



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

Second Sunday before Advent
Sunday 17th November 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's (Safeguarding Sunday)

Next Week: 9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at Christ Church

4.00pm Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at Christ Church

Prayers:

Sick: Judy Kirkham, Alan Charlesworth, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Koji Saki, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart, Marilyn

RIP: Graham Down

Years Mind for November:

Anthony Barefield, Charles Mitchell, Clara Harrison, John Skipper, Geraldine Goddard, Rita Janes, Betty Tingey, Molly Wheeler, Leslie Baker

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Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 16

O Lord and Father, keep me safe,
For you are my retreat.
Without you, all my passing wealth
Is nothing, incomplete.

But as for holy ones in power,
And great beyond belief,
They squander all your land affords,
And multiply their grief.

They pour libations to their gods,
But I will not partake,
For guiltless blood is daily poured
Around them, in their wake.

The Lord alone is all I have,
my heritage bestowed.
My share of land is wonderful,
A beautiful abode.

I bless the Lord who counsels me,
Advising me by night.
With this in mind I dwell secure,
Forever in your sight.

So now my heart and soul rejoice,
My flesh shall rest secure;
You keep me from the pit, to live
With those whose lives are pure.

For you reveal the path of life,
Felicity in store,
Eternity before your face,
And joy for evermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10 11-14, (15-18), 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel: Mark 13 1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Diary

Wed 19th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
Fri 21st	4.00pm Scallop Shells Rehearsal in Christ Church 5.15pm Full Choir Practice in Christ Church
Sat 23rd	10.00am – 12.30pm St Mary's Christmas Fair
Sun 24th	4.00pm Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at Christ Church

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This Advent, Revd. Liz is reading **Embracing Humanity: A Journey Towards Becoming Flesh by: Isabelle Hamley (BRF)** daily readings and reflections. Get a copy, bring a sandwich and join Revd Liz for a bowl of soup and conversation on Thursday lunchtimes (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>) midday probably at the vicarage but maybe in St. Mary's

## Christmas Tree Festival in Christ Church

9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 11am -5pm  
Details are available in church

We are needing stewards so if you can spare a couple of hours please sign up at the back of church. Take a flyer and pass it on.



**St Mary's Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**10.00am – 12.30pm**

Stalls include: Cakes & preserves, Gift ideas, Smart clothes & accessories, Games & toys, Books Raffle, Refreshments, Tombola

## Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm at Christ Church

Come and light a candle for a lost loved one or friend. There will be refreshments after the service

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

Take and fill one of the shoeboxes (at the back of church), with small presents suitable for vulnerable children, living in desperate situations. A list of gift suggestions will be found on the accompanying leaflet.

Please note. There is also a request for a £5 donation towards the cost of transport, and a 50p donation for the actual box.

Extra boxes available from Jenny Thomas or Diane (St. Marys) or Peter John (Christ Church), Please return your filled box by November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you.

### **Thank You**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made my 70th birthday celebrations complete at the wonderful surprise afternoon tea last Sunday. Marilyn's organisation, and the work that went into it was phenomenal, and the result was a fantastic event that will create happy memories for years to come.

Diane

## **Safeguarding Hymn**

May this place be one of nurture  
where we all may come to know  
how your endless love sustains us  
as we live and move and grow.  
May we work to build your kingdom  
full of truth and light and grace,  
living life in all its fullness  
held in one divine embrace.

For our negligence and failures  
you have called us to repent,  
drawing energy for action  
from the voices of lament.  
As the secret hurts long hidden  
may at last be brought to light,  
may the truth unlock the freedom  
that is every person's right.

When the smallest child is valued,  
and the strong empower the weak,  
and each human life is hallowed  
and the unheard voices speak:  
then your justice stands like mountains  
and your mercy falls like rain,  
and you hold the broken hearted  
till they learn to live again.

So in gratitude we praise you,  
and we lift to you in prayer,  
all the people you are calling  
to this ministry of care.  
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,  
holding fast to all that's good,  
seeing Christ in one another  
we will love and serve our Lord

## **Offertory Hymn**

Extol the God of justice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
remember all his wonders,  
recount them and rejoice.  
He stands with all who labour  
for what is true and right,  
till wickedness and falsehood  
are banished from his sight.

2. Extol the God of justice  
enthroned for evermore,  
a stronghold in affliction,  
a refuge to the poor:  
he hears the cries of victims  
and senses their despair;  
in faithfulness he honours  
the faith that sparks our prayer.

3. Extol the God of justice,  
however dark the day:  
the hope that calls for mercy  
will not be turned away;  
for evil shall not triumph,  
nor human sin prevail:  
the Lord is God eternal,  
whose judgements cannot fail.

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