RIP: Alan Charlesworth, Graham Pearce

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 God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1

Blessed are the ones who do not walk
In plans of wicked folk,
Who do not stand for sinful talk,
Or sit with those who mock.

Joyfully they will muse before
Their Lord, with great delight;
They meditate upon his law,
Unceasing day and night.

Standing like avenues of trees,
Where streams and rivers flow,
They never wither, and with ease,
They flourish there and grow.

Not so, the wicked folk, not so!
Their evil schemes decay.
As dust or chaff, they wind will blow
And drive them all away.

Knowing them all, the Lord will raise
The righteous and their sort.
May sinners die, and all their ways,
Before the righteous court.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Diary

- Wed 19th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Fri 21st 12.30pm Bereavement Journey in St Mary's Hall
- 4.00pm Scallop Shells Junior Choir at Christ Church
- Sat 22nd 10.00am Coffee Morning for Amnesty at Christ Church

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**Planned Giving Review** If you haven't already got one, please take a white envelope from the back of church it contains important information about your church. You need to read it! Pray about it! Respond!

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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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Electoral Roll 2025 is the year we renew the electoral roll in each church. Everyone will need to apply to be on the new roll. This is a list of great encouragement for Revd Liz as it holds the names of all who think their church matters. Who are interested in what goes on and who want to put their hands up and be a part of it all. It also gives you a vote at the APCM and on other significant matters in the life of your church. Forms at the back of church.

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**Saturday 22nd February 10am-12noon – at Christ Church**

**Coffee Morning for Amnesty International the Human Rights charity.**

