

Welcome to the Mells Group of Parishes
Chantry, Great Elm,
Mells with Vobster, Whatley

NOTICES

Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

09.30 Holy Communion at Great Elm led by Robin Isherwood

11.00 Morning Prayer at Chantry led by Val Rawlins

Wednesday 20th March

09.30 Matins at Mells led by Robin Isherwood

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

09.30 Informal Service at Great Elm led by Richard King

09.30 Morning Prayer at Mells led by Janet Cauldwell

11.00 Holy Communion at Chantry led by Anthony Davies

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### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

#### **Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 31 31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

#### **Psalms 119 (9-16)**

But how shall youthful ones be clean,  
to heed your word and way?  
Because I truly seek your law,  
O never let me stray.

Because my heart has stored your words,  
I keep myself from sin.  
Before my eyes, Lord, you are blessed;  
implant your rules within.

Bar none, my lips have told of each  
commandment in your law.  
Before me all your changes are  
a glorious wealth and store.

By musing on your precepts,  
I will look for you today.  
By savouring all your statutes,  
I recall your words and ways.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5 5-10**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **Gospel: John 12 20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## **Post Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and Sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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Please be aware that:

The Parish Office will now be located at
St John's Parish Office, The Cottage, 1 Church Steps,
FROME, BA11 1PL
and the times of opening will be 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday and Thursday
New telephone number to follow....



Church services in April

	7 th April	14 th April	21 st April	28 th April	5 th May
Chantry		11am: Matins Janet Cauldwell	11am Morning Prayer David Clark	11am: Holy Communion Chris Hare	
Great Elm			9.30am Holy Communion Robin Isherwood	9.30am Informal Service Richard King	
Mells	10am: Group Service	9.30am: Holy Communion Robin Isherwood		9.30am Morning Prayer Janet Cauldwell	
Whatley		9.30am: Matins Hazell Tovey		9.30am Holy Communion David Gatcliffe	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion Martin Weymont